HKU Chemistry Design Competition

Where Art Meets Science

Competition Overview

An invitation to all HKU students to design the next generation of **HKU Chemistry Souvenir**. Winning designs will be professionally printed on department folders and lab notebooks used across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, and outreach activities.

Design Requirements

- "HKU Chemistry" Or "The University of Hong Kong Department of Chemistry"

- Designs should reflect **HKU Chemistry's identity** – excellence, innovation, and our unique position as a leading Asian chemistry department!

Competition Categories

1. Folder Design (A4 size)
2. Notebook Cover (A5 size)

The following groups will be judged and evaluated separately:

      a. HKU Student (AI-Assisted)
      b. HKU Student (Non-AI)
      c. High School Student (AI-Assisted)
      d. High School Student (Non-AI)

Submission Requirements

1. Design Digital files: .ai, .png or .pdf with 300 dpi or above

2. Brief design statement (150 words in English or Chinese)

3. Application Form

4. Copy of HKU Student ID card or valid Hong Kong Secondary School Student ID card or student handbook

5. Submission deadline: 28 Feb, 2026 (before 12:00 noon) to chemmail@hku.hk with the subject headline: HKU Chem Design Competition

Judging Criteria

- Creativity and originality (20%)

- Visual appeal and composition (20%)

- Relevance to chemistry themes (25%)

- Scientific correctness (10%)

- Practicality for printing/use (25%)

Important Intellectual Property Notice

By submitting a design to this competition, participants agree that all copyright and intellectual property rights for submitted designs shall belong to Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong. The Department reserves the right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, and distribute submitted designs for educational, promotional, and departmental purposes in perpetuity, with appropriate attribution to the designer.

Winner for each category receives:

- **HK$1,000** Cash Prize

- **Certificate** issued by the Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

1. Participants may submit **only ONE design per category** (e.g., one Folder design, one Notebook design)
2. Participants may enter **MORE THAN ONE category** (e.g., can enter both Folder AND Notebook categories)
3. Each design must be submitted separately with its own application form.
4. The same design **cannot** be submitted to multiple categories.

Submission & Judging Panel

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Judging panel:

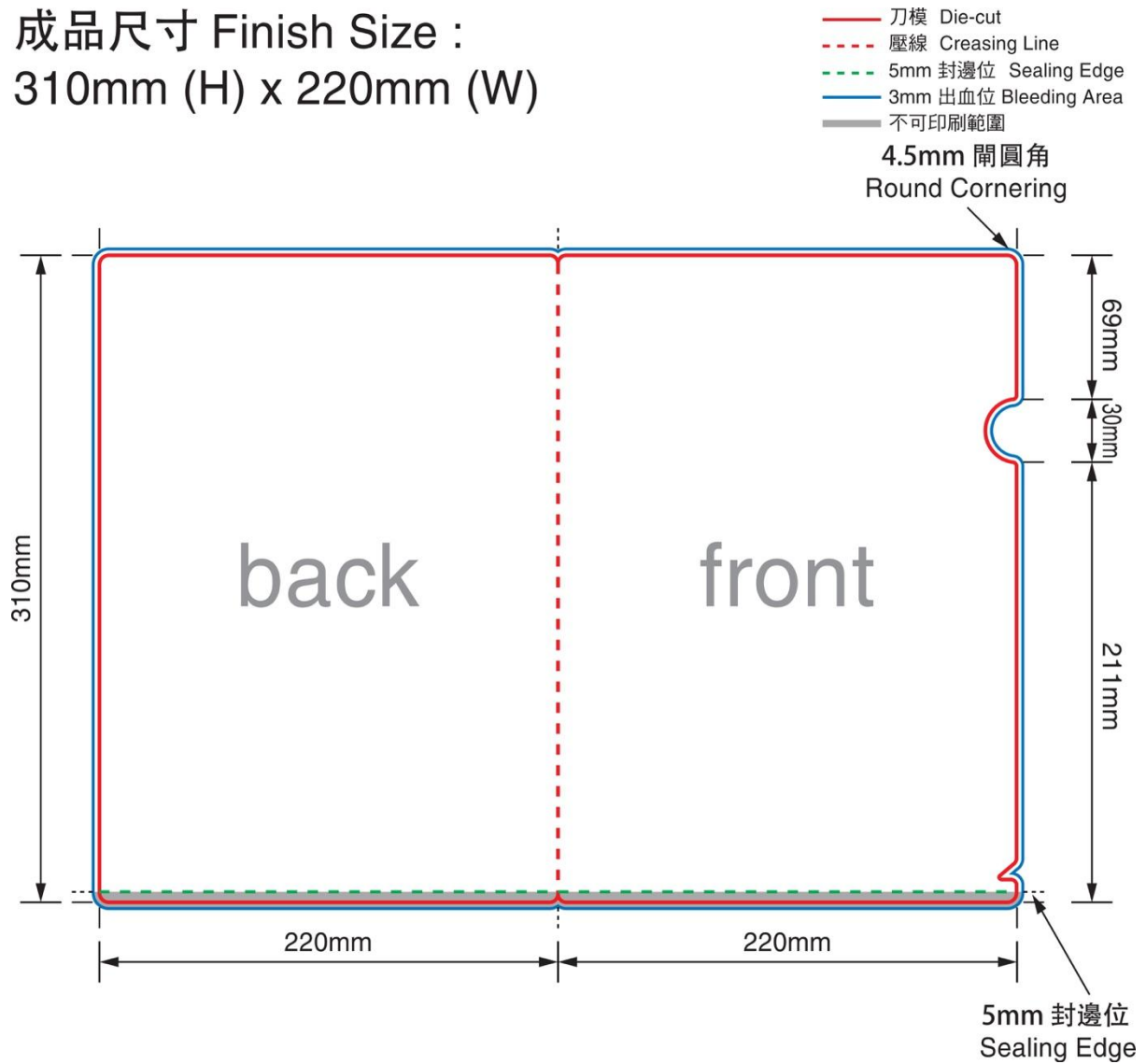- Staff members of Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong.
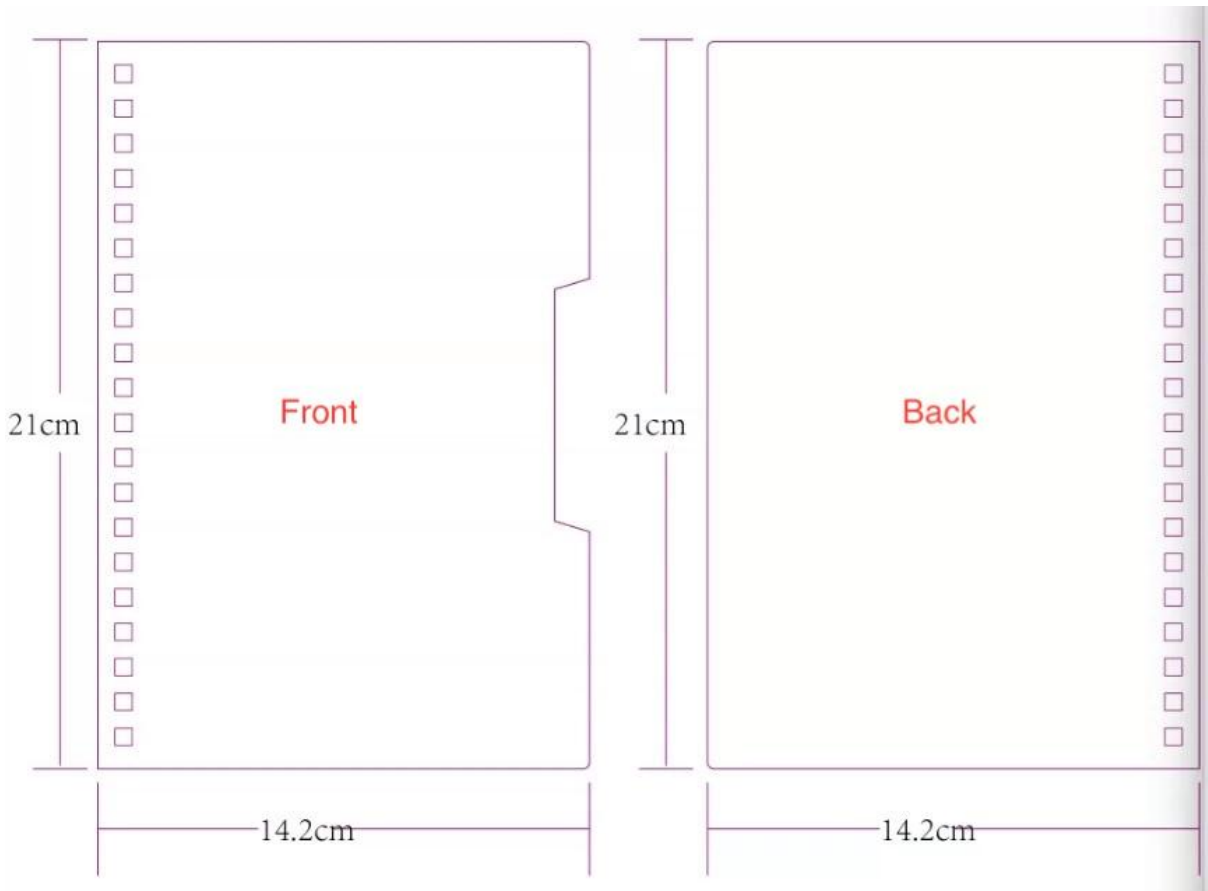
Release of Result:

March to April 2026

Template Download:

Folder (A4 Size)

成品尺寸 Finish Size：
310mm (H) x 220mm (W)

Legend:
- 刀模 Die-cut
- 壓線 Creasing Line
- 5mm 封邊位 Sealing Edge
- 3mm 出血位 Bleeding Area
- 不可印刷範圍

4.5mm 閘圓角
Round Cornering

69mm

30mm

211mm

310mm

back   front

220mm   220mm

5mm 封邊位
Sealing Edge

Notebook (A5 Size)

21cm   Front   14.2cm

21cm   Back   14.2cm

HKU Chemistry Design Competition Application Form

Name (English): _____ **(Chinese):** _____

Contact Information:

    Email: _____
    Phone: _____

Affiliation (Choose ONE):

☐ **HKU Student** (Faculty: _____ Year: _____)
        HKU Student ID : _____
For HKU students, submission of a <u>VALID student ID card</u> is required.

☐ **Hong Kong Secondary School Student** (School: _____ Form: _____)
For Hong Kong secondary school students , submission of a <u>VALID student ID card</u> or <u>student handbook copy</u> is required.

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A. COMPETITION CATEGORY: (Select ONE only)

☐ Folder Design (A4 size, front and back)

☐ Notebook Cover Design (A5 size, front and back)

B. DESIGN METHOD (Select ONE only - determines award category)

☐ AI-Assisted Design (AI tools used in creation process)

        Supporting Documentation Checklist *(Must be submitted with AI-assisted entries)*:

    i.   Screenshots of AI tool interface with prompts
    ii.   Original AI outputs before modification
    iii.   Version history showing progression

☐ Non AI-Assisted Design (AI tools are not used in creation process)

Design Concept Description (max 150 words in either English or Chinese):

By submitting this application, I, _____ **[Full Name]**, hereby agree to and declare the following:

1. **Originality & AI Declaration:**
   o I solemnly declare that the submitted design represents **my own original creative work and direction**.
   o For **AI-Assisted entries:** I certify that the AI tool supporting documentation provided is complete, accurate, and represents the actual process used. I understand that failure to provide complete AI documentation may result in disqualification.
   o For **Non-AI entries:** I certify this design was created without the use of any artificial intelligence tools, including but not limited to: text-to-image generators, AI image editors, or AI-assisted design software.
   o The work does not infringe upon the copyright, intellectual property, or moral rights of any third party.
2. I understand that upon submission, all copyright and intellectual property rights for my design belongs to The Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong. The Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong has the right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, exhibit, distribute, and translate the submitted design, in whole or in part, for any educational, promotional, or other activities and purposes it deems fit.