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## **Press Invitation**

### **Authors of Tomorrow & Reading Battle Award Ceremony 2018-19**

The annual Reading Battle Award Ceremony will be held by the Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) on June 28 (Friday). The theme for this year's Award Ceremony is "Authors of Tomorrow", featuring "Little Authors" from primary schools in Hong Kong.

The event includes a talk on the journey from reading to writing by Dr Samuel Chu, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, HKU, and creator of the award winning e-learning platform –Reading Battle, and Ms Helen Chan, Senior Teacher and Teacher Librarian at Lam Tin Methodist Primary School.

Reading Battle promotes and encourages enjoyable reading experiences for primary school students. The platform has been proven to successfully boost students' reading interests and language abilities, and is currently used by more than 40 local schools. In 2018, Dr Chu's team started its first annual creative writing workshop, helping the top readers in Reading Battle to become writers of their own. Through the workshop, these exceptional students grew from avid readers into creative writers - a group of brilliant "Little Authors". Some of these "Little Authors" will share their writing experience at the ceremony.

The second part of the ceremony is the awards presentation for users of Reading Battle, with awards including the Interschool Top Performers Award (English/Chinese books) and the Most Improved Award (English/Chinese books). Over 250 primary school students, teachers, and parents are expected to attend the ceremony.

Members of the media are welcome to cover the event. Details are as follows:

**Date:** June 28, 2019 (Friday)  
**Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Media registration starts at 1:45 pm)  
**Venue:** LE1, Library Extension Building, HKU ([map](#))  
**Guest sharing:** Dr Samuel Chu, Associate Professor, HKU and Founder of Reading Battle  
Ms Helen Chan, Senior Teacher and Teacher Librarian, Lam Tin Methodist Primary School  
"Little Authors"  
(Local primary school students whose works are well-received by fellow students)  
**Language:** Cantonese

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