



The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools Chairperson's Report at 25th Annual General Meeting on 3 December 2024

I am delighted to report, firstly, that our signature event, the English Drama Fest, was held successfully in the previous school year. Having a new category in Modern Drama that provided participating schools with a set script, more students took part in the Fest and enjoyed performing on the stage using English. Special thanks go to Ms. Terri Donlon, the Head of English Language and Literature in English of St. Stephen's Girls' College for writing the set script. Her commitment to promoting English drama and making it a fun learning activity is most admirable.

Twenty four schools participated in the Drama Fest, and the competitions took place on five different days throughout April and May 2024. The Association is indebted to the teachers in charge of the participating schools for their support of the students in showcasing creative and performing talents while at the same time sharpening their English language skills. We are also immensely grateful to the schools which hosted the competitions. They are: Bishop Hall Jubilee School, CCC Heep Woh College, Heep Yunn School, Sheng Kung Hui Lam Kau Mow Secondary School, and St. Stephen's College. The host school teachers undertook painstaking work in coordinating each event, which created a supportive environment for participants to perform their best on the competition days.

To celebrate students' talents and showcase their accomplishments, the Drama Fest Prize Presentation Ceremony and Outstanding Performances was held on 25 May 2024 at the Multimedia Theatre of the HKSC Arts and Culture Centre. During the ceremony, winners of the various awards received their prizes and trophies from an Education Bureau (EDB) representative as an acknowledgement of their efforts and achievements.

In addition to the Drama Fest, the Association organized a workshop on using AI tools in teaching for English Language teachers in March 2024. It was a well-attended professional development session for teachers, and the feedback received was encouraging. The Association is grateful to Solomon Learning for their support in this training activity. We will continue to create fruitful learning opportunities for teachers who use English as the medium of instruction.

In the 2023-2024 school year, the Association sustained our effort in liaising actively with the EDB, the Hong Kong Examinations & Assessment Authority (HKEAA) as well as other school councils and educational organizations to share our views about Secondary One allocation, HKDSE arrangements, university admissions, 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 continued to take on the role of a supporting organization for the following activities in the 2023-2024 school year:


1. 24th Lions International Youth Exchange Scholarship Short Video Competition organized by Lions Clubs International District 303 Hong Kong & Macao, China
2. 30th Hong Kong International Education Expo organized by The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong
3. Business-School Partnership Programme organized by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce (HKGCC)
4. Learning and Teaching Expo organized by Hong Kong Education City
5. Mainland Higher Education Exhibition 內地高等教育展
6. Summer TechEd Fest organized by Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC)
7. HKICT Awards 2023: Student Innovation Award organized by Hong Kong New Emerging Technology Education Association (HKNETEA)
8. 第三屆「四維八德踐行獎」organized by Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers and Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation
9. 第二十屆 [全港中學「兩文三語」菁英大比拼] and 第三屆 [全港小學「兩文三語」菁英大比拼] organized by Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers (香港教育工作者聯) and Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West (香港西區扶輪社)
10. 「2023 中華經典誦讀香港展演會」organized by GAPSK Language Promotion Council

In the 2024-2025 school year, the Association will sustain our efforts in working closely with the EDB, HKEAA and other educational organizations to address the many challenges ahead, particularly the significant decline in student population, the admission of Mainland students who move to Hong Kong through the Top Talent Pass Scheme (TTPS) 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 in 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 also 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 on for information about the upcoming English Drama Fest as well as activities which the Association supports.

Wishing you all another fulfilling school year!


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Chairperson