

2009總幹事報告

Executive Director's Report



2009年對我們來說，是令人鼓舞的一年，因為我們迎來了協會三十五周年會慶。同時，會務工作亦得到了進一步的拓展。

去年10月17日，我們舉行了盛大的三十五周年會慶典禮暨晚宴，與社會各界共同分享喜悅，500名嘉賓出席慶典，場面熱鬧非常。典禮邀得中聯辦彭清華主任、特區政府政務司唐英年司長和全國人大常委范徐麗泰太平紳士蒞臨主禮。國家教育部港澳台辦、清華大學、清華大學校友總會、北京語言大學、東南大學、韶關學院、廣東省港澳同胞接待辦公室、澳門中華學生聯合總會等長期合作夥伴的領導，專程赴港參與典禮，令我們十分感動！唐英年司長致詞時寄語我們再接再厲，因應香港長遠發展的需要，培育更多多元化的人才，並協助政府發展西九文化區和推動文化創意產業。由此可見，我們35年來的工作成果得到社會各界及政府機構的肯定和支持。

科學競賽活動

「科創中心」舉辦的「香港青少年科技創新大賽（08-09）（第十一屆）」，吸引了全港261間中小學的學生參加，參賽作品達5,364件。無論從參賽學校數目、參賽人數，抑或是作品數目、類別及水平來看，是項比賽都堪稱全港最具規模的青少年科學競賽。

去年5月，香港代表隊在「科創中心」總監黃金耀博士的帶領下，遠赴美國內華達州離諾參加「第60屆英特爾國際科學與工程大獎賽」。參賽同學與世界各地頂尖的科研人才交流分享，擴闊科研眼界。

去年7月，「科創中心」帶領香港代表隊遠赴有「泉城」美譽的山東省濟南市競逐「第24屆全國青少年科技創新大賽」的獎項。賽事還邀請了美國、法國、韓國等14個國家的48名國際代表參展。香港隊在賽事中勇奪8項一等獎、7項二等獎、25項三等獎；3項專項獎；5項省級以下優秀組織獎，瑪利諾神父教會學校的陶婉雯老師更榮獲「全國十佳優秀科技老師」獎；港隊合共奪得49項獎項，成績驕人，為港爭光。

The year of 2009 witnessed fruitful achievements for the Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association (the Association). We celebrated its 35th anniversary, which was encouraging for both the staff and members. On 17 October 2009, we held a grant ceremony and dinner party for the anniversary to share our happiness with the public, with nearly 500 guests attending the event. Mr. Peng Qinghua, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR, Mr. Henry Tang Ying-yen, GBM, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration of Hong Kong as well as Mrs. Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai, GBM, GBS, CBE, JP, the Hong Kong Deputy to the National People's Congress of the PRC, were invited as guests of honour to the ceremony.

Officials from our partners in mainland China and Macau also participated in the event, including leaders from the Office for Hong Kong, Macao & Taiwan Affairs under the Ministry of Education, Tsinghua University, Tsinghua University Alumni Association, Beijing Language and Culture University, Southeast University, Shaoguan University, Office for Hong Kong and Macau Compatriots in Guangdong Province and Macau General Association of Chinese Students.

Mr. Henry Tang Ying-yen, when addressing the ceremony, hoped the Association could make persistent efforts to cultivate more diversified talents for the long-term development in Hong Kong. Tang also expected us to assist the government in developing the West Kowloon Cultural District and promoting the cultural and creative industries. The achievement from the past 35 years has gained approval and support from the community and the government.

Science Contests

The 11th Hong Kong Youth Science and Technology Invention Competition 08-09, held by the Science Innovation Centre, attracted 5364 pieces of works from 261 local primary schools, the largest of its kind in Hong Kong.

In May last year, Dr. Jimmy Wong Kam-yiu, Centre Director of the Science Innovation Centre, led a delegation to attend the 60th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, Nevada of the US. Participating students were given the opportunity to share the experience with top scientific research talents across the world, which widened their horizons.

Last July, the Science Innovation Centre led the Hong Kong delegation to participate in the 24th China Adolescents Science Technology Invention Contest in Jinan, Shandong province. 48 international delegates from 14 countries attended the contest, including France, the US and Korea. The Hong Kong team won 49 prizes in total during the contest, including eight firstplace awards, seven second place awards, 25 third place awards, three special awards as well as five outstanding school awards. Miss To Yuen Man of Marynoll Fathers School was awarded one of the National Top Ten Science & Technology Teachers.

Last August, the Science Innovation Centre also led a delegation to participate in the 9th China Youth Robotics Competition in Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai province. Participants won two gold medals, two bronze medals and one special award during the contest. Leung Kim-hung, a teacher from Gertrude Simon Lutheran College, was awarded the National Top Ten Robotics Instructor Award.

「科創中心」在去年8月組織香港代表隊遠赴青海省西寧市，參與「第9屆中國青少年機器人競賽」，奪得2金2銀11銅及1項專項獎的佳績。路德會西門英才中學梁劍雄老師更勇奪「全國十優機器人指導員」的殊榮。

去年9月，我們於香港科學館演講廳舉行了「第24屆全國青少年科技創新大賽」暨「第9屆中國青少年機器人競賽」香港區頒獎典禮，讓參賽的學校校長、老師、家長和社會各界一起分享參加全國賽事獲獎老師及同學的喜悅及參賽經驗。

迦密柏雨中學的朱凱鳴同學在「科創中心」的帶領下，於去年11月赴京參加有中國青少年「諾貝爾獎」之稱的「明天小小科學家」獎勵活動，榮獲「明天小小科學家」的稱號，更奪得全國第一名，成績令人鼓舞！

2009年，我們帶領了香港代表隊參加「台灣國際科學展覽會2009」，林俊禧同學及盧俊偉同學的作品分別奪得環境科學二等獎及工程學二等獎的佳績；邀請了廣東省、中華台北和美國的代表隊參加第42屆聯校科展；舉辦「香港青少年科技創新大賽（08-09）優秀作品展」；出版《香港青少年科技創新大賽（08-09）優秀作品特刊》；與香港特區政府創新科技署及數碼港聯合舉辦「香港青少年3D動畫創作比賽」，吸引了123間中小學逾500位同學參賽。「科創中心」總監黃金耀博士更代表香港赴新加坡出席第一屆「國際科學青年論壇」，與來自世界各地的教育工作者分享香港如何推動科學教育的經驗，提升了香港在培育科學人才方面的國際聲譽。

科普講座及工作坊

去年，我們與香港中央圖書館第八度合作舉辦科普講座，合辦了三場以「宇宙探秘」為主題的講座。其他科普講座的講題包括天文現象、生態環境、創新科技，身體系統、運動科學和電玩製作等。此外，我們舉辦了50多場學生、老師和親子的科學創意工作坊。我們還參與了籌辦「創新科技節」之「創新科技嘉年華」，舉辦了多場「創意科技工作坊」及「與星之子對話」講座，深受歡迎。

培育科學創意人才

去年，「科創中心」繼續舉辦第三屆「未來發明家培育計劃」，透過舉辦24節不同內容的工作坊、講座及活動，提升30名來自不同小學的學員的創意思維和發明技巧。與此同時，第三屆「良師啟導計劃—未來科學家培育計劃」亦正式展開，16名導師（專家、學者）與48名中學生展開了為期一年的師徒關係。透過導師的指導及科研經驗的分享，學員的科研素質得到了提升，這批具潛質的未來科學家亦茁壯地成長。



The Science Innovation Centre held the awarding ceremony for the winners of the 24th China Adolescents Science Technology Invention Contest and the 9th China Youth Robotics Competition in Hong Kong Science Museum last September, providing a platform for the winning teachers and students to share their happiness and experience with school heads, teachers, parents and people from all walks of the society.

Chu Hoi-ming, a student from Carmel Pak U Secondary School, led by the Science Innovation Centre, participated in the 'Little Scientists of Tomorrow' Reward Scheme at China Science and Technology Museum in Beijing in November 2009. Chu won the title of 'Little Scientist of Tomorrow' as well as the first prize in the dubbed Nobel Prize for Chinese Youths.

In 2009, we led the Hong Kong delegation to attend the 2009 Taiwan International Science Fair. Two students, Lam Chun-hei and Lo Chun-wai, won two second prizes in the engineering and environmental science categories respectively. We invited delegations from Guangdong province, Chinese Taipei and the US to participate in the 42nd Hong Kong Joint School Science Exhibition. A special issue was published to showcase the outstanding works from the Hong Kong Youth Science and Technology Invention Competition 08-09. We also held the Hong Kong Youth 3D Animation Competition 2009 jointly with the Innovation and Technology Commission of Hong Kong and the Cyberport, attracting 500 students from 123 primary and secondary schools. Dr. Jimmy Wong attended the 1st International Science Youth Forum in Singapore on behalf of Hong Kong. During the event, Dr. Wong shared his experience on how to promote science education in Hong Kong, which lifted the city's international reputation in cultivating science talents.

Popular Science Lecture Series & Workshops

Last year, we continued to hold three lecture series titled 'Discover the Space' jointly with the Hong Kong Central Library. Other popular science lecture series covered astronomical phenomena, ecological environment, innovative technology, body system, sports science and PC game production.

We launched more than fifty workshops on science and creativity for teachers, students and their parents. The Science Innovation Centre also participated in the InnoCarnival during the Innovation Festival, providing workshops on creativity and science as well as lectures titled 'Dialogue with Sons of Star'.

Nurturing Talents on Science and Creativity

Last year, the Science Innovation Centre held the 3rd 'Inventors of Tomorrow' Training Programme. The event, via 24 different workshops, cemented the creative thinking and invention skills of 30 primary school students. Meanwhile, 48 secondary school students participated in the 3rd Mentor Scheme for Scientifically Gifted Students last year. 16 experts and scholars worked as mentors for one year and shared their experience on scientific research with the participants. The programme improved students' capability on scientific research, paving the way for the growth of these potential future scientists.

We also held three Science and Creativity Camps for the Support Measures for the Exceptionally Gifted Students. The programme, through a series of workshops and competitions on creative inventions, inspired participants' creative thinking and helped them realize their potential.

Committee members from the sub-organizations, including HK Science & Creativity Society and Hong Kong Science

我們為「特別資優學生培育支援計劃」舉辦了三期「科學創意資優營」，透過一系列的工作坊和創意發明小競賽，啟發參加活動的中小學生的創新思維，幫助他們發揮創意潛能。

屬會「香港科學創意學會」及「香港科學英才會」的理事/幹事亦積極協助本會推廣科普創意。「科創中心」總監黃金耀博士及「香港科學創意學會」理事應無線電視(TVB)邀請，擔任「Da Da De De 識多D」、「創新戰隊」、「放學 ICU」、「問問 Master Joe」等兒童節目的嘉賓，黃博士更擔任人氣節目「係咪小兒科」的顧問，梁添老師則肩負「問問 Master Joe」幕後審稿工作。「香港科學英才會」的星之子—陳易希、陳嘉鍵，明天小小科學家—禰彥勳等積極出席分享活動，與大眾分享科研和創作心得。

教師支援

為更有效地實踐培育人才的目標，提升教師的專業素質便成為本會的服務宗旨之一。為此我們致力為教師提供各種支援服務。

去年6月，我們與國民教育服務中心合辦兩場「創意及通識教育專題講座」，邀得台灣著名創意大師陳龍安教授親臨主講。

我們獲「香港各界慶祝回歸委員會慈善信託基金」撥款，贊助為期三年的「香港教師國情培訓及考察計劃」，為前線中小學、幼稚園教師及準教師提供國民教育/通識教育的支援。我們舉辦了兩次「全港教師國情研討會」及「清華大學(香港教師)國情培訓計劃(第一期)」，參加「清華大學國情培訓計劃(第一期)」的全體教師，更在人民大會堂獲全國人大常委會喬曉陽副秘書長和何擘暉副秘書長接見，並聆聽了喬副秘書長所作的專題報告。計劃為教師們提供了互相學習和交流的機會，效果令人滿意。

國民教育及通識教育

為配合新高中通識教育課程，加深老師和學生對「現代中國」單元的認知，去年本會舉辦了一系列的國民教育及通識教育活動，包括：「清華大學明日領袖國情培訓計劃2009」、「寧港青年領袖交流考察團2009」以及「香港青年才俊南京考察團2009」。活動透過一系列頂尖教授主講的國情講座，極具特色的參觀拜訪，300名參加者能夠從不同的角度認識祖國，增強國民身份認同，豐富個人成長。

去年，在香港特區政府教育局的資助下，我們與國民教育服務中心合辦了「清華大學明日領袖國情培訓計劃2009」、「貴州民族文化考察團2009」和五期「通識教育大課堂2009—珠三角考察體驗團」，逾600名師生從中受惠。活動深受歡迎，口碑載道。

Talent Society, also took the initiative to assist our Association in promoting popular science and creativity. Dr. Jimmy Wong and the Director of the HK Science & Creativity Society were invited as guests to several children's programmes presented by TVB. Dr. Wong worked as the advisor for the popular show 'Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?', while Mr. Leung Tim reviewed the materials for the programme 'Ask Master Joe'.

Members from Hong Kong Science Talent Society, Chan Yik-hei and Chan Ka-kin, the dubbed 'sons of the star', as well as the Little Scientist of Tomorrow Huen Yin-fan shared their experience on scientific research during a series of seminars held by the Association.

Teacher Support

We are committed to providing various supports for teachers to cultivate more talents and improve their professional competence.

Last June, we launched two lectures on creativity and liberal education jointly with the National Education Services Centre. Prof. Chen Lung-an, expert on creativity from Taiwan, was invited to deliver the lectures. Sponsored by the Association for Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China Charitable Trust, we have embarked the three-year National Education Training Programme for Teachers in Hong Kong.

The Association held two seminars on national education and the first session of Tsinghua University National Education Programme. All the teachers that participated in were received by Mr. Qiao Xiao-yang and Ms. He Ye-hui, Deputy Secretary-General of the National People's Committee, and listened to report given by Mr. Qiao in Great Hall of the People.

National Education and Liberal Studies Education

We held a series of activities on national education and liberal studies education last year, trying to get teachers and students to know more about the modern China. These activities included Tsinghua University 'Leaders of Future' Training Programme 2009, Nanjing-Hong Kong Youth Leader Study Tour 2009 as well as Hong Kong Youth Study Tour to Nanjing 2009. The activity, via lectures on national situation by top professors, enabled participants to know more about the motherland from different perspectives and enhanced their national identities.

The two sides, sponsored by the Education Bureau of Hong Kong SAR, jointly held the Tsinghua University 'Leaders of Future' Training Programme 2009, the 2009 Guizhou Study Tour on Ethnic Culture and the liberal Studies Education Classroom 2009 - Study Tour to the Pearl River Delta. More than 600 teachers and students participated in these activities,

We also embarked the 'New Generation National Education Series', sponsored by the Commission on Youth of Hong Kong. Nine symposiums on national situation and seven study tours to mainland China were launched, with nearly 2000 students attending these activities.

60 students participated in the Civic Ambassadors Training and Promotion Programme last year, which deepened their social responsibility and cemented the sense of belonging to the country. With 'live a meaningful life, contribute to our motherland' as its theme, the programme covered a wide range of activities, including training camps, visits to the Basic Law Library, mock Legislative Council (LegCo) Debate, lectures and sharing sessions, among others. The programme was jointly organized by the Association and HK New Generation Friends, with the sponsorship from Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for eight

值得一提的是，我們得到青年事務委員會的撥款資助，舉辦以「傳情家國」為主題的「新一代國民教育系列活動計劃」，計劃於2009年至2010年舉辦9次不同主題的國情研討會及7次赴內地交流考察活動，預計將近2,000名青年受惠於此計劃。

我們與屬會「香港新代之友」合辦的通識教育品牌活動－「新一代公民大使培育及推廣計劃」連續第八年獲公民教育委員會的撥款資助，每年有60名優秀高中學生參與是次計劃。計劃以「活出積極人生，貢獻我的祖國」為主題，透過訓練營、模擬立法會辯論、參觀基本法圖書館、互動講座、成果分享暨嘉許典禮及展板巡迴展出等，提升參加者的國家民族意識及社會責任感，擴闊其知識領域及個人視野。在模擬立法會辯論中，立法會主席曾鈺成太平紳士為活動擔任主持，參加者在立法會議事廳就「強制驗毒立法」進行辯論，讓參加者親身體驗立法過程，並強化他們的社會意識。

領袖培訓

去年4月，我們和屬會「香港新動力」與中山大學政治及公共事務管理學院合辦「中山大學青年政治人才培訓班2009」，讓香港大專生及在職青年赴廣州中山大學，參加為期4天的培訓，加深了他們對政治的了解和認識。此外，我們亦聯同屬會舉辦了「新一代領袖導航計劃08-09」，透過「名人導航會」及「成果分享會」等環節，令mentor與mentee共同成長，建立積極的人生觀，擴闊眼界，增進友誼。另外，本會亦與屬會合辦了三場「時事 Hot Talk」，討論香港社會熱點議題，為青年人提供一個抒發政見的平台。

調查研究

本會屬會「香港新動力」就香港的經濟、民生、生活環境、人才培育及政府管治等方面作出深入的研究及分析，起草了《模擬二零零九至一零年施政報告》，在特首公布零九至一零年度《施政報告》前夕，召開記者招待會，發表《報告》，並獲多份報章刊登《報告》中的建議。多個政府政策局及特首辦亦對此給予肯定及讚賞。去年12月，本會總幹事率領代表團赴台灣考察和調研，獲多位政要及知名人士接見，包括國民黨榮譽主席連戰博士、吳伯雄博士、親民黨主席宋楚瑜博士、海基會董事長江炳坤博士、台中市市長胡志強博士，收穫甚豐。

屬會工作

為了凝聚「清華大學明日領袖國情培訓計劃」逾千名學員，讓他們延續清華大學的所學所得和聯繫友誼，本會第六個屬會－「香港明日領袖清華課程校友會」於去年誕生了。「校友會」將發揚清華大學「自強不息、厚德載物」的精神，為香港及祖國的發展作出貢獻。

在屬會管理委員會帶領下，各屬會的會務均有新發展，令人可喜！「新一代新春團拜2009」、「新代之友歷屆莊聚」讓新一代的各方好友、歷屆屬會理事歡聚一堂，各屬會的表演節目精彩絕倫，場面非常熱鬧。

「香港新代之友」和「香港大專學壇」合辦了「盛夏大食聯歡會」，凝聚近年參加本會活動並有意擔任來屆屬會幹事的朋友，為他們提供一個了解協會及屬會會務運作的機會。「香港大專學壇」於8月舉辦「電

straight years. During the mock Legislative Council Debate, which was chaired by Jasper Tsang Yok-sing, JP, President of the LegCo, participants debated the legislation of mandatory drug testing in Hong Kong. The exercise provided opportunities for students to experience the legislative process and strengthened their social awareness.

Leadership Training

Last April, we organized the Sun Yat-sen University Young Political Talents Training Programme 2009 jointly with Hong Kong New Pulse and the School of Government, Sun Yat-sen University. University students and working youths from Hong Kong enhanced their knowledge and understanding of politics during the four-day training programme in Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou. We also held the New Generation Leaders Mentor Programme 08-09 with our sub-organizations. During the programme, successful young professionals, namely mentors, shared their experience and stories with mentees, cultivating young people's positive outlook of life and broadening their horizons.

Three Current Events Hot Talk series were launched last year as well, providing a platform for the young to express their views on hot issues in Hong Kong.

Research

HK New Pulse, one of our sub-organizations, drafted a mock Policy Address of Hong Kong, covering researches and analyses on economy, livelihood, environment, education and political governance in the city. A press conference was held to release the mock address. Several local newspapers published the suggestions in the mock policy address. Many senior officials from the government also affirmed and appreciated the practice. In December, The delegation led by executive director of our association went to Taiwan for study and research, and was received by many dignitaries and celebrities including Dr. Lien Chan and Dr. Wu Pehsiung, honorary chairman of the Kuomintang, Dr. James Soong Chu-yu, chairman of the People First Party, Dr. Chiang Pin-kung, chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation as well as Dr. Jason C. Hu, mayor of Taichung City.

Activities of Sub-organizations

Tsinghua Alumni Association of Hong Kong Future Leaders made its debut last year. The Alumni strives to cement the self-improvement of the members who are committed to contributing their bits of efforts to the development of Hong Kong and the motherland. Each of our sub-organizations organized a wide variety of activities last year, with the support from the Administrative Committee of Sub-organizations. Friends and former committee members got together during the Reunion of HK New Generation Friends. Participants enjoyed fabulous programmes during the gathering and had a memorable time.





影欣賞會」，讓參加者就電影內容及相關的國情知識相互討論，引發多角度思考。「香港新動力」定期舉辦「困獸鬥」活動，成為青年朋友點評時事、以筆論政的平台，不少優秀文章獲報章刊登。「香港科學創意學會」去年應澳門教育暨青年局及澳門工程師學會邀請出席「科技創新大賽創新及輔導經驗說明會」，促進港澳兩地科普創意的交流。此外，有三位理事老師更榮獲「行政長官卓越教學獎」。「香港科學英才會」幹事除擔任「香港青少年科技創新大賽」的評審及遴選工作之外，還出席與第一代美國太空人巴茲·艾德靈及美國太空總署航天工程師占姆·列根先生的真情對話活動，擴闊科研視野。每年一度的「新一代屬會交職典禮」於10月17日成功舉辦，實現了各屬會新舊幹事的成功交接。

參與本會活動的青少年及老師正不斷增加，受益人數已逾70萬人次。我們精益求精，鍥而不捨的態度，深得社會各界的認同與支持，使會務再創高峰。在此，我衷心感謝所有默默奉獻。全心全意為人才培育及教師支援工作貢獻的同工、會董、顧問、榮譽科學顧問、科學顧問、科創中心管理委員會委員、屬會管理委員會委員、屬會理事／幹事和義工們。在資源緊缺的情況下，您們對會務工作的付出和支持，是本會發展最強大的後盾。我亦要衷心感謝一如既往支持我們的學校、機構、政府部門及社會各界人士，尤其要感謝眾多為本會提供贊助的機構和人士，包括香港特區政府教育局、利銘澤黃瑤璧慈善基金、香港各界慶祝回歸委員會慈善信託基金、香港賽馬會慈善信託基金、青年事務委員會、公民教育委員會、灣仔區議會、雅集出版社有限公司、英特爾(INTEL)有限公司等。

展望2010年，香港的路途縱有波瀾，卻仍然一片光明。政治方面，「公投」風波相信不能逆轉主流民意對政改諮詢的支持，政制將按「循序漸進、均衡參與」的原則往前發展。經濟方面，香港將繼續背靠祖國，與內地優勢互補，高速發展。年青人是香港社會的未來棟樑，前線教師更肩負著培育年青人成長的神聖職責。因此，我們須繼續保持清晰的思維，與時俱進，承接創會三十五載的光輝里程碑，與社會各界攜手合作，以人才培育及老師支援作為工作的重中之重，為社會的可持續發展貢獻力量。祝願香港有更光輝的明天！

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HK New Generation Friends and HK Tertiary Student Forum jointly held a summer party, inviting friends that had attended our various programmes before and those who planned to become committee members of the sub-organizations. The party provided them with a platform to know more about the Association and its sub-organizations. HK Tertiary Student Forum organized a film show in August. Participants discussed the relevant knowledge of national education related to the film from different perspectives. HK New Pulse regularly held 'Trapped Beast' activities, allowing young people to comment on current events. Many excellent articles were published in prints. Invited by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau of Macau and the Macau Bureau of Engineers, HK Science & Creativity Society attended the sharing session of Science and Technology Invention Competition. The activity pushed the exchanges of science and creativity between the two cities. Three committee members were conferred the Executive's Award For Teaching Excellence as well. Committee members from HK Science & Creativity Society also participated in the selection process of Hong Kong Youth Science and Technology Invention Competition. They attended the dialogue sessions with Buzz Aldrin, the first-generation American astronaut, and with James Ragan, aerospace engineer from NASA. The annual Inaugural Ceremony of New Generation Sub-organizations was held on 17 October, during which the functions between the old and new committees were successfully transferred.

An increasing number of youth and teachers have been participating in our activities, reaching 70,000 people in 2009. Our excellence and perseverance have attained support and recognition from the community, which has prompted our performance to a new height. Here I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our colleagues, directors, committee members, advisers, project officers and volunteers who have been dedicated themselves to the talent training and teacher support programmes. Despite the dearth of resources, your contribution to the Association is the backbone of our development. I will also offer my sincere gratitude to the schools, institutions, government departments and people at all levels that have always been backing our growth, especially those that provided subsidies for our activities. Special thanks are given to the Education Bureau of Hong Kong, Drs. Richard Charles and Esther Yewpick Lee Charitable Foundation, Celebration of Reunification of Hong Kong with China Charitable Trust Fund, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Commission on Youth, Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, the Wan Chai District Council, Aristo Educational Press Ltd. and Intel Corporation etc..

Hong Kong embraces a bright future in the year of 2010 despite the vicissitudes lying ahead. The crisis over controversial referendum will not reverse the mainstream public opinions that bolster the consultation on political reform. Hong Kong will continue stepping up the cooperation with mainland China for a rapid economic development. Young people are the future pillars of our society and front-line teachers shoulder the responsibility of nurturing them. Thus we need to keep pace with the time and cooperate with the community. Priority will be given to fostering the young talents and supporting teachers. All members of the Association are striving to contribute to the sustainable development of the society. We wish Hong Kong a more glorious future!

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