



11 Oct 2016

Dear Principals/Biology teachers,

**Searching for Nature Stories 2017 (Field Study Competition)**  
尋找自然的故事 2017 (郊野研習比賽)

In order to extend students' knowledge and concerns on local natural environment, and to develop students' scientific investigation skills through field studies, the School of Life Sciences of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Science Education Section of the Education Bureau and Ho Koon Nature Education cum Astronomical Centre (sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) will jointly organise the captioned programme.

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the programme, a video competition is gladly introduced in parallel with the original investigative report-writing competition. These two competitions consist of a series of student activities and will be held between November 2016 and June 2017.

The programme starts with a training session. Students entering the investigative report-writing competition have to conduct investigative field studies, write investigative reports and give oral presentations. For students joining the video competition, observing the nature and capturing stunning clips on wonderful nature will be their tasks. The knowledge acquired, skills developed and attitude fostered in these student activities are in line with the learning targets of the current Biology and Combined Science (Biology part) curricula.

Biology teachers and students are invited to participate. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, whereas considerations will also be given to allow more schools to participate. For further details, please refer to Appendix and visit our website at <http://ifieldstudy.net/sns>. The application forms are attached at the end of this letter. Please complete and return to the organiser by 17 November 2016.

Should you have any enquiry, please feel free to contact Ms. Jessica Ng or Ms. Jojo Cheung (Ho Koon Centre) at 2413 7122.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. KWOK Chi Tai

Principal

Ho Koon Nature Education cum Astronomical Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)  
for the Organising Committee of Searching for Nature Stories 2017

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### About the competition:

	(A) Investigative report-writing competition	(B) Video competition
Assessment	1. Written reports (70%) 2. Presentation performance (30%)	1. Video and text content (70%) 2. Video skills and visual quality (30%)
Prizes and awards	Champion, 1st runner up, 2nd runner up, and up to 10 merit awards will be given to outstanding groups in each competition.	
	Outstanding reports and videos will be posted on a specific website: <a href="http://ifieldstudy.net/sns">http://ifieldstudy.net/sns</a>	
Team composition	Senior secondary students studying biology or combined science (biology part) in the same school	
	4-5 students + 1 teacher advisor	2-4 students + 1 teacher advisor
	One student should only join one team	
Quota of enrollment	35 teams *	Unlimited
Competition fee	Free of charge	

\* Remarks: Each school should nominate no more than 3 teams and school should indicate the priority of the teams nominated. If the number of schools enrolling are less than the quota, the second nominated team from each school will then be accepted on a first-come-first served basis, and so forth.

### Programme schedule and details:

Event	Date & Time	Programme & Venue	(A) Investigative report-writing competition	(B) Video competition
1	26 Nov 2016 (Sat) 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Training lectures at CUHK	Lectures on a. Hong Kong biodiversity b. Scientific investigation & field study skills c. Video taking skills for nature observation d. Sharing by prize winners (Cantonese instruction supplemented with English technical terms)	
2	26 Nov 2016 to 20 Apr 2017	Field investigation	Participants plan and conduct their own investigation.	Participants take and edit their videos.
			2-3 field trips recommended	
3	27 Apr 2017 (Thu) (A) / 4 May 2017 (Thu) (B)	Submission of investigation reports/ videos	Participants submit a group written report to the organisers. (maximum 20 pages)	Each group submits a video clip to the organisers (maximum 3 minutes)
4	24 Jun 2017 (Sat) 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Report presentation & prize giving ceremony at CUHK	Each group presents their report in front of all participants and judges.	Winning groups participate the prize giving ceremony. All groups are welcome to join the report presentation session of the competition.

# Application Form

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### (A) Investigative report-writing competition 探究報告比賽

#### Participants :

Teacher advisor		Email address	Mobile phone number
中文姓名	English name		

	Student		Academic level	Email address	Mobile phone number
	中文姓名	English name			
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Remarks : Number of students should be at least 4 and at most 5 to form one group. Student no. 1 will be the team coordinator. All personal information will only be used for the purpose of this programme, and will be destroyed when the programme is completed.

Priority of Nomination :	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd
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School name :	
School address :	
Phone number :	Fax number :

Principal signature :

School chop :

Name of School Principal : \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed application form to the organiser by fax ( Fax no.: 2493 6612 ).

**Deadline of application: 17 November 2016.**

Enquiry phone number : 2413 7122 (Ms. Ng / Ms. Cheung)

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(B) Video competition 短片製作比賽

### Participants :

Teacher advisor		Email address	Mobile phone number
中文姓名	English name		

	Student		Academic level	Email address	Mobile phone number
	中文姓名	English name			
1					
2					
3					
4					

Remarks : Number of students should be at least 2 and at most 4 to form one group. Student no. 1 will be the team coordinator. All personal information will only be used for the purpose of this programme, and will be destroyed when the programme is completed.

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School address :	
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