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Dear Colleagues

Greetings to you all again! I am pleased to send you the latest updates of the Association and hope you will enjoy reading this issue. Through these pages, we would like to furnish you with more information on our upcoming events till December. Undoubtedly, we very much treasure your full support by all your prompt and positive actions.

Our Association has been going green for long. Please bookmark our website www.hkahss.edu.hk to catch up on latest news. To ensure you will not be left out from the correspondence, we are grateful if you can also provide us your personal mobile and email address when you submit your membership application or renewal form. Our email messages or SMS notices can drive you directly to the news, events and activities you shouldn't miss.

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1. Membership Drive ([Appendix 1](#))

a. Full membership (for serving principals)

The annual membership drive is now under way. For new principals who are not members yet, you are cordially invited to join us as new members. For members, we are grateful for your continuing support in the past and look forward to having you again as active, enthusiastic members.



It's easy to join or renew your AHSS membership. Kindly fill out the [membership form](#) and return it together with a cheque to Principal Lau Yiu Hung, our Hon. Treasurer.

b. Other memberships (for Vice-principals, retired and former principals)

We value very much the participation of Vice-principals, retired principals and former principals in our Association. Please encourage and support your Vice-principals as well as former principals of your school to join our Association.

c. Subscription

Membership Category	Subscriptions	Remarks
Full Member (Serving principals)	\$300	Annual
Associate Member (Vice-principals)	\$200	Annual
Life Member (Retired principals or principals serving more than 10 years before leaving the post)	\$300	One-off
Affiliated Member (Previous Full Members leaving the post before retiring age and serving less than 10 years)	\$300	One-Off

2. [Press Conference on Extensive Reading Scheme Grants](#)

Our Association conducted a press conference titled as "What is the worth of reading?" on 18th September. Both the Chinese and English versions of the press release have already uploaded onto the Association website for your reference.

It was our great pleasure to have Professor Cheung Chi-keung, Alan from the Department of Education Administration & Policy, Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Professor Mok Mo Ching Magdalena, Chair Professor of Assessment and Evaluation at the Education University of Hong Kong as





speakers in the press conference on Sunday. The two professors shared with us the findings of various researches on the impact of reading in general education. They were greatly disappointed with the EDB's decision of removing the ERS Grant. We hope the Education Bureau would withdraw the decision and reissue the grant to schools in this academic year.

3. [Self-regulated Learning Festival \(SRL Festival\)](#)

This year's SRL Festival will be held between 14th Oct and 14th November 2016. With the incessant efforts in promoting SRL among network schools, we have successfully reached out to more principals and teachers who treasure the learning and teaching values of SRL. We feel privileged to have 18 schools which offer 113 lessons for peer-observation in this Festival. Thank you so much for the active response from teachers of this cluster. For reservation of seat(s) at any one or more lessons, please check from our website for online enrollment or fax registration.

The Joint-school Professional Development Day on 4th November held at Ho Yu College and Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) is definitely the highlight of the Festival. It is our great pleasure to have invited Professor Bor-chen Kuo (郭伯臣教授), Dean of the College of Education, National Taichung University of Education as our keynote speaker on "The Innovative Teaching and Learning Assessment of Flipped Classroom". Professor Kuo will also share his insights on Taiwan Education Reform with principals. We cordially invite you and your teachers to join us on the Day. For event details, please visit our website www.hkahss.edu.hk.

4. [Annual General Meeting \(Appendix 2\)](#)

The Annual General Meeting for 2016 will be held on 7th December 2016 Wednesday at the Cityview. We have invited Prof. Wong Hung (黃洪教授), Associate Professor of the Department of Social Work and the Head of Graduate Division, Chinese University of Hong Kong, as our guest-of-honour to speak on "Rethinking Poverty and Education" 再思貧窮與教育. Another Keynote speaker, Mr. Lau Yui Siu (劉銳紹先生), a veteran political commentator, has kindly consented to deliver us a speech on "Hong Kong Youth - Quo Vadis?" 香港年青一代往何處去? No matter how busy your days, it is worth seizing this opportunity to reflect more on equity of education and refresh our understanding of this young generation. [Details of the AGM](#) are attached in this email / post.



5. [Going Digitalized and Better Communication Channels](#)

To help conserve energy and resources, we have gone digitalized since several years ago. After the experience gained over the years, sending information to you through electronic means is really efficient and convenient. We will keep this practice, except this one due to membership drive, to update you with our upcoming events. To ensure our email messages can be reached to your mailbox, please check the junk or spam folder and redirect the messages of info@hkahss.edu.hk to your inbox directory. If you have any problems receiving our news through the e-platform, kindly contact Ms. Lau Yiu Hung at 2336-7327.

Also, the official contact list of members will be uploaded at the Association website. To enhance the dissemination of news, short messages (SMS) will be used. So we are collecting your mobile phone number for this purpose. The information collected will be solely used for the Association communication purposes and will not be divulged to any unauthorized person. I hope we will have your understanding and cooperation.

6. [Save the Dates for Major Events](#)

Dates	Events	Highlights
4th November 2016	Self-Regulated Learning Festival	- Joint-School Teachers' Professional Development Day
7th December 2016	Annual General Meeting	- Election, Keynote Speech and Lunch

I look forward to meeting you soon on all our occasions! Wish you every success this year!

With warmest regards,

Ms. Veronica Yau

Hon. Secretary