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Press Invitation

“NO PLAY NO GAIN” Kindergarten Social Emotional Learning Project Press Conference

We believe that children’s interactive play activities can lead to many gains for children and families. The “NO PLAY NO GAIN” Kindergarten Social Emotional Learning Project puts a focus on deploying parents as volunteers to partner with teachers in designing and conducting interactive group games for children at their kindergartens. Based on the concept of “play with rules, work with rules” the approach strengthens the collaboration capabilities of children and adults through social interaction. At the press conference, we intend to share the research findings and explain the different concepts of play embodied in the model.

Participating parents and teachers in the project not only increased their knowledge and skills in playing games with children, but were also inspired to search for more information to enhance their play expertise. The project fostered the cooperation among the families and schools, and enhanced the relationship among parents and children. An added advantage of the project is that children with social deficits can be identified at an early stage for remedial intervention.

The project is sponsored by the Quality Education Fund and organized and managed by the Centre for Advancement in Inclusive and Special Education (CAISE) in the Faculty of Education at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Dr Sylvia Liu, an education consultant and the co-investigator of the project, has studied the use of interactive group games to develop children’s social competence since 2003. She and Dr Yuen Man Tak, the principal investigator of the project, will share the research findings in the press conference

Media representatives are cordially invited to cover “NO PLAY NO GAIN” Kindergarten Social Emotional Learning Project Press Conference and details are as follows:

Date: October 21, 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Venue: Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU

Speakers: **Dr YUEN Man Tak**, Director of CAISE

Dr Sylvia Liu, Education consultant, Graduate of HKU Doctor of Education

Programme Rundown:

Time	Activity
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Guest registration
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Welcoming Speech and introduction of the project
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Sharing of research findings and different concepts of play
4:00 pm - 4:20 pm	Sharing with participating kindergartens
4:20 pm - 4:30 pm	Q & A session

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