



# Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council

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To: Principals of All Member Schools

## **Newsletter No.2 (2008/09)**

The Executive Committee (EC) would like to wish all of you a smooth & fruitful academic year in preparing the NSS. We would like to present here a brief report on what the EC has done and to announce some of the forthcoming events.

### **A. Reports**

#### **1. Membership**

This year we have a total of 348 member schools registered, covering almost all the subsidized secondary schools in Hong Kong.

#### **2. Annual General Meeting (2008/09)**

The AGM (2008/09) was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 with an attendance of 189 member school principals. After the AGM, we were pleased to have Professor Yue-chim Richard WONG, SBS, JP, Deputy Vice Chancellor & Provost of the University of Hong Kong, to share with us his views on “Collaboration between Universities and Secondary Schools under the NSS”.

#### **3. Co-opted EC members**

Mr. AU YEUNG Ka-keung of CCC Rotary Secondary School, Mr. Alex CHU Kai-wing of CCC Hoh Fuk Tong College and Mr. LAM Yat-fung of Lions College have been invited as co-opted members.

#### **4. New Senior Secondary Education (NSS)**

- (a) The Chairman attended the Opening and Signing Ceremony of the 1<sup>st</sup> “334” Symposium – “Partnering for Excellence in Education” held by the Hong Kong Institute of Education on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and signed the Joint Declaration of Partnering for Excellence in Education under “334” on behalf of the Council.
- (b) As the smooth implementation of 334 in the forthcoming academic year is the main concern of all secondary schools, the EC has decided to prepare a questionnaire on the “Areas of concern of 334” to solicit views from member schools so that the EC can reflect our views to the EDB, and where necessary, request more support and resources from the EDB. It is hoped that the 334 questionnaire would be ready in late March. Your prompt reply is very appreciated.

#### **5. Medium of Instruction (MOI)**

- (a) The Chairman attended the forum on MOI issues on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008. He spoke on behalf of the Council focusing on the importance of providing more opportunities for students to learn English. He reiterated the stance of the Council based on the last two surveys of MOI.
- (b) The Chairman attended the LegCo meeting of the Panel on Education on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and presented the Paper on the views on MOI on behalf of the Council.
- (c) With the suggestion of “Fine-tuning of the MOI Policy” by the EDB, controversies arose among schools. The EC considered it necessary to solicit views of member schools again and conducted a survey by questionnaire in early March. The results of the survey was reflected to the EDB by the EC in the Courtesy Meeting with the Secretary for Education on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 and members can refer to the Council webpage for the results and report of the survey.

## 6. Class Organization & Class Size

- (a) The EC is very much concerned about the decreasing trend of student enrolment in secondary schools. Hence, the EC conducted a survey by questionnaire in mid-January 2009 to seek members' views on strategies to tackle the problem. The EC discussed the survey results with the Secretary for Education on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 and members can refer to the Council webpage for the results and report of the survey.
- (b) A focus meeting was held by the Council on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 with 15 school principals from various districts to discuss the impact of the decreasing trend of S1 enrolment and class reduction in their schools. A meeting with Mrs. Betty Ip and other EDB officials was arranged by the EC on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 for these principals to reflect their concerns and difficulties. After the meeting, the EC decided to arrange a sharing session for the principals of all member schools in the morning on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at Shatin Pui Ying College, to share their views and experiences in tackling the problems. A further meeting with Mrs. Betty Ip will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

## B. Announcements

### I. General Meeting

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Venue: 4/F, North Tower, YMCA of Hong Kong, 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

Guest Speakers: Dr. K. K. Chan (EDB); Dr. Francis Cheung (HKEAA)

Main Theme: NSS Curriculum & Assessment

Details will be announced in due course.

### II. Extension of the Early Retirement Scheme

Please be informed that the EDB is going to seek the approval from the Finance Committee of the LegCo for an extension of the Early Retirement Scheme for 4 school years from 2009/10 to 2012/13. The deadline of submission of nominations to the EDB is mid-MAY. For details please refer to the [LC Paper No.CB\(2\)1005/08-09\(01\)](#).

### III. 內地、港澳中小學校長論壇

日期：二零零九年五月二十二日(星期五)

時間：上午九時至下午五時

主題：廿一世紀的校長領導與教育變革

主辦機構：國家教育部中學校長培訓中心、國家教育部小學校長培訓中心、  
香港各學校議會

誠邀各位校長出席，詳情容後公佈。

Thank you for your continuous support. Attached please find the Council's leaflet and a CD-ROM of the HKSSSC Member List 2008/09.

Yours sincerely,



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