



## The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools

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### **Chairperson's Annual Report 2015 - 2016**

#### **Medium of Instruction Policy**

Thanks to the cooperation and hard work of our member schools, the Education Bureau announced the implementation of the flexible arrangement on MOI policy in July 2015 which allowed member schools to opt for keeping their MOI in the coming 6 years. In the 2015-2016 academic year, the Association kept close liaison with all member schools to follow up on their applications.. Based on our records, all of the school proposals were successful. While we are happy to maintain all the members, the Association also welcomes new member schools on board who has swapped to English as their medium of instruction in classes.

#### **Drama Fest**

Our signature activity, the annual Drama Fest, again received great support from our member schools. To start off, a drama workshop was held in January 2016 with 18 teachers from 11 member schools attending the 4-hour course. This year, 7 preliminary sessions were held at, namely, Heep Yunn School, Ho Lap College, Kiangsu-Chekiang College (Shatin) (2 sessions), St. Paul's Secondary School, Shatin Tsung Tsin Secondary School and Wah Yan College Hong Kong, where a total of 48 Drama teams from 46 member schools showcased their productions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Principals of the 6 host schools for allowing the Association to use their school halls for the event. Special thanks must also be extended to the teachers-in-charge and student helpers of these host schools.

The Outstanding Performances cum Prize Presentation Ceremony was held in May in the School Hall of Heep Yunn School. We were honoured to have Ms. Betty Leung, Chief School Development Officer of the Education Bureau's Language Learning Support Section as our Guest of Honour for the event and to present the trophies to the respective winners. Once again my heartfelt gratitude has to go to all the student and teacher helpers on the day for making the event successful; and Ms. Ada Kwong, Chairperson of Drama Fest 2016, as well as all the English teachers in her subcommittee, for orchestrating and coordinating the programme.

#### **School-Business Partnership Programme**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Business-School Partnership Programme kicked-off in November 2016. This programme was



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established under the partnership of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Association of English Medium Secondary Schools in 2001, and aims at promoting the use of English outside of schools and enhancing students' career development to prepare for their future. This year, there were 30 companies and 30 schools joining the Programme, with each pair of business-school partners engaged in a series of activities including CEO talks, interview workshops, company tours, job shadowing, summer internship as well as volunteer work. Around 60 activities were arranged in the year.

Students described the programme as meaningful and useful for them as it provided them with knowledge which could not be taught through lessons and textbooks. Through these activities, our students had built up their confidence, gained better understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses, and acquired transferable work skills from school to the real world, so as to prepare themselves for their future career path.

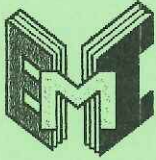
### **Lion's International Youth Exchange Scholarship**

The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools continued to be the co-organizer of the 16<sup>th</sup> Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Essay Competition with the Lions Club International District 303 (Hong Kong and Macao, China). This Project targets senior secondary students from Forms 4 – 6 and aims at (a) to provide youths with international exposure and an opportunity to improve their communication skills in English; (b) to promote awareness on topical issues; (c) to build up self-confidence and global vision for world class citizens of the future; and (d) to encourage young people to think analytically and write creatively.

The theme for this year was “One Belt One Road – Challenges to Environment or Opportunities for Sustainable Development”. Out of more than 100 entries submitted by local students, around 40 entrants were selected to attend an interview in January 2016 to present their essays orally. The top ten finalists, together with 5 non-local contestants from Mainland China, prepared Powerpoint presentations and took the stage at East Point City on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to showcase their hard work. Of the final 10 top positions, 5 were secured by students from our member schools, including the first and the third runners-up.

### **Liaison with other Education Councils, HKEAA and EDB**

Our Executive Committee members also represented the Association to attend various meetings with the HKEAA and EDB, which include the Principals Liaison Meeting, the Schools Sports Liaison Committee, as well as the Advisory Committee on Administration of Public Examinations, and liaise with other



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education councils to share the views and concerns of our member schools on different education issues and public examinations arrangements.

To conclude my report for 2015 – 2016, I wish to thank all the Principals and teachers of our member schools for their support and advice provided throughout the year. My wholehearted thanks are also extended to members of the Executive Committee for their dedicated effort and hard work. The road ahead is still full of changes and challenges, especially when the local student population is not yet stabilized. The medium term review of the Senior Secondary Curriculum has been released, yet the teacher-student ratio issue remained unsettled. May we continue to work hand in hand to provide the best environment for the growth and development of our younger generations.

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Chairperson