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!! News from the New Executive Committee !!

Dear CESHK members,

Sincere greetings from the Executive Committee. We have not been in touch for quite a while. A new Executive Committee has been formed during our last AGM held in summer 1996 at the Hong Kong-America Centre. Readers of this newsletter may refer to the p.8 for the members of the new executive committee and their correspondence details. I would like to take this opportunity to express our wishes that the new Executive Committee would like to make effort to enhance opportunities for cross-institutional support and collaboration among members, enhance dissemination of information on comparative education, and organise academic activities.

In addition, we feel that over time we have not been able to get in touch with many members because of change of position and address. Therefore, we would like to call for a re-registration for all members, so that we can update your information, especially your e-mail addresses.

From now on, we will make full use of e-mail for updating news with you, partly because of efficiency and partly because of environmental protection.

I will therefore be grateful if all readers could complete a membership application/renewal form to be returned to Dr Xiao Jin (see correspondence details at p.8).

Attached are our materials relating to the society and to comparative education activities in and around Hong Kong.

We wish you would enjoy reading this newsletter, and we wish you could help CESHK by sending us comments, suggestions and proposals, so that we can enhance our support and collaboration among colleagues who are interested in comparative education.

Yours sincerely,

Wing-on
President



ABOUT CESHK

The New Executive Committee

You may find the list of the new Executive Committee office-bearers and their correspondence on p.8.

Membership

Members are requested to renew membership for the year 1997. New member applications are most welcome. A membership application/renewal form is attached. We are thinking of making use of the e-mail system to inform members of the latest information about CESHK. If you have an e-mail address, please do put it down in the membership form and send the form to Dr. Xiao Jin, Treasurer of the Executive Committee (see p.8 for correspondence details). *Don't forget to enclose your cheque for membership fee.*

Visit to International Schools

Following our last activities of visiting Shenzhen and Macau, there was a suggestion that CESHK should organise visits to international schools for enhancing different systems of education existing in Hong Kong. We are in the process of making contacts and organising visits of this kind. CESHK members are welcome to make suggestions in this regard. We will appreciate it very much if you could also help with organising the visits.

Suggestions for CESHK Activities

CESHK members are invited to suggest activities to be organised for members. Suggestions can be sent to Ip Kin-yuen, Secretary of the Executive Committee (see p.8 for correspondence details).

Research and Publications

There is another suggestion that CESHK should play a more active role in

coordinating research activities among members. In this regard, Xiao Jin has a personal message for you:

Why Do We Promote Research and Publication ?

Besides teaching, scholars conduct research and report research results through publications. Through these activities, we explore changes in the field of education and contribute to knowledge and skills for education improvement in local and regional areas. In today's world, we face many contemporary concerns as technical innovations in the workplace, local development plan and social-economic changes. Educators and researchers also feel more than ever that teaching and learning, school management and administration, educational finance, youth growth, staff development are critical in achieving quality in education. On the other hand, education is closely related to the competitiveness of human resources for the local development and to the well-being of the society. There are lots that we need to understand and do. Through comparative studies, we reflect on our experiences, synthesize; explore and compare for improvement and development.

Comparative education is growing in Hong Kong and Asia in the last few years. Information about our concerns, our studies and results, our actions are important for educators and researchers dedicated to education improvement. CESHK Newsletters could function as a learning house and promote the exchange of information about our studies and publications. We encourage our CESHK readers to send us an abstract about your current study and continue to send us bibliographic references of recent publications. We will continue to put them on the CESHK Newsletters so that your collegial readers will know where we, as a group dedicated educators, are heading, and can benefit from your contribution to educational knowledge and skills. *(See the section 'Next Newsletter' at the end of this Newsletter.)*

I also have an idea about promoting good publication and would like to know how you like it: Writing for publication is an important means through which we share our experiences with education community locally and internationally and through which we contribute to educational knowledge and skills for education improvement. More scholars are engaged in research and they are also eager to have their study results published. I would like to organize a workshop in this coming year and have some experienced scholars with good publications talk about the publication of research products. I think that this would be a constructive experience for both young and experienced scholars. If you are interested to participate, please send me a message through email or mail. Please tell me what you expect from the workshop. You are welcome to volunteer to make presentations on publication and writing.

Xiao Jin (Honorary Treasurer)

CESHK members are invited to respond to Xiao Jin's proposal, and directly contact her.



CONFERENCES

The 9th World Congress on Comparative Education

The Ninth World Congress on Comparative Education was held at the University of Sydney during 1-6 July 1996. There were over 400 participants from about 50 countries including Hong Kong. As in the last Congress, Hong Kong was amongst the most active regions in representation. We have at least 13 participants whose names appeared in the Congress Programme, and there should be at least another 10 Hong Kong participants who presented in panels and symposium without being publicized. The Congress has a specific panel, entitled "Hong Kong Education", and our Hong Kong participants also contributed to the other major panels, including "Comparative Education Research in Asia", "Civic Education", and "Education and Society in 20th Century China".

Lee Wing On represented CESHK, as President of the Society, in attending meetings of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. There were important decisions made during the meeting, including the election of David Wilson as Chair, and Vandra Masemann as Secretary-General of the Council, and Mark Bray re-appointed as Assistant Secretary-General.

The Tenth World Congress was also resolved to be held at the University of Cape Town, South Africa during 12-17 July 1988. Members who would like to attend the Congress can start planning for it (See attached information sheet).

The 1st Annual Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia

The conference, entitled "Asian Perspectives in Education for the 21st Century", was held in Nishi-Waseda Camps, Waseda University, Tokyo, 10-11 December 1996. It organised a total of 16 sessions, comprising a wide range of topics, including primary and secondary education, higher education, educational reform, minority and gender in education, international exchange in education, values education and comparative study, with a specific plenary session addressing the theme of the conference.

Papers covering Hong Kong included:

- Chang, "A comparison of collectivism of university students in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore"
- C. Choi & S.W. Wu, "Pursuing quality education -- a review of educational reforms for the past fifteen years in Hong Kong"
- S.W. Wu & C. Choi, "A new era of civic education in schools of Hong Kong"
- G.F. Chan & S.K. Yu, "the impact of 1997 on secondary school education in Hong Kong: proposed reforms on Chinese History curriculum and teaching methods"
- S.W. Ng, "Parental participation in school in Hong Kong: communication or decision making?"

Not every paper on Hong Kong was presented by Hong Kong colleagues, and likewise, among the 10 Hong Kong colleagues who presented papers, there were papers covering other areas, e.g.

- Yang Rui, "College student funding: new approaches and new issues in China"
- Mark Bray, "Recognising the burden on households: family and community financing of education in East Asia"
- Nguyen Thi Tuyet Mai & Suzanne Hosley, "International exchanges helping to evolve a business school at the NEU"

Chinese Education towards the 21st Century

The conference is the fifth in a series of Chinese Education Conference. In 1995, the conference series was held in Shanghai with significant worldwide attendance. This year, the conference is going to be held in Hong Kong during 13-19 August 1997. As the conference is to be held at a historical time of Hong Kong, the conference has a special focus on Hong Kong. Among a list of themes, the first theme of the conference is: "Hong Kong Education in a Period of Rapid and Radical Change."

Since the first call for papers, we have received about 175 proposals. The CESHK Executive Committee has decided to participate in the organisation of this conference, and would like to urge CESHK members to participate in this conference as well.

Since this conference is one or perhaps the first one that discusses Hong Kong education as a part of education in China, we strongly encourage CESHK members to attend the Conference.

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SEMINARS

Visiting Scholars to Hong Kong

A number of distinguished scholars in the field will visit Hong Kong for different lengths of time in the academic year 1996-97. CESHK is planning to invite them to speak in 'Comparative Education Seminars Series.' The scholars include Philip Altbach, Max Eckstein, and Wolfgang Mitter, who will be here some time during the first term; Edward Beauchamp, Ken Nobuo Shimahara during the second term; and David Angus and Robert Leestamper, who are staying for the year 1996/97.

Colleagues are invited to share ideas on how to better organize the seminars.

'Higher Education: East and West':

Seminars co-organised with the Hong Kong-America Centre

CESHK is actively organising/co-organising seminars on comparative education. With the help of Dr Gerard A. Postiglione, we have co-organised a seminar series with the Hong Kong-America Centre:

- Dr Gerard Postiglione, HKU: 'Entering a Period of Profound Change' (Oct 23, 1996)
- Prof David Zweig, HKUST: 'Brain Drain to America' (Nov 15, 1996)
- Prof Philip Altbach, Boston College: 'The Academic Profession in America' (Nov 22, 1996)
- Prof Barry Sautman, HKUST: 'Affirmative Action in China's Higher Education' (Dec 4, 1996)
- UGC members: 'UGC Higher Education Report: Reactions' (Jan 13, 1997, Monday, 5:30-7:30pm, Rm 204, Wing Lung Bank Building, HKBU) [In collaboration with the UGC Secretariat and HKBU, with about 100 attendants]
- Prof Nobuo Shimahara, Rutgers University: 'The Restructuring of Japanese Secondary and Higher Education' (Feb 22, 1997, Saturday, 10:30am to noon, Rm 403, Runme Shaw Bldg, HKU), with the courtesy of the Department of Education, HKU.
- Prof David Angus, University of Michigan and Lingnan Fellow, CUHK: 'Academic Standards: Historical Perspectives on the Higher Education/Secondary Education Interface' (March 6, 1997, Thursday, 2:00-4:00pm, Rm 403, Runme Shaw Building, HKU)

Forthcoming ones will include:

- Prof Robert Leestamper, Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Hong Kong-America Centre and Prof. William Massy and Nigel French of the University Grants Committee: 'Financing of Higher Education: A Comparative Perspective, USA and HK' (April 14, 1997, 5:00pm, Rm 207, Run Run Shaw Building, HKU)
- Prof Leslie Lo, CUHK: 'Intellectuals and Higher Education in China' (May 8, 1997, Thursday, 2:00-3:30pm, 6/F, Tin Ka Ping Building, CUHK)
- Prof Cheng Kai-ming, HKU and Harvard University: 'Higher Education in Hong Kong at the Reunion with China' (May 28, 1997, Wednesday, 2:00-3:30pm, Hong Kong-America Centre, CUHK)

All are welcome!

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or

Dr Gerard Postiglione, CESHK (see p.8 for correspondence details)

Seminars co-organised with the CERC, HKU

CESHK has co-organised with the Comparative Education Research Centre, University of Hong Kong a seminar series presented by Prof. Max Eckstein of Teachers College, Columbia University, one by Prof. Anthony Welch of University of Sydney, and another one by Dr. Zhao Zhongjian of East China Normal University:

Max Eckstein's seminar series:

- "The history of comparative education: reflections of a methodologist", 7 November 1996
- "Education in the USA: the view of a comparativist", 9 November 1996
- "Examination systems in comparative perspective", 9 November 1996

Anthony Welch's seminar:

- "Strategies for internationalising higher education - an institutional response", 28 November 1996.

Zhao Zhongjian's seminar:

- "Current educational reform: China's transitional economy", 6 December 1996

A Seminar co-organised with CUHK

CESHK has also co-organised a seminar with the Faculty of Education and the Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research, Chinese University of Hong Kong another seminar presented by Prof. Max Eckstein:

- "An international comparison of policies and practices in secondary school examinations", 15 November 1996

CESHK welcomes proposals for co-organising seminars, especially with different institutions. After we have compiled an e-mail mailing list, we will inform CESHK members forthcoming seminars as soon as possible.



THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

Many members would like to know more about the works of other CESHK members.

We plan to introduce research activities and outputs of our members in our future newsletters. If you would like to let other members know of your recent research activities and outputs, please write a brief paragraph of no more than 100 words, and your publications, to be sent to Ip Kin-yuen.

A HAPPY YEAR OF OX!



Best Wishes from *CESSAK* Executive Committee

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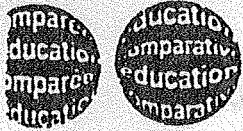
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