

Brief Report on '2007 English Drama Fest' organized by AEMSS

44 EMI schools registered for the briefing session held on 9 January 2007. At this session, schools were informed of the logistics and dates of Drama Fest. Ms. Tanya Kempston, Curriculum Development Officer of the NET Section, introduced warm-up activities to teachers, showed them a video on how to stage a play with minimal props and costumes and briefed teachers on what to expect at the drama workshops to be held in January and February.

Altogether 74 teachers from 39 schools signed up for the 3 drama workshops which were held on Saturday mornings. 36 schools paid the entry fee and the dramas were staged in 6 sessions at 3 different venues on 28 April and 5 May.

We thank the principals and teachers of True Light Girl's College, Maryknoll Convent School and Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School for providing the venue and refreshments for the judges and teachers, as well as offering technical and backstage support.

3 adjudicators were invited from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. They were Mr. Anthony Chan, Mr. Peter Jordan and Dr. David Jiang, Dean of the School of Drama. 6 adjudicators were from the NET Section. They were Ms Queenie Mui, Ms. Carolyn Glock, Ms. Jenny Wai, Ms. Lorraine tweedy, Ms. Jevina Chan and Ms. Tanya Kempston. For each session of 10-12 schools, 6 trophies were awarded: *Outstanding Performance*, *Outstanding Script*, *Outstanding Actor*, *Outstanding Actress*, *Outstanding Props & Costumes* and *Outstanding Teamwork*. Certificates of participation were issued to all participants.

On 12 May 2007, the 6 Outstanding Performances were staged at Sai Wan Ho Leisure & Recreation Centre, with our Patron the Honourable Dr. Anson Chan and Guest-of-Honour Mr. Michael Tien presenting the trophies and addressing the audience.

Hong Kong EdCity recorded all the performances and uploaded these to their website for the benefit of all teachers and students of Hong Kong. Teachers of participating schools expressed their thanks to the Association and said they looked forward to '2008 English Drama Fest'. (See comments attached)

Liliana Kung
28 May 2007