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## 2014 / 2015 Newsletter No.3 June 2015

Dear Colleagues

This year has been a very busy one for our Association as we prepare for the Golden Jubilee Celebration. In this newsletter you will find coverage of the wide range of anniversary activities that took place. When the academic year comes to close, it is a time for us to bid farewell to our dearest comrades who are going to leave from the post. Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to catch your attention of certain upcoming events in the new academic year. Grateful that you can save the dates in your schedule. Hope you enjoy the issue!

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- Farewell to Outgoing Principals and Subscription of Life / Affiliated Membership

The Executive Committee would like to send our greatest appreciation to those who have served in schools for so many years and will be retiring or taking early retirement in the coming September. While reluctantly bidding farewell, we earnestly appeal to your continued support to become either our life or affiliated member.

**Life member:** leaving the post of principal upon reaching retiring age or having been in the post for 10 or more years

**Affiliated member:** leaving the post of principal before reaching retiring age and with less than 10 years' service in the past.

You may fill in the attached subscription [form](#) and send it back together with the cheque to our Honorary Treasurer, We can keep in touch. This is a one-off good act that you should not miss.

When you are passing the baton, another good will you can extend to your successor is the recommendation of AHSS - an association which offers professional network and support. To express our warmest welcome to the newly appointed principals, we will also send a sunshine call soon after the school commencement.

## 2. Annual Conference cum 50th Anniversary Banquet

The Annual Conference this year brought together our keynote speakers, Prof. Manabu Sato 佐藤學教授, a renowned international educator, Prof. Chan Cho Wai Joseph 陳祖為教授, a distinguished local scholar and many principals to exchange ideas on being an active learner in a more dynamic classroom and a good citizen in the era of social division. The whole conference was ended with a fruitful and inspiring sharing of Mr. Michael Wong, our Hon. Executive Secretary.



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet was another spotlight event. We were delighted to have The Honourable Lam Woon Kwong 林煥光太平紳士, GBS, JP, Convenor of the Non-Official Members of the Executive Council as the guest-of-honour. His message brought us on board to a tunnel of time. We have gone through with him those days that education opportunities were highly limited and have been rethinking together the meaning of education when knowledge is everywhere at our fingertips.

It is also our great honour to have Mr. Eddie Ng, the Secretary for Education and Mr. Tai Hay Lap, the Vice-President of Tin Ka Ping Foundation to join our celebration. Together with Mr. Lam Woon Kwong, Prof. Sato and the Chairman, Ms. Lee Suet Ying, they cut the anniversary cake and made the toast. During the meal, Ms. Lee and members of the Executive Committee also entertained guests with two meaningful songs, 'Top of the World' and 《乘風破浪》. As a token of thanks, each guest also received a souvenir of travelling pack. For all those who joined, you would agree that it was truly a night to remember.



### 3. Study Trip to Japan: Renovating Schools as Learning Community

A delegation of 20 Principals and Vice Principals, together with 2 invited scholars, Dr. Wang Hiu Tung (汪曉東博士) from South China Normal University (華南師範大學) and Ms. Chui Sau Miu (崔秀梅女士) from Shandong, made a study trip to Tokyo from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Throughout those five days, the group attended a seminar conducted by Prof. Toshiya Chichibu on 'Developing a School Learning Community' at the National Institute for Educational Research, observed lessons in three middle schools supervised by Prof. Chichibu, Prof. Kiyomi Akita and Prof. Manabu Sato as well as participated in the post-observation sharing sessions. We were totally amazed at the scale of the post-lesson conferences which put great emphasis on utilizing feedback from



professional dialogue in the ongoing improvement of teaching and learning. Not only have we shared our views in the discussion, we have also learnt from their positive attitude towards critical comments. The trip was very successful and we anticipate further collaboration between the two places in the near future.

### 4. Retreat for Executive Committee

The task force of CPD held a fruitful annual Retreat on 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June for Executive Committee members, co-opted members and task force members. The retreat comprises four sessions: Keynote Message by Mr. Michael Wong on 《緣情也言志》, Dialogue in the Open, Dream Weavers and Succession Planning. Everyone found this Retreat very successful and stimulating.



## 5. Project on 'Stories Untold'

The Occupy Movement in Hong Kong 2014 was unprecedented in many aspects. We would agree that what schools, principals and teachers did during that period was also unprecedented. However, what happened in schools are not all known and understood by society at large. We owe society a true record of the reality during the movement times. It is in this context that the Education Policy Unit at the University of Hong Kong, together with our Association, is launching a study: Stories Untold - What happened in schools during the Occupy Movement 2014?

The study comprises a survey among all secondary schools, a survey for S5 and S6 class teachers and selected case studies through follow-up interviews. We hope that the study will be able to contribute to the best understanding of the Occupy Movement and hence its implications to education. Your full support in the study is much needed. Please complete and return the questionnaires to Policy 21 who is well placed to undertake the practical components of the study.

## 6. Research on Integrated Education

The task force of Integrated Education has recently conducted a survey and written a report entitled "Study on the Integrated Education in Hong Kong Secondary Schools". The result and the findings will be further shared with members when the new academic year starts again. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to principals, SEN co-ordinators and IE representatives of all participating schools. Their contributions are deeply appreciated.

## 7. Save the Dates for Upcoming Events

The Association is going to organize a Happy Hour Forum and an SRL Festival for members to join in the new academic year. You are cordially invited to save the dates for the following two events that might be of your interest. More details will be sent to you through email in due course. Please check the spam box to ensure that messages from 'info@hkahss.edu.hk' are not filtered out.

Dates	Events	Highlights
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 (3:00pm-6:00pm)	Happy Hour Forum : More to explore on SRL and Collaborative Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tea gathering with newly appointed principals (3:00p.m.)</li> <li>- Post-trip Sharing on Renovating Schools as Learning Community (4:00p.m.-5:30p.m.)</li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Self-Regulated Learning Festival	- Lesson Observation in various schools
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2015		- Joint-School Teachers' Professional Development Day

With the approach of summer vacation, many of us will be turning our minds to end-of-year activities and planning for a new academic year. I wish you all a rewarding year full of celebration of student achievements, staff commitment and personal advancement!

All the best,

Ms. Veronica Yau

Secretary