



**The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools**  
**香港英文中學聯會**

c/o Heep Yunn School 1, Farm Road, Kowloon.

**Chairperson's report**

One key event hosted by the Association is the annual Drama Fest and this is our 7<sup>th</sup> year holding this event. I am very pleased to report that this year, we have added a new session, the Shakespearean Drama session and the school has to give a performance on a set scene from either 'Macbeth' or 'Othello'. There were altogether 46 schools took part in either session of the Drama Fest.

The 7 Drama Fest sessions were held in 7 different host schools. I wish to thank the 7 schools that hosted the sessions in their school halls. The host schools were True Light Girls' College, Kiangsu-Chekaing College (Shatin), St. Paul's Secondary School, St. Stephen's Girls' College, Heep Yunn School, Queen Elizabeth School and Marymount Secondary School. Our advisors are NET section of Education Bureau, The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Chung Ying Theatre and Theatre Noir and they had kindly provided adjudicators. Teachers from different EMI schools also acted as adjudicators.

We are indebted to Ms Ada Kwong and Ms Teresa Lui for organizing and coordinating the Drama Fest. And, thanks to Heep Yunn School, Maryknoll Convent School and Kiangsu-Chekiang College (Shatin) for co-hosting, we had a most successful Prize Presentation and Outstanding Performances at Tsuen Wan Town Hall on 28 May 2013. The Permanent Secretary of Education, Mrs. Cherry Tse was our Guest of Honour at this joyous event. I would like to thank all AEMSS committee members who also gave their support in all liaison work, production of the DVD and maintenance of our website. I thank them for their dedication and excellent teamwork. We give very special thanks to the NET Section, HKAPA, Chung Ying Theatre Company and Theatre Noir for their unfailing support and look forward to another year of happy collaboration.

2013 July witnessed the graduation of the second cohort of DSE students. In order to prepare the students for their Jupas application and in view of the novelty of e-App as a new platform for students to learn more about tertiary institutes outside the 8 universities, our Association took this opportunity to jointly organize an International Tertiary Education Fair with the Grant Schools Council for senior form students. This took place on 1 November 2013 at Wah Yan College, Kowloon.



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In the academic year 2012-13 the Association actively liaised with the Education Bureau, the Hong Kong Examinations & Assessment Authority (HKEAA), other school councils and education associations over changes in education measures and policies. The Chairperson and Executive Committee members acting as representatives of the Association voiced our views and spoke for the needs of our students. We took part in Principals' Liaison Group and Roundtable Meeting. For the benefit of the students, we also act as supporting organization for Business-School Partnership Scheme, Lion Club Essay Competition and College Fair of Tertiary Institutions in China.

Discussion with the Education Bureau is an ongoing process. Our representative as a member of the coalition group voiced our request that there should be a reduction in the class size and an improvement in staff structure and the teacher to class ratio to meet the challenges that came with the implementation of the NSS reform. We also wrote to the Bureau enquiring about our representation in the Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA) Committee. I also attend a focus discussion group on the newly released Consultation draft of Principals' Capability Framework on behalf of the Association.

Our association has always sought to advance the interests of our members, we have solicited the ideas of our members and met the Secretary of Education, Mr. Eddie Ng and his team on 5 June 2013 to discuss the following issues: resources related to NSS human and financial, the ratio of GM teachers to CM teachers, Policy on supporting language development and SCOLAR's role in relation to English Language teaching. We would follow up the matter in this academic year.

In the coming months, AMESS and school representatives would continue working closely with the Education Bureau and HKEAA to address the many challenges ahead.

In presenting my report as Chairperson of the Association of English Medium Secondary Schools in Hong Kong, I have to express my gratitude to all my colleagues in the Executive Committee whose support and understanding have made my work enjoyable.

Ms Carol Yang