

ACEI CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Chapter Name: ACEI Hong Kong and Macau (ACEI-HKM)

State Presidents, return this form in to the ACEI Presidents' Council during the Annual International Conference. Local and Student Chapters, return this form to headquarters by July 15. Future rebates are contingent upon receipt of this report.

The following information will be used to assist us in sharing information with persons and organizations that inquire about ACEI and to identify locally developed projects and programs that could be replicated by other ACEI Chapters. If you have any questions about this report, please contact the ACEI Members Relations and Communications Manager at (800) 423-3563 or send E-mail to slevin@acei.org.

I. Please describe the programs/projects your Chapter sponsored during the past year.

The Association for Childhood Education International – Hong Kong & Macau Chapter (ACEI-HKM) has run smoothly in the period of 2014 and 2015. Periodical Executive Meetings have been organized to oversee the activities of the Chapter.

Dr. Ramsey Koo, our former and first President, has continued been appointed the International Ambassador of the Chapter under the new term of office. Mr. Michael Kam, our Past President, has continued to be EXCO member of the Hong Kong Teachers' Centre from 2014 as a representative of the Chapter.

Below is a summary of major programs and activities of the Chapter during July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

ACEI-HKM Website Renewal, (website: www.acei-hkm.org.hk)

The website is periodically updated to include new development of the Chapter.

ACEI-HKM Chapter meetings and Annual General Meetings

Two EXCO meetings have been called in September and December 2014. A Hong Kong AGM has called in December 2014, and a Macau AGM held in February 2015.

Newsletters and Activities

A new issue of Newsletter has been published in October 2014.

The latest issue covers useful Information of the Chapter. An article, *Environment Planning and Children's Learning* by Ms. Joyce HO, in echo to the November Environment and Sustainability Educational Forum in Taiwan was also published. For the November Taiwan Forum, a special edition of Newsletter, under the editorial of William MA and Titus Li, has been published. Papers for the Forum and Abstracts are included in the Newsletter. Like other publications of ACEI-HKM, the Newsletter can also be downloaded under the *Newsletter Manu* from the Chapter's web site.

Another new edition of the Newsletter in September 2015 has been planned.

The Chapter has joined with Chinese Society for Environmental Education and co-hosted an "International Exchange Conference on Environmental Education and the 5th Cross-Straits & Four Regions Sustainable Development Education Forum 2014". The Forum, which carries a main theme on "Towards our Common Future: Environmental Education and Interdisciplinary Links", has been held from 14-16 November 2014 in Peng Tung, Taiwan. ACEI-HKM Chapter, with the chairs of William Ma and Titus Li, vice-presidents of the Chapter, with school delegates from Macau attended the two-day Forum. The group has made seven paper presentations in the Forum. One of the papers by Li, Choi & Wong has won a presentation prize in the Forum.

The meetings with a Hong Kong Education Publisher on collaboration of ECE books has been fruitful. A contract was signed between the Publisher and ACEI-HKM in December 2014 on a commissioned ECE book to be published in early 2016. An editorial team with three members from the Chapter has since been formed to organize the project. As in late July the progress has been following the time plan with all manuscripts received and sent to reviewer for blind review. The editorial team has also started the drafting of introduction and conclusion chapter for the commissioned book.

The book is planned to be the first one of a series with theme on early childhood education.

The Chapter remains financially healthy with a balanced budget over the year.

II. If your Chapter received a Chapter Rebate (issued January and September) or a Chapter Start-Up Grant this year, please describe how the funds were utilized.

Our Chapter has opted not to receive chapter rebate and denote to the ACEI.

III. What other organizations have you cooperated with this year? Please describe how you worked together.

- (1) Hong Kong Institute of Education
- (2) Hong Kong Teachers' Centre, Education Bureau, Hong Kong

IV. Were ACEI materials helpful to you in planning and implementing program activities during the year? If so, please list materials that were helpful. If not, please comment or suggest materials that would be helpful.

NA

V. Please comment on your Chapter's difficulties or concerns with carrying out ACEI projects, events, membership recruitment, retention, etc. What can Headquarters do to help?

Recruiting new members remains a difficulty for the Chapter. Heavy workload for some Board members has, from time to time, negative impacts on regular functioning of the Chapter.

VI. How did your chapter implement the Executive Board's request that every ACEI Chapter plan at least one professional program during the academic year relating to the annual event, "Week of the Classroom Teacher"? Please describe the project and attach applicable materials.

- a. Did your Chapter host a Hall of Excellence?
No. The local government has similar activities every year.
- b. Did you use the "Week of the Classroom Teacher" planning materials available from Headquarters? If yes, please list the materials you used.
No.

Attach additional sheets of paper if you need more space to complete this report. **Also, please include written materials developed by your Chapter during the year.** We are collecting materials in a Chapter sample book to be shared at the Annual International Conference.

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