

14 October 2009

Dear Principal / English Panels / Teachers,

Invitation to the Language Seminar 2009
‘Moving Forward to Best Practices’

You are cordially invited to the above event organized by the Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education & Services (HKCECES). The seminar will be held on 5 December 2009 (Saturday, 1:15pm – 5:25 pm) at Tsz Wan Shan Catholic Primary School.

The aim of the Language Seminar 2009 is to share the effective teaching strategies of the Integrated English Language Programme (IELP) and the ‘Learning to Learn’ English Language Programme (LLELP) and other best teaching practices with English teachers.

There will be two lots of concurrent sessions and one on-stage lesson demonstration. The first lot of concurrent sessions comprises lesson demonstrations of Pre-primary, Upper and Lower Primary teaching strategies: the Shared Book Approach, Learning Centres, Retelling, Guided Reading - Modified and Writing Process. We are greatly honoured to have the university teachers, Dr Daniel So (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Ms Jennie Chan (Hong Kong Institute of Education), Ms Nicholson Suzi (The University of Hong Kong) and Ms Margaret Lo (The University of Hong Kong) participate at the seminar. They will deliver talks/ workshops about topics on aspects of English language teaching in the second lot of concurrent sessions which would provide teachers with different insights on teaching English. This will be followed by an on-stage lesson demonstration of the Upper Primary teaching strategy of KWL. The above academics will comment on the lesson demonstration and share their experience at a panel discussion. There will also be a display of IELP and LLELP children’s work and teaching aids at the venue. More details of the seminar programme are in **Annex I**.

The charge of HK\$45 per participant to cover the cost of handouts and refreshments has been reduced to HK\$20, made possible by subsidies from the Victor and William Fung Foundation Limited (馮經綸慈善基金有限公司) and UBS (瑞士銀行). If you are interested in attending the seminar, please post the completed form, together with a crossed cheque with the appropriate seminar charge, made payable to ‘Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education and Services Ltd.’ to ‘Working Team of the English Language Programmes, Unit 1-2, 20/F, Remington Centre, 23 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon on or before **2 November 2009**.

Owing to limited space, applications will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. All payments are non-refundable, except when applications are **NOT** accepted due to over enrollment or if the seminar is cancelled.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact Mr. Keith Lau at 2362 7109 or Mr. K. L. Yam at 2362 7175.

Yours sincerely,



Cynthia Ng
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Acknowledgments:



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Venue:



Tsz Wan Shan Catholic
Primary School

Annex I

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Date: 5 December 2009 (Saturday) **Time:** 1:15pm – 5:25pm
Venue: Tsz Wan Shan Catholic Primary School, **Target:** Pre-primary and Primary School
 172 Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin, **Audience:** Principals & English Teachers
 Kowloon.

Programme Rundown

1:15pm – 1:30pm Registration
 1:30pm – 2:30pm Concurrent Sessions 1
 • Preschool Lesson Demonstration on Shared Book Approach and Follow-up Activities
 • IELP Lesson Demonstration on Learning Centres/ Writing Process (Lower Primary)
 • IELP Lesson Demonstration on Writing Process (Lower Primary)
 • LLELP Lesson Demonstration on Retelling/ Guided Reading- Modified (Upper Primary)
 2:45pm – 3:15pm Concurrent Sessions 2
 Talks/ Workshops on aspects of English Language Teaching
 3:15pm – 3:30pm Break
 3:30pm – 3:40pm Welcoming Remarks by Ms. Sansan Ching, Director of CECES
 3:40pm – 3:45pm Presentation of Souvenirs
 3:45pm – 3:55pm Video Presentation
 3:55pm – 4:25pm On-stage Lesson Demonstration – KWL
 4:25pm – 5:10pm Panel Discussion
 5:10pm – 5:25pm Question and Answer

Please fill in the form in **BLOCK** letters and post / fax the completed form to ‘**Working Team of the English Language Programmes**’ Unit 1-2, 20/F, Remington Centre, 23 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon or at 2362-7011 on or before **2 November 2009**. Owing to limited seating capacity, applications will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis.

Particulars of Participant (please make additional copy if necessary)

Name of Participant: _____

School Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Cheque No. : _____ (if applicable) Amount: _____

Please write to the team if an official receipt is needed.

Please show your preferences for each concurrent session you would like to attend by writing the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes provided. (‘1’ indicates the most preferred session).

*The team will make the final decision on allocation based on availability.

Concurrent Sessions 1		Concurrent Sessions 2	
	Preschool Lesson Demonstration: Shared Book Approach and Follow-up Activities		Talk / Workshop facilitated by Dr Daniel So, Professor, Department of Chinese & Bilingual Studies, Faculty of Humanities, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
	IELP Lesson Demonstration: Learning Centres/ Writing Process		Talk / Workshop facilitated by Ms Jennie Chan, Lecturer, Department of English, Hong Kong Institute of Education.
	IELP Lesson Demonstration: Writing Process		Workshop on “ Learning Grammar Through Texts ” by Ms Nicholson Suzi, Teaching Consultant, Division of English Language Education, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong.
	LLELP Lesson Demonstration: Retelling / Guided Reading- Modified		Talk on “ Exploring Multimodality in Children's Texts ” by Ms Margaret Lo, Teaching Consultant, Division of English Language Education, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong.