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**To : Principals
(Attn : Careers/Guidance/Student Affairs Master/Mistress)**

Dear Principal,

Registration/Renewal of Membership 2017/2018 and Annual General Meeting 2017

Founded in 1959, the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters (now 'Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters Limited' [HKACMGM Ltd]) aims at providing professional support for all front-line counselling/guidance and careers guidance teachers in secondary schools of Hong Kong. We have been providing around 400 member secondary schools in 2016-2017 with all important information and professional training programs in the fields of career guidance and general guidance so that teachers and counsellors can provide quality services to students and keep themselves updated with the latest trends in the careers / counselling field.

For improvement in quality service to member schools, the majority of our well-received and unique programs/services, including the following, are open to member schools ONLY:

- Dissemination of NAS JUPAS Statistics (there were over 13,400 individual cases of university admission results with actual subject results collected in 2016)
- Attendance to JUPAS Talk, and talks/seminars related to NAS multiple pathways
- In-house staff development programs
- Exclusive use of empirical-based career and life planning tools such as 'Finding Your Colours of Life', 'Career Mapping' and 'Dreamcrafter'

I am also pleased to inform you that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters Limited will be held on Friday, 27 October 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity College in 3 Wai Chi Street, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon.

In the context of inclusive education, teachers of all types of schools in Hong Kong are facing the pressing need to gear up themselves in providing quality education and guidance to students with special educational needs. It is our great honour to have Ms. Aslinah Ahmad, Principal of Delta Senior School, Association for Persons with Special Needs in Singapore to share with us on the topic "A quality education model of special education -- experience from Singapore" (tentative). Also, the AGM will feature a briefing session on the updated version of 'Dreamcrafter 2.0' career board game developed by HKACMGM.

You are kindly requested to nominate representatives from the Careers Team, Guidance Team or Student Affairs of your school to attend the Annual General Meeting. Principals and Vice-principals are welcome to attend the event.

To renew/apply for **membership subscription** of your school in 2017/18 (our subscription fee is \$400 per annum) and to enrol to our **AGM**, please fill in the online reply form (<https://goo.gl/3fjSQw>) **on or before 29 September, 2017 (Friday)**. The teacher-in-charge will receive an email with details of membership renewal and AGM attendance. The teachers may *print out the email and return it, with a cross-cheque payable to "Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters Limited" to our correspondence address, c/o Room EP05, Podium, East Block, EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon **on or before 11 October 2017***. On the envelope, please write 'Membership application/renewal'.

With over 50 years of experience in the field, our prolonged dedication and enthusiasm, we will continue to play an active role in serving local careers / counselling teachers. We are looking forward to providing your school with our quality services in the future. Please contact Miss Leung at 2671 1722 for further enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

Tsang Chi-to, Joseph
Chairperson

Enclosed: (1) Appendix I: Activities/ Programmes organized by HKACMGM
(2) Appendix II: Agenda of AGM 2017
(3) Appendix III: Bio-sketch of Principal Aslinah Ahmad

Activities/ Programmes organized by
The Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters Limited

Seminars & Workshops

Different kinds of seminars and workshops are organized for careers teachers and guidance teachers, on topics like JUPAS, professional occupations, New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education, Successful Transition for Secondary School Leavers under NAS, multiple pathways under NAS, overseas study, careers assessment tools, life planning, policy forum on educational matters related to NAS, Chinese Career Key, mental health, web addiction, drug addiction, neuro-linguistic programming (NLP), stress, anti-bullying program, suicide and grief counselling, prevention of student suicide, etc.

Certificate Course on Career Guidance and Life Planning for Secondary School Teachers

Certificate Course on Career Guidance and Life Planning for Secondary School Teachers (100 hours) is co-organized with the School of Continuing and Professional Education (SCOPE) of the City University of Hong Kong. Our Association is responsible for developing the materials and providing speakers.

Guidance Course

Courses of 10 meetings are organized annually for guidance teachers. Experienced frontline guidance teachers and social workers share with teachers on topics like crisis management, ways to deal with the mass media and students with mental disturbance, etc.

Publication of Careers Guidance Handbook for Secondary School Leavers

A Handbook for secondary school graduates is published, in collaboration with Higher Education Division, EDB. The Handbook provides valuable information for them before the release of public examination results.

Publication and research on Individual Student Planning

With the support of local academics, experienced career teachers and CDI, two learning tools, “Finding Your Colours of Life” (for S.1-S.3) and “Career Mapping” (for S.4-S.6) were published for local secondary schools. Since 2007, over 70 public/school-based workshops have been organized to equip teachers involved in careers education and guidance with the required skills and knowledge of how these can be best implemented. “NAS@Career Mapping” was first released in July 2010 during the EDB International Education Forum and Expo, as an informative tool for parents and students under NAS that facilitates Individual Student Planning. With further support from the CDI, EDB, the revised e-version was available for public access.

Summer Career-Related Experience Scheme

The Scheme provides students from member schools with an opportunity to acquire work knowledge and interpersonal skills and to experience the actual working environment in safe working conditions covered by an insurance policy. About 160 S.5 & S.6 students are arranged to work in host organizations during the summer vacation.

JUPAS Talk and Statistics, Electronic Learning Platform, DSE Results Release Resource Platform

A JUPAS seminar inviting representatives from all JUPAS participating institutions was organized. Apart from regular updates on admission criteria and scores, programme highlights and various admission issues, we invited representatives from the EDB and the institutions from the new scheme, Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions / Sectors (SSSDP) to join the talk and briefed participants on the pertinent information on the scheme.

In 2016-2017, the Association enhanced the JUPAS Statistics platform and we successfully got over 13,400 real cases with JUPAS offers, contributed by member schools. The data bank is by far the most reliable and informative resources for career teachers and students reference.

Besides, our Association has created an Electronic Learning Platform (ELP) synthesizing all training developed and delivered by our Association since 2007. The ELP has served as a self-access learning platform for busy teachers who are eager to have professional development anytime at their own pace.

Similar to the practice in previous years, a resource platform was established and integrated at our website to provide career teachers, students and parents on various information related to multiple pathways and resource packages supporting career transition of secondary school students before the release of the DSE exam results.

Response to Education Policies related to Careers Guidance and Guidance

In view of the emergence of various reform measures which might have significant implications on the role and development of Careers Guidance and Life Planning Education and Guidance in secondary schools, including the implementation of NAS, issues related to Multiple Pathways, Applied Learning curriculum, JUPAS and E-APP implementations and operations, Career & Life Planning Grant, Qualifications Framework and VPET development, the Association has taken up an active role in response to various policies and voicing out the needs and concerns of front-line practitioners. Representatives of the Association took part in different liaison committees or advisory meetings to channel voices of the front-line counsellors to various sectors. Committee members of the Association are also actively involved in making contributions to various local newspapers to share with the public the essence of student guidance and career guidance.

Hong Kong Association of Careers Master and Guidance Masters Limited Annual General Meeting 2017

Date: 27 October 2017 (Friday)

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Holy Trinity College
3 Wai Chi Street, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon
(No parking space is provided. Participating teachers are encouraged to use public transport to reach the venue.)

Agenda:

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| 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm | 1. Registration |
| (Items 2-7:
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm) | 2. Welcoming Remark by Chairperson |
| | 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of last AGM on 26 October 2016 |
| | 4. Chairperson’s Report 2016-2017 |
| | 5. Secretary’s Report 2016-2017 |
| | 6. Hon. Treasurer’s Statement of Account 2016-2017 |
| | 7. Executive Council Members for 2017-2018 |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | 8. Keynote Speech:

“A quality education model of special education -- experience from Singapore” (tentative)

Guest Speaker:
<i>Ms. Aslinah Ahmad</i>
<i>Principal of Delta Senior School</i>
<i>Association for Persons with Special Needs</i> |
| 5:00 pm – 5:15 pm | 9. Briefing of updated version of ‘ <i>Dreamcrafter 2.0</i> ’ career board game |

Speaker Profile

for Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters AGM

Title of the Session:

A quality education model of special education

- experience from Singapore



Name: Mdm Aslinah Ahmad

Title: Principal

Organisation: Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) Delta Senior School

Presenter Profile:

Aslinah Ahmad has been an educator for 29 years, and Principal of special education schools in the past 6 years. She currently heads a vocational special education school that prepares young adults with mild intellectual disability aged 17 to 21 years old, for post-school life, including employment. She firmly believes in empowering students with special needs towards employment, as a means for them to further their adult lives with value and dignity. Such a transition can be greatly facilitated by the provision of careful planning, skills-building and guidance, and meaningful collaboration with stakeholders.

Aslinah obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from the National University of Singapore, and pursued the Masters in Education Management programme at the University of Western Australia. She had undertaken various roles as Chemistry teacher, Head of Mathematics department and Vice Principal in several mainstream schools, prior to being involved in special needs education.