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Press Invitation

eCitizen Education 360 - Live from the front: Online and offline learning during and after the pandemic

The prolonged period of fight against COVID-19 and school suspension has posed huge challenges to every member of the education community. The tremendous effort of schools and parents in sustaining learning online has not only overcome limits presented by social distancing, but also inspired a new chapter of educational transformation as schools resume.

A team of researchers from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, based on the initial findings of the "Learning and Assessment for Digital Citizenship" Project, is conducting an action focused post-COVID-19 study "eCitizen Education 360", to find out what are the challenges, wellbeing issues and status of learning outcomes during and after school suspension in primary and secondary schools, support at home, and the most urgent needs and actions after school resumption.

The data collection began in early June 2020 as schools gradually resumed, involving primary, secondary and special schools. A total of over 6,000 students, 1,300 parents and 1,200 teachers took part in the study. In this press conference via ZOOM, Professor Nancy Law, Deputy Director, Centre for Information Technology in Education (CITE), Faculty of Education, HKU will present the research findings and provide some recommendations for actions. Representatives from Supporting Organisations of the project would also join the press conference.

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

Date: July 20, 2020 (Monday) Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Speaker: Professor Nancy Law, Deputy Director, CITE, Faculty of Education, HKU

Facilitator: Professor Catherine K.K. Chan, Academic Unit of Social Contexts and Policies of

Education, Faculty of Education, HKU

Language: Cantonese

Format: via ZOOM Meeting ID: 941-6578-2167

Meeting Password: 632715

Link: <u>https://hku.zoom.us/j/9416782167</u>

For more details of the "eCitizen Education 360" Project, please visit https://www.ecitizen.hk/360. For "Learning and Assessment for Digital Citizenship" Project, please visit https://www.ecitizen.hk. Please visit https://www.cite.hku.hk to learn more about CITE.

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