



The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools
Chairperson's Report at Annual General Meeting on 23 October 2023

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

It is with great pleasure, especially at the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year as schools regain normalcy after the COVID-19 pandemic, that I present the Chairperson's Report at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

I am delighted to report, firstly, that our signature event, the Drama Fest, eventually resumed after a three-year hiatus. It was very well received by member schools, and competitions took place on four different days throughout April and May 2023. We are indebted to the teachers in charge of the participating teams for their support of the students in showcasing creative, performance talents while simultaneously sharpening their English language skills. We are also immensely grateful to the schools that hosted the competitions. They are: Heep Yunn School, La Salle College, SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School and St. Stephen's Girls' College. The host school teachers undertook painstaking work in coordinating each event, to provide participants a conducive environment in which to perform on the competition day.

Special thanks go to Heep Yunn School for hosting the competition as well as the Prize Presentation Ceremony cum Outstanding Performances. Heep Yunn's commitment and contribution to the success of Drama Fest 2023 is indeed admirable.

The coordinator of the Drama Fest 2024, Mrs. Esther Pak, is going to provide you with more information after the AGM today. Having started our preparation, we look forward to your ongoing support and students' participation in this fun-filled English competition.

In addition to the Drama Fest, 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 in sharing our views about Secondary One allocation, HKDSE arrangements, university admissions, revised Common Descriptors for Associate Degree and Higher Diploma Programmes, and education policies and related matters. As representatives of the Association, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Executive Committee members voiced our opinions and spoke for the benefit of our students at various meetings. In addition to attending the Principals' Liaison Meetings hosted by the EDB, we were also present at 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 on the role of a supporting organisation for the following activities in the 2022-2023 school year:

1. 23rd Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship English 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. Mainland Higher Education Exhibition(Online Expo) 內地高等教育展 (網上博覽)
4. 29th Hong Kong International Education Expo organized by The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
5. Learning and Teaching Expo 2022 organized by Hong Kong Education City
6. English Speaking Union (ESU) Hong Kong Monthly Play-Reading
7. 香港「好」故事多元才能發展計劃 organized by EduTion Network (教育倡行), Sing Tao Daily and 多元學習坊
8. 第十九屆 [全港中學「兩文三語」菁英大比拼] organized by Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West
9. 第二屆「四維八德踐行獎」organized by Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers and Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation
10. HKICT Awards 2023: Student Innovation Award organized by Hong Kong New Emerging Technology Education Association (HKNETEA)

In 2023-2024 school year, The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools will maintain our efforts in working closely with the EDB, HKEAA and other educational organisations to address the many challenges ahead, particularly the significant decline in student population, and the mental health of both students and teachers.

To conclude my report, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to my fellow principals on the Executive Committee for their support this past year. I am grateful for their relentless efforts in liaising with EMI schools within their districts to promote activities we organized or supported. I take this opportunity to express my personal 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.

Wishing you all another fruitful school year!



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Chairperson