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Dear Colleagues,

Warm greetings from the Executive Committee to you all, especially to the new principals.

It has been more than a month since the commencement of the new school year, a historic year in the transition of the Hong Kong education system with two batches of students entering the university. I hope you have all settled down well despite the challenges of this double-cohort year. Before you are bogged down by your busy schedules and massive undertakings, I would like to share with you the following matters:

1. New Membership Drive

The annual membership drive is now under way. For the new principals who are not members yet, you are cordially invited to join us as a new member. Please fill in the Membership form attached - full membership for current and new principals.

2. Associate Membership Drive

We value very much the participation of Vice-Principals in our Association as Associate Members. Please encourage and support your Vice-principals to join our Association. At the same time, former and retired principals are much welcome to stay with us if they have not yet registered.

3. Membership Renewal

Please fill in the enclosed renewal form for your membership. We are grateful for your continuing support in the past year and look forward to having you again as an active, enthusiastic member.

4. Subscription

The annual subscription would be \$200.00 for full and associate members and the one-off subscription would be \$300.00 for former and retired principals.

5. **Decline in student population and capitalizing the opportunity to enhance education quality**

Since 2007, the Association has been working with the Education Bureau on capitalizing the opportunity of the decline in student population to implement small class teaching to enhance quality education. We may attribute the policy of reduction in the class size, and eventually capping the maximum at 36 per class, to our past efforts.

Then, a Liaison Committee comprising representatives from the 18 districts was set up in December 2009 and with much joint effort, the Optimization of Class Structure Scheme is adopted by about 200 schools w.e.f this school year. Looking at the process, we feel much encouraged and heartened to see the joint efforts of so many colleagues, regardless of whichever organizations they represent. It is really a pleasure to work in one heart for the betterment of Hong Kong education and our future generations.

Our next step would be to sustain the good efforts and work with the government on the further reduction of the class size, refine the class-teacher ratio and class structure to enhance education quality.

6. **Implementation of the NAS**

I would like to thank members' kind responses to the recent survey conducted by the Liaison Committee in the summer vacation. With the kind assistance of Professor Hau Kit Tai, the Research Group led by Dr. Stanley Ho is able to capture some very valuable data to facilitate our discussion with the government with regard to the implementation of the NAS.

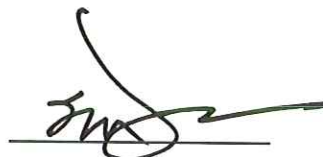
7. **Annual General Meeting**

We are holding our Annual General Meeting a bit earlier this year on **Tuesday, 1 November 2011** (from 9:00 a.m. till lunch time) and have invited Mr. Lee Ming Kwai Dick, GBS, QPM, CPM (李明達先生) to share on Leadership: Plausibility and practice (領導力: 實踐與挑戰). Mr. Lee is the former Commissioner of Police and he has held very popular talks on a variety of subjects ranging from cooking to leadership qualities. So do not miss this precious chance and register if you have not done so. Details of the AGM have been faxed/e-mailed to you earlier and attached in this mail.

8. **Going Digitized**

To help conserve energy and resources, we try to send information to you through electronic means. The contact list of members will be posted at the Association website (www.hkahss.edu.hk). We will also send you e-version of the newsletter or special news (except this one due to the membership renewal). If you have any problems receiving our news, please contact Mr. William Yip at 2551 8285. I hope we will have your understanding and cooperation.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone another successful and fruitful academic year. Remember to get some time to rest and watch out for our Happy Hour Forums which is another good platform for us to share in a professional and relaxing way. May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Ruth Lee', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs Ruth Lee
Honorary Secretary