

SED expresses deep sorrow over passing of Father Alfred Deignan

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (December 11) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the veteran educationist, Father Alfred Deignan.

Mr Yeung said, "During Father Deignan's educational mission over the past few decades, many in Hong Kong have learned from his example, and benefited from his constancy, dedication and capacious sympathy.

"Father Deignan's achievements were not only witnessed at Wah Yan College, Hong Kong and Wah Yan College, Kowloon, where he served in the posts of vice-principal and principal from the 1960s to the 1990s, but also in other Catholic schools as he, based on his professional training and frontline experience of working with young people, devised courses on self-development and human relations for school use."

In 1997, together with a group of dedicated educationists in tertiary and secondary institutions, Father Deignan established the Hong Kong International Institute of Educational Leadership with a view to fostering a community which is fair, honest, just, caring, compassionate, responsible, trustworthy, generous and courageous.

Mr Yeung said that Father Deignan will certainly be missed by members of the education sector and the people of Hong Kong who have benefitted from his guidance.