



12 May 2011

## 2010/2011 Newsletter No. 2

Dear Colleagues,

It hasn't been a long time since I wrote in the last Newsletter, but a lot of things have taken place since. I trust all of you are having a busy time planning for the next academic year while devotedly and painstakingly completing the current year as planned. Time really flies and let's get hold of every opportunity of it!

### 1. Happy Hour Forums

The Executive Committee are very glad to see your positive response to our two Happy Hour Forums, one held on 29 March 2011 on Liberal Studies, minimum wages and the other to be held on 16 May 2011 on the Student Learning Profile and JUPAS. In the upcoming one, we will also include a sharing on "Lessons from Japan - reflection of earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis". If you still have not registered, please do so as quickly as possible.

### 2. Annual Conference

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will hold our Annual Conference on **9 June 2011** (Thursday) from 9:00a.m. to 1:30p.m. (including lunch). The theme of the Conference is "Insights of Chinese Culture on School Leadership"(中國傳統文化與當代學校領導). We are very pleased to have invited Mr. Sham Yat Fei (岑逸飛先生) to be our guest speaker. I am sure Mr. Sham needs no introduction and his talk will be enlightening to us all. Attached please find the programme and registration form. Please reply on or before 30 May 2011 (Monday), the earlier the better to facilitate our preparation work.

We do value your attendance at the Annual Conference. Please also stay for lunch to enjoy some relaxing moments with your colleagues.

### 3. Meeting with Permanent Secretary for Education Bureau (PSEM)

The Executive Committee met with Mrs Cherry Tse, the PSEM to exchange views on various issues of our concerns and interests. The EDB has high hopes on school principals for quality education and professionalism. The Chairman will report to you on the meeting in greater details in the coming Annual Conference.

### 4. AHSS representation in various professional organizations and committees

Some of our Executive Committee have participated in various professional committees and organizations on behalf of the Association. The information is listed below for your reference. Please contact the relevant representatives related to issues of your concern.

| Name               | Organization  | Position  |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
| Dr. Yuen Pong Yiu  | a. Secondary School Places Allocation Committee   | Chairman  |
|                    | b. Joint Committee of The Secondary School Councils and Secondary School Principals' Association of 18 Districts<br>(中學議會與十八區中學校長會聯席會議) | Secretary |
| Miss Lee Suet Ying | a. EDB's Integrated Education Task Force  | Member    |
|                    | b. EDB's Task Force on Review of Assessments in P6<br>(檢討小六考核安排專責工作小組)  | Member    |
|                    | c. EDB's Task Force on Review of school nets (檢討學校網工作小組)  | Member    |

| Name                          | Organization  | Position  |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Dr. Ho Sai Mun,<br>Stanley    | a. EDB's Principals' Liaison Meeting for 334                        | Member    |
|                               | b. HKEAA's Advisory Committee on Public Examinations Administration | Member    |
|                               | c. HKEAA's school-based Assessment Advisory Group                   | Member    |
| Mr. Lau Chiu Yin,<br>Peter    | The Council on Professional Conduct in Education                    | Member    |
| Mr. Li Lok Yin,<br>Vincent    | Respect Our Teachers Campaign                                       | Treasurer |
| Miss Kwan Wai Fong,<br>Louise | Hong Kong Teachers' Centre  | Member    |

## 5. Going electronics

Our first attempt in sending you the newsletter through e-mail has gone quite smoothly with some minor technical problems to be fixed. We would therefore continue to adopt this practice. For any queries, please approach Mr. William Yip at [principal@yck2.edu.hk](mailto:principal@yck2.edu.hk).

## 6. Post optimization

Though the issue of optimization of class structure has been well-received among schools, our Association is working with other principal organisations on the follow-up issues:

1. The further reduction in class size (with an optimum of 30 per class)
2. The review of school closure criteria to minimize the number of schools affected
3. the review of teacher-class ratio and the need for administrative support

**7. Building Learning Paradigm Schools: Engaging Students as Deep Learners: Student-led Project**

This is a tripartite collaboration between AHSS, tertiary institution (Professor Edmond Ko of HKUST) and CDI (Mr Stephen Yip). The two workshops for teachers and principals were held in January and February 2011 respectively with over 60 participants each. We are glad to see that 169 participants from around 20 schools joined the student workshop at the end of February 2011. It is amazing to see the effectiveness of these workshops and the potentials of our younger generations for deep-level learning and reflections. The presentation session will be held on 2 July 2011 at the HKUST. All are welcome and we will give you the details in due course. For enquiries, please call Dr. Stanley Ho at 2382 0002.

**8. Farewell to outgoing principals and subscription of Associate 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 you farewell, we earnestly appeal to your continued support. Just fill in the attached subscription form and send it back together with the cheque to our treasurer. We can then keep in contact. This is a one-off good act that you should not miss.

We welcome your valuable feedback and we are sure that our efforts will help foster the education quality in Hong Kong. In the mean time, do take care of yourselves for this is usually the busiest time of the year. Keep up your spirits and I will write some time after the new school year commences.

---

Mrs. Ruth Lee  
Hon. Secretary



### Annual Conference 2011

Date : 9 June 2011 (Thursday)  
 Time : 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 Venue : Assembly Hall, 4/F North Tower, YMCA Salisbury, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon  
 Theme : Insights of Chinese Culture on School Leadership  
 (中國傳統文化與當代學校領導)

#### Programme:

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 8:45 a.m.          | Registration   |
| 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.   | Welcoming Speech and Brief Report  |
| 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  | Insights of Chinese Culture on School Leadership<br>(中國傳統文化與當代學校領導)<br>Sharing by Mr. Sham Yat Fei (岑逸飛先生) |
| 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Tea Break  |
| 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. | Open Forum   |
| 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. | Conclusion and closing remarks   |

The conference will be conducted in Cantonese. Simultaneous interpretation for English-speaking members will be provided.



香港中學校長會

HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE HEADS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**Annual Conference - Reply Slip**

To : Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools

Attention : Mr. Ho Ki To

Fax : 2440 1994

Tel : 2450 1402

1. I will attend the Annual Conference 2011 on 9 June 2011.

2. I will stay for lunch after the Annual Conference.

I am enclosing a cheque\* of **HK\$100** for lunch.

( \_\_\_\_\_ Bank, cheque no. \_\_\_\_\_ )

# All cheques should be made payable to **Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools.**

3. Simultaneous Interpretation needed: Yes/No (please circle)

4. Participant's information:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Full / Associate Member)

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ho Ki To  
Hon. Treasurer  
HKAHSS  
c/o STFA Tam Pak Yu College  
9 Yau Oi Road, Yau Oi Estate, Tuen Mun, N.T.

Please return by fax (2440 1994) or by post on or before 30 May 2011 (Monday).

