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Hong Kong Association of Heads of Secondary Schools

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Dear all,

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

I think by now you must have synchronized into the momentum of the new school year. Before you get lost in the midst of the busy schedules and plans, I would like to share with you the following matters.

1. **Change of Office Bearer**

Mr. Koo Chao Ming, one of our Vice-chairmen, has decided to take an early retirement with effect from September 2004. According to the constitution, he will become an Associate Member. For administrative convenience, the Executive Committee have resolved to invite Mr. Paul Yau Yat Him to take the post left vacant until the forthcoming Annual General Meeting in December 2004. In the mean time, we would like to thank Mr. Koo for his dedicated service in the past and his generosity to head the task group on the 40th anniversary celebration.

2. **Membership Drive**

The annual membership drive is on the way and you are cordially invited to fill in the renewal forms attached – full membership for serving and new Principals and associate membership for Vice-principals. Please encourage your Vice-principal and ex-principals to join us.

3. **40th Anniversary Celebration and Annual General Meeting**

Please mark in your calendar in advance 2 – 3 December 2004 as the grand finale of our 40th Anniversary Celebration and Annual General Meeting. An international conference will be held with details to be announced in a separate letter to be issued later.

4. **Hong Kong Educational Research Association Annual Conference**

We would co-organize a conference with Hong Kong Educational Research Association on 20 November 2004. Speakers from Taiwan, China and Hong Kong will share their expertise on World Class Education. There are workshops for participants in the afternoon. Details and application form are attached for your information and necessary actions.

5. **Promotion of Proper Cantonese Pronunciation Campaign (粵語正音運動)**

Members are encouraged to register with Association for the Promotion of Proper Cantonese Pronunciation. This is the second year of their 3-year project. Experiences from participating schools last year have generated very positive responses from teachers and students. Do get hold of this opportunity. Relevant information has already been sent to schools by the Association.

6. **Latest Development in Education Reforms**

The Association has been in vigilance of the forthcoming consultation on the Academic Structure of Senior Secondary Education as well as the MOI and SSPA arrangements. Please forward any of your views on these two issues to the Chairman or member of the Executive Committee. We will also develop effective means to gather your views at opportune moments.

7. **Concern over Quality Assurance Inspection Reports**

The Executive Committee members have discussed the issue with regard to the recent media coverage on the QAI reports and its negative impacts on schools. It was agreed that the Education and Manpower Bureau should review their existing practice seriously to put the spirits of QAI into its right perspective. A letter to express our concern over the matter has been sent to Mrs. Fanny Law, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower.

Take care and I will write soon on the Annual General Meeting.

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Hon. Secretary