ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The ever-changing demands of society compel school leaders to work alongside teachers to guide and improve learning in schools. To understand teachers’ and students’ needs, observing and mentoring teachers is a common practice to strengthen their capacity for advancing school development and student learning. Research shows that effective lesson observations coupled with high-quality feedback can foster a culture of professional growth and leadership among teachers, by offering critical insights, recognising and reinforcing good practice, engaging teachers in learning together, and identifying ways of improving teaching and learning.

In this workshop, we will examine lesson observation practices from both local school and global contexts, become familiar with a 5-step feedback model, and use our new understandings to develop a school-based lesson observation protocol that details criteria and expectations. As we work collaboratively, we will actively and concretely apply key features of a vibrant lesson observation culture that promotes effective feedback in Hong Kong classrooms. This Observation-Feedback-Learning cycle enhances teacher quality, contributes directly to the quality of students’ learning outcomes and experience, and supports the continual advancement of teachers’ professional knowledge and competencies.

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Promail has received multiple awards in her teaching career, notably the University Early Career Teaching Award (2021) by the University of Hong Kong and Faculty Early Career Teaching Award (2021) by the University of Hong Kong. She was also the first awardee of the Singapore Outstanding Educator-in-Residence (OEIR) Programme (2011), and awardee of the Chief Executive’s Award for Teaching Excellence (2006) in Hong Kong. Promail also works closely with different stakeholders in the education field. Apart from serving as Independent Manager of local schools, she was a member of the Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals (COTAP) and the Committee on Certification for Principalship (CCFP).