

US(Ed) attends 30th Anniversary Symposium cum Prize Presentation Ceremony of Committee on Home-School Co-operation (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Committee on Home-School Co-operation:

The Under Secretary for Education, Mr Sze Chun-fai, today (July 8) officiated at the 30th Anniversary Symposium cum Prize Presentation Ceremony organised by the Committee on Home-School Co-operation (CHSC).

With the theme of "Home-School United in Love and Care, Students' Growth with Joy to Spare", the event aimed at demonstrating the spirit of home-school co-operation through mutual care, love, and close communication among schools, parents and students. Parents and schools should work together to nurture children in positive ways with a view to strengthening home-school communication and parent-child relationship. With the concerted efforts of schools and parents, children will be able to grow up in a healthy and joyful environment.

Mr Sze presented certificates of appreciation to Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations (FPTAs) of each district in recognition of their contributions to home-school co-operation. He expressed his gratitude to the FPTAs for promoting home-school co-operation and parent education and organising various meaningful activities at the district level over the years, benefitting parents and students.

The Chairman of the CHSC, Mr Eugene Fong, thanked the former CHSC chairpersons for their enthusiasm in promoting home-school co-operation and parent education. He hoped that the CHSC will further promote home-school co-operation and continue to groom the new generation of Hong Kong to become future masters with both talents and virtues.

The CHSC organises a variety of home-school co-operation and parent education activities every year, including parent-child talks, workshops, competitions and annual symposium. The activities aim at cultivating students' positive values and lifestyles, promoting parent-child relationships, enhancing children's communication skills, providing advice to parents in assisting their children to learn, enabling parents to have a better understanding of school and education policies, etc.

This year, the CHSC launched the "We Did It!" Award Scheme with the support of Hong Kong Disneyland to commend parents for actively supporting their children to participate in non-academic school-based or extra-school activities, and also to commend students for their active participation in these activities. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the CHSC, the scheme

was expanded to cover primary, secondary and special schools this year. An award ceremony was successfully held earlier, recognising students and parents from over 400 schools. The scheme is also one of the Government's "Happy Hong Kong" supporting events.

The keynote speakers of the symposium included the Principal of Ying Wa Primary School, Dr Sylvia Chan; the Chief Principal of Victoria Educational Organisation, Dr Maggie Koong; and the Chairperson of Direction Association for the Handicapped, Mr Tommy Lau. They shared their experiences in nurturing children and the positive impact of home-school co-operation on children. In addition, some primary and secondary school students were invited to perform music and dance, giving colour to the event.

The CHSC will continue to collaborate with the Government and other stakeholders to promote home-school co-operation and enhance students' physical and mental development through organising various activities.

