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Air Quality Health Index

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has launched the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) on 30 December 2013, replacing the previous Air Pollution Index. Details of the AQHI, relevant health advice and latest information can be obtained at the EPD's website (www.aqhi.gov.hk), making use of the AQHI mobile Apps ("HKAQHI") for smartphone/desktop computer programme or by dialing EPD's "Interactive Voice Recording System" at 2827 8541.

To tie in with the launching of the AQHI, Education Bureau has updated the relevant parts of their existing guidelines, including the Safety Guidelines on Physical Education Key Learning Areas for Hong Kong Schools and the Guidelines on Outdoor Activities. These revisions can be found on the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk).

In this respect, the General Rules of Sports Competitions of The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation have been updated as follows and will take immediate effect.

General Rules of Sports Competition

Rules 6.1.4 *"All competitions/activities will be cancelled automatically when the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) recorded at the General Station of the affected district reaches the band of 10+ with serious health risk."*

Kindly take note that :

- i) The index refers to the reading recorded at the General Station, NOT Roadside Station;
- ii) Only the competitions/activities conducted at the affected district will be cancelled, competitions/activities conducted at other district with AQHI band lower than 10+ will still go on as usual.

Staff members, referees and players should refer to the EPD's announcement on AQHI at 6:30am for competitions/activities before 1:00pm; and 11:00am for competitions/activities on or after 1:00pm.

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To : Heads of all member schools

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