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Dear Colleagues

I recognize that there is probably no busier time of year for us than right now. However, as always, there is a great deal of AHSS news that I would like to share with you.

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1. Annual Conference cum 50th Anniversary Banquet

It is just a month to go now when we count down to the launch of our Annual Conference cum 50th Anniversary on 5th June 2015. The Executive Committee is at work planning a full programme of activities to observe this important milestone. We cordially invite you to attend the two events starting from 3:00p.m. at the Cityview, Yau Ma Tei.

The celebration theme is around "Tomorrow's Education". Professor Manabu Sato 佐藤学教授, the Emeritus Professor of The University of Tokyo and Professor Chan Cho Wai, Joseph 陳祖為教授, the Director of Centre for Civil Society and Governance have accepted our invitation as the Guests of Honour to speak on "The Future of Learning Innovation: Evolution, Revolution and What's Next?" and "Citizenship in a New Era" 《新世代·新公民》 respectively.

Another highlight of the celebration will be the Anniversary Banquet. We are happy that The Honourable Lam Woon Kwong 林煥光太平紳士, GBS, JP, Convenor of the Non-Official Members of the Executive Council will come to share our joy and officiate at this gala dinner.

The celebration will only be gorgeous with your presence and participation. We are grateful to have all your support by returning your favourable reply with a cheque to Mr. Teddy Tang on or before 15th May 2015. Please click [here](#) for details.

2. ['A letter to Hong Kong' 《香港家書》 on RTHK](#)

Our Honorary Executive Secretary, Mr. Wong Wai Yu, Michael was invited by the RTHK to express views on the suggestion of putting teaching recruits through training in national education. His letter, which conveys our wish that government officials would not cast doubt on the political impartiality of teaching professionals, has got a good press. Members may scan the QR code or click the following link for the full version of the letter:



<http://www.hkahss.edu.hk/index.php/component/content/article/13-hkahss-articles/publications/146-2015-03-21-13-32-57>

3. ['Out of the Gloom' Project](#)

The "Out of the Gloom - Students' Wellness rebuilding" Workshop, organized in collaboration with Breakthrough center and the Wong Tai Sin District Secondary School Principals' Association, was held on 12 February. We had great honour to have Dr. Philemon Choi Yuen Wan as our adviser and guest speaker. More than 100 principals, teachers, school social workers and representatives from non-government and government organizations attended this workshop. Participants had a chance to listen to young people and exchange their views on social movement and citizenship education. Evaluation feedback indicates most participants found the workshop useful and inspiring.

4. [Study Trip to Japan: Renovating Schools as Learning Community](#)

The preparations of this study tour are well underway. A pre-trip workshop on 5th May would provide participants a chance to develop a learning community before setting off. During the 5-day trip in Japan, the visits to the Ministry of Education and three local schools in Tokyo will enable us to connect with government officials, university professors, teachers and students in Japan.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Dr. Ko Po Yuk, without whom nothing would have been possible. Our heartfelt thanks also go to Professor Kiyomi Akita for her crucial part in all co-ordination and arrangements. Last but not least, we are grateful to the hospitality of Professor Manabu Sato and Professor Toshiya Chichibu in accepting us to their supervised classrooms. This study tour is definitely a great professional development opportunity for those who join.

Bon Voyage! We all look forward to your sharing!

5. [Retreat for Executive Committee](#)

A retreat for Executive committee and Task Group members will be organized by the CPD Task Group in June for them to have quiet time for self-reflection, team building and mapping ways forward. This would be a precious opportunity for participants to regain strength, insight and fore-sight so that they are better prepared for the further advancement of the Association as a professional body and helping our members to venture onto new grounds.

I understand that life in schools is always hectic. Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. I wish you well and hope we can all find time to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Association!

All the best,

Ms. Veronica Yau

Secretary



Annual Conference cum 50th Anniversary Banquet Tomorrow's Education

Date : 5 June 2015 (Friday)
Time: Conference: 3:00p.m. - 6:20p.m.
Banquet: 7:00p.m. - 9:40p.m.
Venue: Crystal Ballroom 2/F, The Cityview, 23 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Annual Conference

- 3:00pm Registration
3:15pm Opening Address
3:25pm Keynote Speech 1 (in English)
“THE FUTURE OF LEARNING INNOVATION: EVOLUTION, REVOLUTION AND WHAT’S NEXT?”
Professor Manabu Sato 佐藤学教授
Professor, Gakushuin University
Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo
4:40pm Tea Break
5:10pm Keynote Speech 2 (in Cantonese)
“新世代·新公民” (“CITIZENSHIP IN A NEW ERA”)
Professor Chan Cho Wai Joseph 陳祖為教授
Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong
Director, Centre for Civil Society and Governance
6:10pm Closing Address
6:20pm End of Function

50th Anniversary Banquet

- 7:00pm Reception
7:30pm Welcome Address
7:40pm Address by the Guest of Honour:
The Honourable Lam Woon Kwong 林煥光先生, GBS, JP
Convenor of the Non-Official Members of the Executive Council
8:10pm Dinner
9:40pm End of Function

The conference will be conducted in English & Cantonese. Interpretation service will be provided for English-speaking members.

Annual Conference Speakers:

1. Professor Manabu Sato 佐藤學教授

Prof. Manabu Sato, is currently an Emeritus Tokyo University and Professor in Gakushin the Dean of the Graduate School of Education of the from 2004 to 2006, the President of the Japanese Association from 2004 to 2009 and the Chairman of (Humanities and Social Science) of the Science from 2011 to 2014. Prof. Sato has worked intensively with many schools and school leaders in the central importance of school leaders and teachers learning communities. He has published more than 20 books, edited over 100 books, and has nearly 200 academic papers in Japanese. Many of his works have subsequently been translated into English, French, German, Spanish, Chinese and Korean, among other languages.



Professor from University. He was University of Tokyo Education Research Section I Council of Japan extensively and Japan, believing in in nurturing

2. Professor Chan Cho Wai Joseph 陳祖為教授

Prof Chan was educated at the Chinese University (BSocSc), the London School of Economics and (MSc), and the University of Oxford (DPhil). He theory and researches in the areas of Confucian contemporary liberalism and perfectionism, human society. His articles have appeared in various *China Quarterly*, *Ethics*, *History of Political of Chinese Philosophy*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Legal Studies*, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, and *and West*. He serves on the editorial boards of *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, *Law and Philosophy*, and *Representation*. Prof Chan was head of the department of Politics and Public Administration from 2002-2004 and 2011-2013, and founding director of the Centre for Civil Society and Governance, Faculty of Social Sciences from 2003-2009. He is chairman of the University's Common Core Curriculum Committee and a member of the University's Steering Committee on the four-year undergraduate curriculum.



of Hong Kong Political Science teaches political political philosophy, rights, and civil journals, including *Thought*, *Journal Oxford Journal of Philosophy East*



Annual Conference cum 50th Anniversary Banquet

Reply Slip

(To be returned on or before 15 May 2015)

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1. I shall / shall not* attend the Annual Conference held at 3:00p.m. on 5 June 2015.
2. I shall / shall not* attend the 50th Anniversary Banquet at 7:00p.m. on 5 June 2015 and enclose a cheque No _____ in the amount of \$200. (Please make your cheque payable to “**The Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools**”.)

I would also like to tick the following as the main course:

- Grilled Cod Fillet with Honey, Garlic and Balsamic Vinegar
 Pan-fired Beef Medallion served with Chasseur Sauce
 Vegetarian / Other special request: _____

3. I need / do not need* interpretation service (from Cantonese to English)

*Please delete as appropriate

4. Personal Particulars

Signature of member: _____

Name in BLOCK letters: _____

School: _____

Tel. No: _____ Fax No.: _____

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