



香港南區管弦樂團

南區文藝協進會 **HONG KONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT ORCHESTRA**

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Dear Principal,

Application for leave

Please kindly approve that _____ (Student's name) of class _____ to be absent on 17th March 2011 at 1:00pm to attend an important event held by Hong Kong Southern District Orchestra.

The drug abusing rate of youth in Hong Kong is increasing recently. According to the result of research made by Narcotics Division, Security Bureau in the first-to-second quarters of 2010, 53% of young drug abusers want to identify with peers, 46.8% of youth abusing drugs because they want to relief boredom , depression and anxiety and 37.6% of them abusing drugs out of curiosity. The number of new female drug abusers is increased by 19% comparing with 2009 and 46% of them are aged 12 to 15. The rate surprises the public and they really concern about this.

“2011 Hong Kong Youth Anti-drugs Song Composing and Singing Competition” is held by Hong Kong Youth Culture & Art Development Association, the China 21 Bureau and Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations of Yau, Tsim and Mongkok Districts Limited from October 2010 to March 2011. Its aim is to heighten the public awareness of drug abusing problems through the competition. Meanwhile, we would like to pass the message of anti-drugs to the public, especially to the youth.

This youth-concerning event is supported by Narcotics Division, Security Bureau, Education Bureau, Home Affairs Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Tung Wah Group of Hospital, Yan Oi Tong, The Yuen Yuen Institute and Pok Oi Hospital.

“Old songs with new lyrics” is the first stage of “2011 Hong Kong Youth Anti-drugs Song Composing and Singing Competition”, and it met with an enthusiastic response. We received thousands of lyrics composing works. The final competition together with prize-giving ceremony is going to be held on 17th March 2011 at 7:30pm in TVB at Tseung Kwan O. There will be vigorous competition and excellent performance by pop singers . Besides Mr. Lu Xiaoyi, a famous conductor; Mr. Alexander G. Adiarde, a recommended conductor of The Republic of Kazakhstan and Ms. Olga Samosuyeva, a famous pianist of

The Republic of Belarus will lead the members of Hong Kong Southern District Orchestra to perform masterpieces of Tchaikovsky Peter Ilyitch and also performing the theme song of the event, “Shining Stars” with over 100 choir members of Nanjing Forest Police College and Hong Kong Police College. This event will be shown on 19th March 2011 at TVB Jade.

As a member of Hong Kong Southern District Orchestra, the abovementioned student has to take the coach prepared by the organizer at noon for the rehearsal of the performance. Please kindly approve the student to take leave in the afternoon on that day as soon as possible.

Should you have any enquiries, please call : 6803 3977 , 9600 1579, or 2366 9991

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Thank for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Lam Kai Fai MH

Vice-Chairman

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Director of HK Southern District Orchestra