



MEDIA INVITATION

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'We Need Choices' Education Conference 2014 (Oct 11 & 12)

The First Parent-initiated Conference Promoting Rethinking and Choice in HK Education

With the support of the Faculty of Education at the University of Hong Kong, EDiversity Ltd., a newly founded charity, presents the first parent-initiated education conference in Hong Kong. More than 20 prominent speakers from overseas and locally will debunk educational myths and introduce alternative education models. A large range of educational topics, revolving around the need to cater to students' individual needs and interests, and choice in education, will be explored.

Topics include: Why is parenting in the first 3 years of life critical? Why do Finnish students excel academically with little homework, drilling and exams? Why can learning too much too early be counter-productive? What are democratic schools and homeschooling and how are they developing locally and throughout the world? Why is the traditional way of using textbooks to teach English ineffective? And what should schools in the 21st century be like?

We shall showcase three local alternate education models each for preschool, primary, and secondary levels. During the 2-day conference, there will also be workshops and an other-than-mainstream education exhibition including 20+ exhibitors. Attached please find our 2-day programme.

Date: Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12; 0930-1730 each day

Conference venue: Meng Wah Complex T2, HKU

Media arrangement: All media please register for a media pass at the reception outside T2

1. Plenary sessions: As T2 will be too crowded for filming, media seating will be available in lecture theatre T4 which shows live feed of the plenary sessions in T2. Please consult with media reception outside T2 for any filming and interviewing enquiries. The organizer may provide pictures and videos of the conference. Media please prepare a hard drive to copy.
2. Workshops: All workshops are open for filming. Please be considerate and avoid affecting the participants.

For details about the "We Need Choices" Conference speakers and about EDiversity, please visit:

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(6 pages in total, attachments: A foreword for the conference from Professor Cheng Kai Ming of HKU Faculty of Education, Conference programme & supporters information)



The world has changed, so should education!

Professor Cheng Kai Ming, Chair Professor, Faculty of Education, HKU

Society has changed. Mass production has given way to “less of more” (less quantity, more variety). Pyramidal structures of large corporations have been replaced by numerous small work units. Frontline workers are no longer simple operatives. They have to face customers, make decisions, design with creativity, take risks... They are knowledge workers who have to use their brains. Is our education today nurturing a generation like this?

Society has changed, so has the life of individuals. People experience frequent change of jobs and occupations, and encounter unwanted unemployment or job-waiting. Job security is increasingly weakened. Work aside, our next generation will experience a very different family, cultural, political, religious, leisure and elderly life. Is our education preparing our next generation for these non-economic aspects of life?

Our mission now is to move away from the excessive economic discourse, obsolete concepts of schooling, and excessive formal instruction. Back to basics, we should bring ‘learning’ back to education and restore student learning as the core of education. We do know, however, it is a long journey ahead.

EDiversity is a parent organization. ‘We Need Choices’ is organized by parents. It is a conference introducing alternative education. This is an innovation and an unusual start. Don’t ever think Hong Kong parents are all ‘tiger mums’, many are longing and searching for an education that is different. Parents should have their contributions in education in order to face the new era.

We deeply believe that student learning can take place in many alternative forms. When parents, teachers and the government work together in concert, widen the vision on education, give students more space that allow them to have many more learning experiences, Hong Kong children will certainly enjoy a future that is healthier, happier, and more fulfilling.



「教育有選擇」論壇程序表

第一天
10月11日
First Day
October 11th

0830-0925	登記 Registration		
0930-0945	開幕致辭：港大教育學院院長顏哲思教授 Opening Address: Prof. Stephen Andrews, Dean, Faculty of Education, HKU		
0945-1015	教育是甚麼? What is education?	程介明教授 Professor Cheng Kai Ming	
1015-1115	家長是教育家嗎? Parents are Educators?	余元愷教授 Professor Albert Yee	
1115-1145	小休 Break		
1145-1300	一些非傳統的教育選擇 A Few Non-Traditional Education Choices in HK		
3個工作坊 (任擇其一) 3 parallel workshops (Please select one)	學前 Pre-school 蒙特梭利：劉詠思女士 Montessori: Ms. Daisy Lau	小學 Primary 自然學校：李靄儀校長 Gaia School: Ms. Lee Oi Yee	中學 Secondary 飄流教室：吳焯軒先生 Floating Classroom: Mr. Chris Ng
	華多夫：Ms. Julie Lam Waldorf:	禮賢學校：陳劉斯嫦校長 Kowloon Rhenish School: Mrs. Emily Chan	兆基創意書院：黃英琦女士 MKCC Lee Shiu Kee School of Creativity: Ms. Ada Wong
	瑞吉歐：王義光先生 Reggio Emilia: Mr. Nicholas Wang	First Code Academy：辛焯琳女士 Ms. Michelle Sun	聖士提反會Gogetters青少年居住訓練計劃：陳卓豪先生 St. Stephen's Society "Gogetters" Residential Training Programme: Mr. Chan Cheuk Ho
1300-1415	午膳 Lunch		
1415-1515	研討會 Panel Discussion	贏在起跑線? Winning on the start line?	
		教育心理學家朱可達博士 Dr. Matthew Chu, Educational Psychologist 臨床心理學家陳嘉詠女士 Ms. Patricia Chan, Clinical Psychologist 香港教育學院心理學系助理教授黃緯立博士 Dr. Simpson Wong, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Psychology, HKIED	
1515-1615	研討會 Panel Discussion	一樣學校百樣人，學校要如何出招? "Integrated" Education?	
		東莞工商總會張煊偉小學校長梁偉基先生 Mr. WK Leung, Principal, Cheong Wong Wai Primary School 陳校長免費補習天地創辦人陳葑先生 Mr. Chan Hung, Founder, Principal Chan Free Tutorial World 香港職業訓練局青年學院院長楊富耀先生 Mr. Vincent Yeung, Principal, HK Vocational Training Council Youth College	
1615-1645	小休 Break		
1645-1745	我們應如何選擇? How Should We Choose?		
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	創不同召集人黃英琦女士 Ms. Ada Wong, MaD Convenor	北京21世紀教育研究院 項目負責人袁芳艷女士 Ms. Yuan Fang Yan 21st Century Education Research Institute (Beijing)	主講：余元愷教授 Speaker: Prof. Albert Yee (U.S.)
	香港教育學院呂大樂教授 Professor Lui Tai Lok	陳校長免費補習天地創辦人 陳葑先生 Mr. Chan Hung Founder, Principal Chan Free Tutorial World	香港自學家庭 聖士提反會Go Kids： 朱儀貞女士及葉Sir的人子流浪學校分享 Ms. Esther Chu St. Stephen's Society's Go Kids & other homeschool families (HK)

第一天完 End of Day 1



“We Need Choices” Education Conference Programme

第二天
10月12日
Second Day
October 12th

0830-0925	登記 Registration																	
0930-1015	我們有何選擇? (一) 芬蘭學堂 What choices have we? (1) The Finnish Lessons	Mr. Niko Lindholm																
1015-1100	我們有何選擇? (二) 為何傳統語言學習法已不合時宜? What choices have we? (2) Textbook vs story book	Dr. Stephen Krashen																
1100-1130	小休 Break																	
1130-1215	我們有何選擇? (三) 在家自學在全球的發展 What choices have we? (3) What is Homeschooling?	Dr. Paula Rothermel																
1215-1300	我們有何選擇? (四) 自主學校在香港可行嗎? What choices have we? (4) Democratic Schooling: Is it possible in HK?	Mr. Michael Sadofsky																
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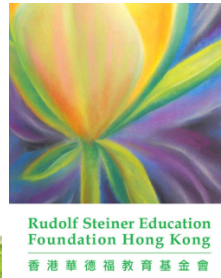
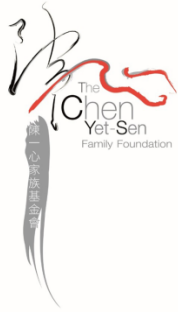
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