

The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools Chairperson's Report at Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2022

Good afternoon, fellow principals and teachers. Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools.

Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 – 2022 school year was another extraordinary year for both students and school educators. Due to the fifth wave of the pandemic, schools were asked to close for about seven weeks from March to April. Many inter-school competitions were cancelled, and so was the Drama Fest – an annual signature event organized by our Association.

In view of the current pandemic situation, we are delighted to announce that the Drama Fest will resume this school year. Seeing a glimmer light at the end of the tunnel, we are keeping our fingers crossed that a physical Drama Fest could be organized for our students to showcase their talents in the performing arts and to sharpen their English language skills through engaging in a play. Mrs. Esther Pak, coordinator of this event, is going to share more information with you after the AGM today. Having started our preparation for the Drama Fest, we will remain vigilant and be mindful of the Education Bureau's guidelines on student activities. Your support and collaboration will be greatly appreciated.

Despite the disruptions to normal school life caused by the pandemic, the Association continued to actively liaise with the Education Bureau (EDB), the Hong Kong Examinations & Assessment Authority (HKEAA) as well as other school councils and educational organisations to share our views about changes in anti-epidemic measures, Secondary One allocation, HKDSE arrangements, university admissions, and education policies and related matters. As representatives of the Association, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and other Executive Committee members voiced our opinions and spoke for the benefit of our students in various meetings. In addition to taking part in the Principals' Liaison Meetings hosted by the EDB, we also attended meetings organized by the Joint Committee of the Secondary School Councils and the Secondary School Heads Association of 18 Districts, as well as the Student Sports Coordination Committee of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Furthermore, we took the role of a supporting organisation for the following activities:

- 1. Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Essay Competition organized by Lions Clubs International District 303 Hong Kong & Macao, China
- 2. Business-School Partnership Programme organized by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce
- 3. Learning and Teaching Expo 2021
- 4. Hong Kong International Education Expo organized by The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
- 5. 第十八屆 [全港中學「兩文三語」菁英大比拼]
- 6. 內地高等教育展 (網上博覽)
- 7. 「萬眾一心」 全港教育界抗疫義工隊 and
- 8. 「慶回歸·開新篇」 慶祝香港回歸 25 周年圖片展暨 「同心創夢」 繪畫 大賽

This year, The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools will continue to work closely with the EDB, the HKEAA and other educational organisations to address the many challenges ahead, in particular, the significant decline in student population.

To conclude my report, I would like to express my appreciation to the fellow principals on the Executive Committee for their support in the past year. I am indebted to them for their relentless effort to liaise with EMI schools in their districts to promote the activities we organized or supported. Among our Executive Committee members, the Social Convener Ms. Melaine Lee, Treasurer Mr. Josh Tam and Regional Liaison Officer Dr. Patrick Yim are not running for re-election this year. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for their dedicated service to the Association.

Last but not least, thank you all for attending the AGM today. Please stay tuned for more information about the upcoming Drama Fest as well as activities that the Association supports.

Have a fruitful school year ahead.

Chau Wai-chu Maggie

Chairperson