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## **Press Invitation**

### **Stories Untold: What happened in schools during the Occupy Movement 2014?**

The Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools (HKAHSS) and The Education Policy Unit (EPU) at the University of Hong Kong will jointly release preliminary findings of a study "*Stories untold – What happened in schools during the Occupy Movement 2014?*" led by Emeritus Professor Cheng Kai-ming with research support from Policy 21.

The significant turnout of school students in the 2014 Occupy Movement has caused concerns about the role schools played in the incident. However, what happened in schools are not all known and understood by society at large. Stories from hearsays prevail. Unfounded judgement of Hong Kong's schools and teachers has replaced rigorous study and delineation of the reality in those days. In this context, this study aims to better understand what happened in secondary schools during the occupy movement, how school principals and teachers handled the incident, what impacts the Movement has brought to schools and students, and what lessons are learnt.

The study comprises three components: (a) a survey among all secondary schools completed by school principals, (b) a survey for S5 and S6 class teachers and (c) selected case studies through follow-up interviews based on the survey results. This press conference will report preliminary findings from the first two components based on returned survey from 168 secondary schools, highlighting the responses of educators and students in facing the Occupy Central Movement, measures taken by schools, and respondents' perceived impact of the movement on students.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend the press briefing, with details as follows:

Date: October 22, 2015 (Thursday)

Time: 2:00 to 3:00 pm

Venue: Room 401-402, Meng Wah Complex, Pokfulam Road, The University of Hong Kong

Language: Cantonese and English (for Q&A session only)

#### Speakers:

Mr Yip Hak Kwong, Director, Policy 21

Ms Lee Suet Ying, Chairman of Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools

Mr Michael Wong, Honorary Executive Secretary of Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools

#### Moderator:

Emeritus Professor Cheng Kai-ming, Director of the Education Policy Unit, Faculty of Education, HKU

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