

President's Remarks

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A warm welcome to old and new friends of ACEI-Hong Kong & Macau Chapter.

It has been a long while since we last updated information in this website. The last issue of our Newsletter was in October 2008. It is time to re-start the idol engine to move on again.

The Chapter has re-elected new Executive Committee members in September 2013. The new list can be viewed in the Main Page of the Website.

Before I move on, allow me to say a few thankful words to my predecessor, Mr. Michael Kam, who has been the President of ACEI – HK&M Chapter from 2007 to 2013. The Chapter has witnessed a number of developments under Michael's leadership. It continues to work earnestly for the wellbeing of children in their educational and social development scopes. The Chapter has also devoted some time on education to adults, like parents and teachers, who work closely with children. We have also published a handbook on early childhood education in 2008, a peer-reviewed academic book on education policy and innovations in 2009; and handbooks on early childhood education & school management in 2010. Thanks very much to Michael and all others who have made our dreams come true. The efforts we made are exciting and truly worth celebrating.

Thanks also to Dr. Ramsey Koo, who is the founder of the Chapter when he came back from Sopron, Hungary after an academic trip in early June 1997. Ramsey's early year's dedications to the development of the Chapter has demonstrated his leadership quality and as well set a learning model to all of us. We are certainly delighted to have Ramsey to be a team member even he is now "at large" most of time in the US.

Our work is a life-long challenge when there still are children who are deprived of good and decent education, when there is "inadequacy" in society because of economic, political, social, or cultural reasons. We indeed look towards adults who

work as partners with children. Adults are the most “important others” of young persons who see adults as models when the young ones grow up. The Chapter would therefore organize educational or social activities for parents, teachers, welfare workers and alike in order to collaborate with them to work better for the needed children. Our missions are in line with the ACEI, as well as most NGOs over the world.

In coming months, the new EXCO shall work on a number of new plans. We would work to make better use of our webpage as a continue communication between the EXCO and the outside world. It is also planned to make our previous publications and reports more accessible to users, especially students in the field. An e-journal of the Chapter is also under the discussion table. It is planned at least one issue of Newsletter published each twelve months so that readers and interested parties can have a general idea about the Chapter. The Newsletter can also serve as a good platform for substantial academic articles. The chapter will continue to encourage team members and others, especially students, to engage on academic research on related areas. As long as the financial support is available, the Chapter looks forwards to seeing more work to be done by members and collaborators.

ACEI-HKM received her Chapter from ACEI Headquarter in 21st July 1998 & registered as a Society in Hong Kong in 1999. The Chapter is well over 15 years in 2014. Looking ahead, the Chapter will follow the footsteps of predecessors and strive with confidence to advance to a better horizon, and to serve the children and the society, both local and overseas. I believe, with the excellent qualification and competence of our team members, the Chapter shall see another new frontiers, regardless whatever the challenges are. We are dedicated to walk hand in hand with stakeholders to build a brighter & sustainable future for our younger generations.

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