



**Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council**

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## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Chairman's Report**

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#### 1. Professional Dialogue

Our Council is the largest educational organization in the local secondary education sector. Because of this status, whenever there are any educational issues, be they related to reforms, new policies or implementation measures, we are always consulted by the government. Our approach during the consultation process is that of a professional dialogue. With students' best interest in mind we stand firm in our response to the various consultation papers issued by the Education and Manpower Bureau (EMB). Though often approached by the media asking for our opinions on educational issues, we do not appeal to them to voice out our views and press for our wish. Instead, after soliciting members' majority views and with member schools' support we negotiate with government officials. It can be seen that many of the views of our Council have been accepted and incorporated in the new educational policies. However, on many occasions in the past, when members of the Executive Committee were consulted, before any new policies were to be implemented, all the issues under discussion had to be kept confidential. So it was impossible to solicit views from member schools prior to the discussion. It seemed that members were neither informed nor consulted. Yet, member may rest assured that all our views were to safeguard the interest and welfare of the staff and students of our schools.

#### 2. Meetings

The Executive Committee (EC) met monthly. In addition, there were many other formal and informal meetings among EC members prior to the meetings with government officials. Various Task Groups gave their reports in the EC meetings. Messages were sent to members either by Newsletter or through the Area Representatives.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (on Secondary School Places Allocation(SSPA) and Medium of Instruction(MOI)) was held on 16 March 2005. A General Meeting (on the New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education & Higher Education, Copyright, School Repairs & Maintenance, Impact of Student Population Decline and Diversified Student Educational Needs on Staff Establishment, and a Proposed New Staff Establishment Structure) was held on 31 May 2005.

3. The New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education (3+3+4)

This year is historic in the education field as the '3+3+4' academic structure becomes reality. Many of the proposals of our Council have been incorporated in the 'Action Plan for Investing in the Future of Hong Kong' published by the EMB. The Council has successfully pressed for more resources for : Liberal Studies as a new core subject, Career-oriented Studies, and catering for the needs' of students with Special Education Needs (SEN) and gifted students. We are also glad that EMB, after considering our suggestions has committed additional recurrent resources for : Enhancing the Teaching Profession, Senior Secondary Curriculum Support Grant, Diversity Learning Grant and Teacher Professional Preparation Grant.

Continued professional dialogue will go on with the EMB on the curriculum of Liberal Studies, the Core Subjects and other subjects in the eight Key Learning Areas, School-based Assessment and other implementation measures related to the reform.

4. SSPA & MOI

The findings of the survey of members' views were reported and the Council's Response was passed in the General Meeting on 31 May 2005. The Response was submitted to EMB. The Council's Stand was conveyed to Mr. Michael Tien and Mrs. Fanny Law in separate meetings with them, with practically full attendance of all EC members. We had also held meetings with the Hong Kong Subsidized Primary School Council to work out an acceptable Moderation Mechanism for SSPA.

5. Major Repairs and Maintenance

- The 'Work Flow of Management Guidelines' for Housing Estate Schools had been sent out to member schools concerned.
- The scheme of full strength "Out-Sourcing for Non-estate Schools" was to be postponed to a later date in order to have more information and feedback from the pilot scheme in Tai-Po area.

6. Collaboration with Other Organizations

The Council, being the largest and one of the most influential educational organizations in the local secondary education sector, has been approached by other organizations to help organize activities for schools to take part. The EC would agree to be involved in only those activities which are educational in nature. The following are the list of activities.

- 6.1 Hong Kong Jockey Club Youth Project – "P.A.T.Hs to Adulthood" : 3-year project giving a maximum of \$ 750,000 to each school for S1 to S3 students
- 6.2 Committee On Respect Our Teachers Campaign: various 'Respect Our Teachers' activities and Commendation of Outstanding Teachers Scheme (on 10 September 2005)
- 6.3 With Education and Manpower Bureau
  - After School Learning and Support Programme
  - License fee (\$355,000) paid by EMB for the period from 1 September 2004 to 31 August 2006 to HKRRLS.
  - Recruitment Board of N.E.Ts

(Thanks to Mr. Lam Yat-fung, Dr. Ng Yeung-ming and Mr Ko Bing-cheung who promised to

serve on the Board.)

- Sister Schools Scheme: Linking member schools with schools in Shanghai and Guangzhou
  - Ed-Exchange: an online platform where schools can upload their educational plans/ projects to seek financial support from donors and seven member schools got funds through this platform for their plans/projects.
  - Consultation meeting on “Funding Flexibility and Support Measures For School with Incorporated Management Committees”
  - Joining the “Task Group on Review of Code of Aids”
  - Discuss about the textbook prices
  - A meeting on “Recognition of Career-oriented Curriculum Courses Under Secondary Six Admission Procedure“
  - A meeting on Strategies on Management of Municipal Solid Waste in Schools
  - A focus group meeting on proposals related to Teacherss Salary Structure
- 6.4 國家教育部中學校長培訓中心
- 教育部中韓百名校長論壇：中山 (10-13 November 2004)
  - 滬港中學校長高峰論壇：香港 (December 2004)
  - 國際化進程中的中等教育-中外名校長論壇：湖南 (May 2005)
  - 湖南師範大學附屬中學百年慶典 (May 2005)
- 6.5 Faculty of Education, HKU
- 2004 Commonwealth Council for Education Administration and Management Regional Conference (October 2004)
  - Science Education Seminar (December 2004)
  - Seminar on Language Policy and Medium of Instruction (19 March 2005)
- 6.6 Hong Kong Institute of Education (& Hong Kong Primary Schools Council)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> School Principals Conference (to be held in March 2006)
- 6.7 Hong Kong Reprographic Rights Licensing Society Limited (HKRRLS)
- Conducted a survey on the situation of using copyright works in the educational establishments.
- 6.8 教育界慶祝國慶委員會
- National Day Celebration activities
- 6.9 Outstanding Young Persons' Association
- Future Young Leaders' Forum 2004 (明日領袖高峰論壇 2004) at Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre on 6 December 2004.
- 6.10 Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers
- Attended the seminar：中華文化的振興 (20 October 2004)
- 6.11 Radio Hong Kong
- As one of the panel speakers in Party Line (政黨論壇) on educational reforms
  - 「香港電台電視節目如何更好為教育界服務」座談會
  - Suggested that RTHK should give the right to school to use freely its programmes for educational purpose
- 6.12 Hong Kong Examination & Assessment Authority
- Dr. Francis Cheng Wing-ming, Deputy General Secretary met with members of Executive

## Committee and discussed issues of examinations and assessments

### 6.13 The Society for the Aid & Rehabilitation of Drug Abuses

- Visit to Heilingchau
- Supporting its plan to build a Training School/Centre for junior secondary students.

### 6.14 Advisory Board for Vocational Education

- Workplace attachment for full-time students in IVE

### 6.15 Hong Kong Observatory

- Co-organize the event “Weather Dairy”

### 6.16 香港文化藝術基金會

- Co-organize 「第二屆新世紀創意香港青少年書法繪畫比賽」

### 6.17 「傑出青年協會」and 「中大醫學院」

- Co-organise 「全港兒童護眼運動」

### 6.18 Council on Professional Conduct in Education and other schools council

- Co-organize a conference named 「提升教師專業會議 – 華人社區」

### 6.19 CUHK

- Took part in 教育眼論壇 on the issue of 「從教育專業角度尋找香港中學語言政策共識」

### 6.20 Membership of “Flag Selling” and “Casual Wear Day” Committee of The Community Chest of Hong Kong

### 6.21 British Consulate- General

- Sponsoring an EC member, Ms Chan King to take part in Special Needs London Exhibition in England

### 6.22 A.S. Watson Company

- As a member of the Advisory Committee of A.S. Watson Group Student Sport Scholarship

### 6.23 香港基本法推介聯席會議

- 《基本法》多面睇 – 全港中學生辯論賽
- 《基本法》多面睇 – 全港大專學生辯論賽出任評判
- 《基本法》頒布十五周年研討會
- 「基本法與政府」講座 – 一國兩制下的香港特區政治架構

### 6.24 明報校園記者

- 學生活動及作品評審

### 6.25 仁濟醫院德育及公民教育獎勵基金

- 德育及公民教育獎勵計劃評審

### 6.26 中國全方位透視學界閱讀報告大賽

- 協辦比賽活動

## 7. Copyright Ordinance Response

- Copyright Ordinance Response sent to the Commerce, Industry & Technology Bureau, the Intellectual Property Department and EMB
- The Council asks for exemption of (criminal) legal liability for educational purpose.

8. Legislation Against Racial Discrimination
  - Mr. Stephen Fisher, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs, met the members of the Executive Committee on 2 February 2005 in which meeting members' concerns were raised. Mr. Fisher promised to seriously consider our views in the legislation.
9. Luncheon Meeting With Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tsui Lap-chi and academic Professors and Management Team members of H.K.U. (20 January 2005)
  - Views on "3+3+4" exchanged.
10. Funding Flexibility and Support Measures For Schools With Incorporated Management Committees
  - EC members attended the consultation meetings. As this is a School Management Committee matter involving Sponsoring Bodies of Schools, the EC decided not to follow up the issue.

11. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Under the leadership of Mr. Patrick Lam, our Vice Chairman, the Task Group has prepared a series of activities. Just before the AGM, a welcome party for the new principal members was held. Immediately after the AGM, there will be a sharing of experience & good practices among our members in four groups. Then we will celebrate with a dinner. Professor Arthur K C Li, Secretary for Education and Manpower has kindly consented to be our Guest of Honour. I am sure we will have a joyful and memorable evening. A special Magazine to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be published later.

12. Honours List 2005

We warmly congratulate members of our Council for being honoured by the HKSAR Government for their outstanding service and contribution to the community:

銅紫荊星章 BBS(Bronze Bauhinia Star)

李思泌博士(Chairman 1980-1982)

Dr LI Sze Bay Albert

榮譽勳章 MH(Medal of Honour)

英汝興 Mr. YING Yu Hing (CMA Choi Cheung Kok Secondary School), Hon. Treasurer

鄧振強 Mr. TANG Chun Keung Teddy (The HKMA K S LO College)

13. Rest in Peace

We mourn for the passing away of two of our members recently:

Mrs. S.Y. Tong (唐紹元 夫人) and Mr. Choi Kam Yung (蔡錦勇 先生)

Mrs. Tong was the first Chairman of our Council and also the founder of the Subsidized Schools Provident Fund. Eleven principals of our member schools graduated from Maryknoll Fathers' School under her leadership.

Mr. Choi passed away during his prime time as the Principal of Ho Dao College (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) He has been a devoted educator, dedicating himself to the upbringing of youths.

We will remember them always. May they rest in peace.

14. Vote of Thanks

2004-2005 has been a hectic year. We cannot accomplish our tasks without members' support. I sincerely thank them all. The hard work and effort of all members of the Executive Committee and Task Groups bear fruit in achieving the objects of the Council. My heartfelt thanks are due to them.

On behalf of the Council I would like to express our thanks to the Hon. Legal Advisors, Rev. Paul H S Tong and Mr. Kennedy Wong Ying Ho, the Internal Auditor Mr. Chu Kai Wing for their help and advice. My thanks also go to the staff of the EC members who have been giving behind the scene support. I must also thank Ms So Man Wan, principal of Buddhist Tai Hung College for letting us use the school premises for holding all EC meetings. Thanks are also due to the various government departments and other organizations which have rendered help to us.

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