

The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools 香 港 英 文 中 學 聯 會

By fax and by post

7 December 2009

Dear Principal/HOD (English) of EMI School,

2010 English Drama Fest

I am very pleased to invite your school to take part in the '2010 English Drama Fest'. This is our fourth year hosting this event that has proved to be immensely popular with EMI schools. Drama Fest is a stress-free activity that brings together students and teachers from different schools to share the fun and joy of English drama.

Drama Workshop for Teachers (12 – 14 January 2010) (2:30 – 5:00 pm) Fee: \$100 per person Closing date: 21 December 2009

This year, we are very happy to offer a workshop to teachers that will help them learn more about the technical aspects of stage production. Our tutor, Mr. Ash Ng from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, will give 3 identical workshops at Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre Theatre from 12-14 January 2010. Since we are not receiving sponsorship from our supporting organizations this year, we will have to charge each teacher \$100 to pay for the drama instructor. <u>Please refer to the attached outline of the workshop and bio of Mr. Ash Ng</u>. Schools may send 1-2 teachers to attend the workshop. Enrolment will be on a first-come-first-served basis, so please ask your teacher(s) to complete and fax the enrolment form as soon as possible. The workshop is open to English teachers of ALL EMI schools, whether their school takes part in the Drama Fest or not.

2009 Drama Fest DVD and 2010 Drama Fest Fact Sheet

Schools that attended our Drama Fest briefing session on 25 September 2009 received a DVD of the 7 Outstanding Performances recorded at the finals at the AC Hall of the Hong Kong Baptist University on 16 May 2009. If your school wishes to have a copy of this DVD, please write to our Drama Fest coordinator Liliana Kung at <u>liliana@netvigator.com</u> or call 9888 3150.

As in previous years, we ask schools NOT to use elaborate sets and costumes and to limit their performance to not more than 15 minutes. If your school is entering this event for the first time, I urge your teachers to visit our website (<u>www.emi.edu.hk</u>) for details concerning the Drama Fest. All queries concerning the Drama Fest should be directed to Liliana Kung.

Venues and Prizes for 2010 Drama Fest

This year we are offering schools a choice of 7 venues over 5 days, from 19 to 23 April 2010. We expect to have up to 7 schools per session and each session will be from 2:00 - 5:00 pm with a live audience from the host school, participating schools and primary schools enrolled in SCOLAR's programme *Drama-in-Education English Alliance*. Each session will be judged individually with 7 trophies to be awarded. This year we are introducing a special 'Adapted Classics' session for schools that are ready for a greater challenge. The prizes awarded for this session will be adjusted according to the number of entries.

The prizes for the other 6 sessions are as follows:

- 1 Outstanding Performance
- 2 Outstanding Performers
- 1 Outstanding Teamwork
- 1 Outstanding Spoken English
- 1 Outstanding Script (original or adapted)
- 1 Outstanding Creativity

All participants, including backstage helpers, will receive a certificate issued by our Association. <u>Please make sure that you return the Entry Form as soon as possible as allocation of the drama</u> <u>sessions will be strictly on a first-come-first-served basis.</u>

Drama Workshop Enrolment Form (\$100 per teacher) (Deadline: 21 December 2009) Drama Fest Entry Form and Entry Fee (\$400 per school) (Deadline: 7 January 2010)

First, fax the completed Drama Fest Entry Form and Drama Workshop Enrolment Form to: Principal, Shau Kei Wan Government Secondary School Fax No: 2568 9708

Then, write a cheque for the total amount payable to the "Association of English Medium Secondary Schools" and send it by post, together with the Entry Form and Workshop Enrolment Form, to: Principal True Light Girls' College 54A Waterloo Road

Kowloon

Lastly, I take this opportunity to wish you, your staff and students a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to see you at Drama Fest in April 2010 and/or at the finals in May 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Clara Lau Chairperson