

Dear Teachers,

Thank you for your continued support to Tell A Tale Children's Storytelling Competition 2019-20. Due to extended school closure we have amended the format of the competition to enable student participation and their continued learning. Below are the amended rules and guidelines for the competition:

### Change in Format

#### 1. Preliminary Round

- i. According to our previous email, for students of the participating schools where Preliminary Round could not be physically conducted, their students can participate in the Preliminary Round by submitting their storytelling video. The submission deadline for the Preliminary Round video will be 27.03.2020.
- ii. All the participants who participate in this online submission will get the Certificate of Participation.
- iii. For schools that are unable to schedule or organize online-videos for the Preliminary Round, they can nominate 2 students who would participate in the next round of this competition. The deadline for sending the names and grades of the nominated students is 27.03.2020

#### 2. Qualifier Round

- i. Owing to health and hygiene precautions in Hong Kong the Qualifier Round of this Competition stands cancelled. This round was scheduled to be held in a professional recording in studio that is close compact space with no open ventilation. This may pose a health hazard for the attendees. Hence, the decision to forgo the Qualifier Round has been undertaken.
- ii. From each participating school, 2 students selected for Qualifier Round, either through physical participation in the Preliminary Round or via video participation selection or via direct school nomination, as the case may be, will proceed to the final Round of the competition.
- iii. The stories handed to the schools for the Qualifier Round will now be used for the Final Round of the competition.

#### 3. Second Workshop

- i. In order to help students with storytelling skills and to prepare them for the Final Round there will be online workshop videos that will be uploaded on our website. The participants can access the workshop videos on our website from March 28.03.2020 onwards.
- ii. We highly recommend participants to watch the video and practice storytelling skill exercises.

#### 4. Final Round

- i. The Final Round of the competition has been tentatively rescheduled to be held on 27.06.2020 (Sat) at Tai Po Arts Center, 12 On Pong Street, Tai Po, N.T.
- ii. **Finalists**

- a. Schools that already conducted the Preliminary round before school closure, selected 2 participants from each category will now enter the final round, instead of the Qualifier Round.
  - b. For the schools planning to submit the preliminary round video, the result containing the names of 2 students from each category of each school who have progressed to the Final Round will be released by 31.03.2020.
  - c. For the schools that cannot conduct the preliminary round nor submit the participation videos online, teachers will nominate 2 participants from each category to enter the final round.
- iii. In the Final Round, there will be two levels:
- A. Level 1 or Pre-Selection Round**
- a. This will be a 2 minutes storytelling competition.
  - b. This Round will only be for Group A schools
  - c. A Jury member will select 10 participants with highest score from each category in Group A to enter Finale Round.
- B. Level 2 or Finale Round**
- a. This will also be a 2 minutes storytelling competition.
  - b. This Round will be for both Group A and Group B schools
    - Group A - The 10 finalists from each category among Group A schools will again narrate their story that they had chosen to narrate in the Pre-selection Round and present it before a Jury panel.
    - Group B – 2 students from each category of each participating schools in Group B will present their selected story before a Jury panel.
    - The Jury Panel will select 1<sup>st</sup> ,2<sup>nd</sup> ,3<sup>rd</sup> and Merit prize winners from each category in Group A and Group B.

### **Rules for Participation**

1. Names once given cannot be changed in any condition.
2. The story to be performed will be the same in both the levels in the Final Round of competition.
3. Stories given for Qualifier Round will be now performed in the Final Round.
4. Story narration time will be 2 mins in the Final Round.

### **Adjudication**

1. There will be an independent jury to adjudicate the final round.

### **Prize Distribution**

1. Jury will give away the certificates to participants after Pre-selection Round (Level 1)
2. An award ceremony will be held on the same day, after Finale Round (Level 2) for participants and winners of the Finale Round.