

## **FAMILY COUNCIL**

### **Progress of Work of the Committee on Home-School Cooperation**

#### **Background**

The Committee on Home-School Cooperation (CHSC) was set up in 1993 to foster home-school cooperation and promote parent education. One of the CHSC's major tasks is to encourage and help schools to set up its Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs). To date, over 90% of the government and aided schools have formed PTAs and Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations (FPTAs) have also been established in 17 districts.

#### **Work of PTAs / FPTAs / CHSC**

2. The main purpose of setting up PTAs is to promote home-school cooperation. The PTAs act as a bridge between parents and teachers to foster communication, understanding and mutual support.

3. At school level, PTAs organise different school-based home-school cooperation activities, parent-student activities and parent education programmes. They also offer voluntary service to assist schools in various ways, such as, inviting parents to serve as "Reading Parents", assisting in meal arrangements, school functions and fund-raising activities.

4. At district level, self-initiated FPTAs are formed by PTAs of the same district joining forces to achieve common goals. The FPTAs, build on their established district network, organise a large variety of learning activities, such as district-based tours of primary and secondary schools for parents, theme-based parent talks and seminars, as well as parent education programmes.

5. At the territory level, the CHSC promotes positive attitudes towards home-school cooperation and parent education through publicity programmes, sharing of good practices, workshops and seminars. It supports the activities of PTAs and FPTAs by allocating project grants, developing training materials, publicising the values of home-school cooperation and encouraging harmonious family relationship.

6. Each year, the CHSC will identify a focus area of work. In the 2007/08 school year, it aims at promoting the concept of healthy family; and enhancing parent education with emphasis on the core values and the role of parents.

7. Over the years, a variety of initiatives have been introduced by the CHSC to strengthen home-school cooperation. These include the Primary and Secondary School Profiles published annually for parents' reference, seminars and annual symposiums, and weekly radio programmes on parenting (please refer to the Annex for the list of events launched / scheduled to be launched by the CHSC in the 2007/08 school year).

8. From 2003 to 2008, funding provided to the CHSC, PTAs and FPTAs has increased from \$16 million to \$23 million. In the 2006/07 school year, the number of home-school cooperation activities / parent education programmes launched by CHSC, PTAs and FPTAs amounted to about 2 500.

### **Challenges Encountered**

9. While the activities launched by the CHSC, PTAs and FPTAs have a relatively large catchment of parents, there still remains a certain group of needy or underprivileged students whose families / parents are hard to reach. The concerted efforts of various sectors, such as the health and welfare sectors, are required to resolve their problems.

10. Families of different socio-economic background have specific concerns in the education of their children and thus require different levels and types of parent education. The rapid changes in economic development in recent years have further intensified the differences among families' social and economic conditions. This has called for parent education programmes that can better cater for the diversified needs of parents.

11. There is also an increasing call for early identification of families / parents who are in need of assistance so that timely support and intervention can be provided.

### **Way Forward**

12. The CHSC will continue to collaborate with PTAs and FPTAs to step up parent education and relevant activities at the school, district and community levels to cater for the diversified needs of parents and to foster sustainable home-school cooperation.

13. To disseminate the positive values on the concept of healthy family, the CHSC will collaborate with various sectors of the community, especially the health and social service sectors. Cross-sectoral seminars and talks will be organized to promote understanding, and strengthen the cohesion and sense of belonging among family members. The PTAs, FPTAs and CHSC will be further encouraged to conduct activities at the school, district and territory levels to promote positive family values.

14. In short, a holistic approach with cross-sector efforts to enhance parent education will not only facilitate effective learning and healthy growth of our children, but also help achieve social cohesion and reinforce family harmony.

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## List of CSHC Activities

No.	Activity	Activity (in Chinese)	Nature	Category	Date of Event
1	Radio Programme : Educated Family	電台節目：家家有教	Publicity	Radio Programme	Weekly event on every Tuesday night
2	Brain Storming Session	家校激盪大會	In-house Training	Sharing session	8.9.2007
3	Parents' Talk on Primary One Allocation System(1)	小一選校家長講座(一)	Policy	Seminar	14.9.2007
4	Parents' Talk on Primary One Allocation System(2)	小一選校家長講座(二)	Policy	Seminar	15.9.2007
5	Parents' Talk on Primary One Allocation System(3)	小一選校家長講座(三)	Policy	Seminar	21.9.2007
6	Parents' Talk on Primary One Allocation System(4)	小一選校家長講座(四)	Policy	Seminar	22.9.2007
7	Annual Symposium 2007	家校周年研討大會 2007	Parenting Skills	Seminar	13.10.2007
8	Sharing Sessions on Appreciation Education (1)	「賞識無邊界、家校新思維」分享會(一)	Parenting Skills	Sharing session	7.11.2007(PM)
9	Sharing Sessions on Appreciation Education (2)	「賞識無邊界、家校新思維」分享會(二)	Parenting Skills	Sharing session	7.11.2007 (Evening)
10	Sharing Sessions on Appreciation Education (3)	「賞識無邊界、家校新思維」分享會(三)	Parenting Skills	Sharing session	8.11.2007(AM)
11	Sharing Sessions on Appreciation Education (4)	「賞識無邊界、家校新思維」分享會(四)	Parenting Skills	Sharing session	8.11.2007(PM)
12	Sharing Sessions on Appreciation Education (5)	「賞識無邊界、家校新思維」分享會(五)	Parenting Skills	Sharing session	8.11.2007 (Evening)
13	Research report : Exercising Habits of Senior Primary and Junior Secondary Students and Parents	「高小至初中學童及家長運動」意見調查	Health	Research	18.11.2007

14	Talk for parents and teachers : Life • Health • Vitality	健康你和我、活出生命力	Health	Sharing session	19.11.2007
15	Social Resources & Community Development – Cross Sectoral Collaboration Mode	社會資本與社區發展- 跨界別合作新模式	Knowledge	Sharing session	21.11.2007
16	Footprints of the Old Days	舊日的足跡	Parenting Skills	Radio Programme	25.11.2007
17	Powerful Health	活力健康	Health	Sharing session	27.11.2007
18	Activities and Talks - Reading Parent, Reading Child, Reading Fun (1)	活動與講座系列 – 親子「悅」讀無限紛 (一)	Reading	Sharing session	30.11.2007
19	Parents' Talk on Secondary School Places Allocation (1)	中一選校家長講座(一)	Policy	Seminar	7.12.2007
20	Parents' Talk on Secondary School Places Allocation (2)	中一選校家長講座(二)	Policy	Seminar	8.12.2007
21	Parents' Talk on Secondary School Places Allocation (3)	中一選校家長講座(三)	Policy	Seminar	14.12.2007
22	Parents' Talk on Secondary School Places Allocation (4)	中一選校家長講座(四)	Policy	Seminar	15.12.2007(PM)
23	Parents' Talk on Secondary School Places Allocation (5)	中一選校家長講座(五)	Policy	Seminar	15.12.2007 (Evening)
24	Activities and Talks-Reading Parent, Reading Child, Reading Fun (2)	親子「悅」讀無限紛 (二)- 深化活動	Reading	Sharing session	14.12.2007
25	Hopeful Life, Happy Family	樂觀人生、快樂家庭	Parenting Values	Seminar	17.12.2007
26	Sharing Practice on Appreciation Education : Malaysia and Hong Kong	賞識教育的實踐 — 馬來西亞與香港的學校經驗	Parenting Skills	Seminar	20.12.2007
27	Radio Programme	宜樂無窮	Health	Radio Programme	5.1.2008
28	Sharing Session-Talk on "Role of Parent School Manager & the PTA Constitution" (1)	家長校董的角色與家長教師會會章 (1)	Policy	Seminar	11.1.2008

29	How to make use of internet with the new generation	如何與年青一代有效地善用互聯網	Knowledge	Seminar	16.1.2008
30	Family Reading - with Strategic Action Plan	家庭閱讀攻略	Reading	Seminar	18.1.2008(AM)
31	Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) - Global experience to enhance reading accomplishment for the younger generation	學生能力國際評估計劃 - 借鏡國際, 提升下一代的閱讀素養	Reading	Seminar	18.1.2008 (Evening)
32	2008 Global Investment	2008 全球投資策略前瞻	Personal Development	Sharing session	21.1.2008
33	CHSC Forum - Trends in Assessment and Education	教育論壇 - 考評新趨勢、教育新領域	Policy	Forum	25.1.2008
34	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) - Global experience to enhance reading accomplishment for the younger generation	「全球學生閱讀能力進展研究」 - 借鏡國際本地經驗、提升學童閱讀素養	Reading	Seminar	26.1.2008
35	Sharing Session-Talk on "Role of Parent School Manager & the PTA Constitution" (2)	家長校董的角色與家長教師會會章 (2)	Policy	Seminar	30.1.2008
36	Art, Culture and Reading - Reading Child, Reading Parent, Reading Fun	親子「悅」讀無限紛 (三) - 藝術、文化與閱讀	Reading	Sharing session	15.2.2008
37	A series of talks - Your reading lives (1)	閱讀新領袖: 建構閱讀生命系列(一)	Reading	Seminar	18.2.2008
38	Sharing by renowned scholar : Brightening our new generation in Tin Shui Wai	天水圍的藍天 - 我們的下一代	Personal Development	Seminar	23.2.2008
39	Children Learning - Accumulative and Cognitive Process	兒童的認知、學習的積累	Reading	Seminar	7.3.2008
40	Tactics to nurture children's learning	促進兒童有效的學習 - 成龍成鳳招數多	Personal Development	Seminar	15.3.2008
41	A series of talks - Your reading lives (2)	閱讀生命閱讀愛: 建構閱讀生命系列(二)	Reading	Seminar	2.4.2008

42	Multi Forum - Network and Readers' views	多元資訊討論區：網絡媒體 與讀者判斷	Knowledge	Seminar	19.4.2008
43	A series of talks - Your reading lives (3)	從閱讀中談性情：建構閱讀 生命系列(三)	Reading	Seminar	30.5.2008
44	Sharing Session for District Based Parent Education	家長地區網絡分享會	Parenting Skills	Seminar	31.5.2008