

# Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education launches public consultation on preliminary recommendations

The Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education released a consultation document today (July 23) to solicit views from members of the public on its preliminary recommendations.

To follow up on the announcement in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address, the Education Commission set up the Task Force on December 1, 2017, to review the existing approach and practices in promoting home-school co-operation and parent education, in order to formulate the direction and strategy for enhancing both. In the past several months, the Task Force has studied local and overseas research and the existing approach and practices on promoting home-school co-operation and parent education, and proposed preliminary directions, strategies and improvement measures.

The Chairman of the Task Force, Mr Tim Lui, said, "It is the view of the Task Force that the promotion of parent education and home-school co-operation should be more comprehensive and strategic. We suggest that school-based, community-based and territory-wide parent education programmes should be provided. Diversified and innovative modes should also be adopted, such as e-learning and parent education programmes provided in the workplace.

"Other suggestions include launching a 'Happy Kids Campaign' to advocate the healthy and happy development of children and avoidance of excessive competition, and further strengthening the roles of Parent-Teacher Associations and Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations."

To ensure the quality of parent education, the Task Force also recommended that a curriculum framework on parent education should be developed to cater for the needs of parents of students at different school levels from kindergarten to secondary.

The consultation document has been uploaded to the website of the Education Bureau: [www.edb.gov.hk/en/about-edb/press/consultation/index.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/about-edb/press/consultation/index.html). Members of the public are welcome to send their written comments by post (Secretariat of the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education, Home-school Cooperation Section, Room W215, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon), by email ([hsc@edb.gov.hk](mailto:hsc@edb.gov.hk)) or by fax (2391 0470) on or before September 14, 2018.

Having conducted a series of consultation sessions to collect views from the key stakeholders, the Task Force will hold three more identical consultation sessions to collect views from the public. Details are set out

below:

Session 1

Date: August 3 (Friday)

Time: 9.30am to 11am

Venue: Room WP01, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

Medium: Cantonese

Session 2

Date: August 4 (Saturday)

Time: 2.30pm to 4pm

Venue: Room WP01, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

Medium: Cantonese

Session 3

Date: August 9 (Thursday)

Time: 6.30pm to 8pm

Venue: Room WP01, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon

Medium: Cantonese (with simultaneous interpretation in English)

Reservations for seats at the public consultation sessions can be made on a first-come, first-served basis on the website of the Education Bureau ([www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/consultation-tfhcpe/index.html](http://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/consultation-tfhcpe/index.html)) and the parent education website "Smart Parent Net" ([www.parent.edu.hk](http://www.parent.edu.hk)), by email ([hsc@edb.gov.hk](mailto:hsc@edb.gov.hk)) or by fax (2391 0470).