

The 2016/17 Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award

Announcement of Finalists for Improvised Writing Session and Student Interview

Thank you for participating in the 2016/17 Hong Kong Budding Poets (English) Award (HKBPA). The adjudication has successfully come to the final stage. We are pleased to announce the finalists for the Improvised Writing Session and Student Interview.

During the Improvised Writing Session, students will be asked to write a stanza on a given topic in 40 minutes. The aim of the Improvised Writing Session is to encourage students to demonstrate their ability to express thoughts in poetry and their creative use of language. The author(s) of the most outstanding improvised poem(s) of each of the Primary, Secondary and Open Section will be awarded “The Best Improviser of the Year”.

The Improvised Writing Session will be followed by a group interview for students to share their views and feelings throughout the writing process on their previously submitted entries (via the online system) and demonstrate the originality of their work. The entries will be evaluated independently of their improvised stanza. Interviews will be videotaped and the video clips may be shown in the Prize-giving Ceremony on 26 May 2017 or other related educational activities.

Teachers-in-charge of schools concerned are required to complete the Reply Slip (download from the link below) and return it to the HKAGE on or before 7 April 2017 (Friday) by fax (fax no. 3940 0202) or by email to hkbpa@hkbpa.hkage.hk.

The Improvised Writing Session and Student Interview are parts of the adjudication process, students who do not attend any part of the Improvised Writing and Student Interview at the scheduled time will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.

- **Finalists for the Improvised Writing Session and Student Interview**
(1) Primary Section (2) Secondary Section (3) Open Section
- **Reply Slip**