Supplementary file 1. Details of the selected commercial LS textbooks and the LST Corpus

	Title	Author/Editor	Publisher	Year	Abbreviation	Word-count
1	MPEP-MCE Senior Secondary Liberal Studies: Modern China	Lau Zeon Tou, Lai Co Jin, Wong Ming Fai, Jip Wai Haan	Hong Kong Educational Publishing Company Ltd.	2018	МРЕР-МСЕ	49015
2	New thinking Liberal Studies: Modern China, 3 rd edition	Zang Lap Gei, Lei Gaa Man, Chan Hei Joeng, Yeung Pui Man, Lo Pui Kei, Ma Ga Wing, Zung Man Wai, Zyu Coek Wing, Ziu Gam Fan	Ling Kee Publishing Co., Ltd.	2019	New thinking	20861
3	Longman New Senior Liberal Studies: Modern China	Wu Deon Oi, Chan Gwok Sing, Leung Ji Man, Zeng Gei Jyun, Chan Bing Man	Pearson	2013	Longman	38576
4	New Horizon Liberal Studies: Today's Hong Kong, 4 th edition	Hung Ciu Lung, Zau Ga Kei, Heoi Dai Mei Ha	Hong Kong Educational Publishing Company Ltd.	2020	New Horizon 4th	40991
5	New Century Liberal Studies: Today's Hong Kong, 2 nd edition	Chan Jik Wai, Hung Sung Fan, Wong Ting Hin, Ziu Gam Fan	Ling Kee Publishing Co., Ltd.	2013	New Century	29947
6	Aristo Senior Secondary Liberal Studies: Today's Hong Kong, 3 rd edition	Ng Lai Fong, Wong Ming Lok, Wong Tin Ci	Aristo Educational Press Ltd.	2016	Aristo	39203
7	Ming Pao Senior Secondary Liberal Studies: Modern China	Ming Pao Educational Publications Editorial and Advisory Board	Ming Pao Education Publications Limited	2020	Ming Pao	29746
	Total					248339

Supplementary file 2. Samples of concordance lines with Chinese continent (the blue characters) from the LST corpus.