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**To : Principals
(Attn : Heads of Careers/Guidance/Student Affairs Teams)**

Dear Principals and Teachers,

Re: Registration/Renewal of Membership 2020/2021 and Annual General Meeting 2020

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 important information and professional training programs in the fields of career guidance and general guidance for nearly 400 member schools in 2019-2020 so that teachers and counsellors can provide quality services to students and keep themselves updated with the latest trends in the careers / counselling domains.

It is within our charter that the majority of our well-received and unique programs/services, including the following, are open to member schools ONLY. They are:

- Dissemination of NAS JUPAS Statistics (there were over 13,100 individual cases of university admission results with actual subject results collected in 2019)
- 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 2.0'
- Summer Career-related Experience Scheme for S.5 and S.6 students

To renew/apply for **membership subscription** of your school in 2020/2021 (subscription fee is \$400 per annum) and to enroll to our **AGM**, please fill in the online reply form (<https://forms.gle/5X4PKksNYU7s8fHB7>) **on or before 18 September, 2020 (Friday)**. Subsequently, teachers will receive an auto-reply email with details of membership renewal and AGM attendance. Please *print out this email form and return it with a crossed 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 16 October 2020 (Friday)*. On the envelope, please write 'Membership application/renewal'.



Meanwhile, you are cordially invited to attend the 7th Annual General Meeting which has been scheduled for 22 October 2020 (Thursday) from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity College at No. 3 Wai Chi Street, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon. Part of our AGM is dedicated to a keynote speech aiming at providing attendees with the latest professional development opportunities in relation to the fields of student and career guidance and counselling.

To officially launch the Life+ Platform, a joint effort of HKACMGM and HKU CAISE, we have the privilege to invite Dr Mantak Yuen, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education of the University of Hong Kong, to share with us on the topic 'Nurturing Social Connectedness, Meaning in Life, Career and Life Skills Development of Young People in our "New Normal" World'.

The past 6 decades of experience in the field and services rendered to our member schools have well-attested our commitment and dedication in serving local careers and guidance teachers. We will continually play an active role in providing professional support to our member schools. Looking forward to meeting you at the AGM soon. Please contact Ms Ng at 2671 1722 for further enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

Tsang Chi-to, Joseph
Chairperson

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

Courses, Seminars & Workshops

Different kinds of courses, seminars and workshops are organized for careers teachers and guidance teachers. Topics like JUPAS application, professional occupations, successful transition and multiple pathways for secondary school leavers, overseas studies, careers assessment tools, prevention of student suicide, crisis management and inclusive education are some of our recurrent themes. In 2019-20, a series of mindfulness workshops were held in response to the pressing need of teachers and students amidst prolonged social unrest.

Publication of Careers Guidance Handbook for Secondary School Leavers

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

Research and Development on Individual Student Planning and Student Guidance

With the support of local academics, experienced careers 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. Finding Your Colours of Life” and “Career Mapping” are widely used as the career and life planning curriculum for most local secondary schools.

Besides, “Dreamcrafter” board game, “Vocational Card Sort” (Imagination of the Future of Work version), “Career Fingerprints: Exploring Skills and Styles” card sort, are the other career assessment tools developed with the job-effort of HKACMGM research team and local academics in recent years.

Summer Career-Related Experience Scheme

The Scheme provides students from member schools opportunities to acquire work knowledge and interpersonal skills and to experience the actual working environment in safe working conditions covered by insurance. About 160 placements are provided for S.5 & S.6 students to work in host organizations during the past summer vacation.

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

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

In 2019-2020, the Association has enhanced the JUPAS Statistics platform and we successfully collected 13,100 real cases with JUPAS offers contributed by member schools. The data bank is by far the most reliable and informative resources for careers teachers and students’ reference.

Our Association has also created an Electronic Learning Platform (ELP) synthesizing all training materials 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 pursue professional development at their own pace.

A resource platform has been established and integrated at our website to provide careers teachers, students and parents on various information related to multiple pathways and resource packages supporting students’ transition needs at any time of the year.

Response to Education Policies related to Careers Guidance and Guidance

The Association has taken up an active role in response to various policies and voice the needs and concerns of front-line practitioners to various sectors. 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 – namely, 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 etc. Representatives of the Association sit in different liaison committees or advisory meetings to channel voices of the front-line counsellors to various parties. Committee members of the Association are also actively involved in making contributions for the public by way of writing articles for local newspapers regarding topics of student guidance and career guidance.

Hong Kong Association of Careers Master and Guidance Masters Ltd Annual General Meeting 2020

Date: 22 October 2020 (Thursday)

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Venue: Holy Trinity College
No. 3 Wai Chi Street, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon
(No parking is provided. Attendees are encouraged to use public transportation.)

Agenda:

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| 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm | 1. | Registration |
| (Items 2-7:
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm) | 2. | Welcoming Remark by Chairperson |
| | 3. | Confirmation of the Minutes of last AGM on 25 October 2019 |
| | 4. | Chairperson’s Report 2019-2020 |
| | 5. | Secretary’s Report 2019-2020 |
| | 6. | Hon. Treasurer’s Statement of Account 2019-2020 |
| | 7. | Executive Council Members for 2020-2021 |
| 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm | 8. | Keynote Speech
Nurturing Social Connectedness, Meaning in Life, Career and Life Skills Development of Young People in our “New Normal” World’

Guest Speaker:
<i>Dr. Mantak Yuen</i>
<i>Associate professor</i>
<i>University of Hong Kong</i> |
| 5:15 pm – 5:30 pm | 9. | A.O.B. |

Keynote Speaker Profile
Annual General Meeting 2020 (HKACMGM Ltd.)

**Nurturing Social Connectedness, Meaning in Life, Career and Life Skills
Development of Young People in our “New Normal” World**

Name: Dr. Mantak Yuen
Title: Associate Professor
Organization: University of Hong Kong



Bio-sketch:

Dr. Mantak Yuen is Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Centre for Advancement in Inclusive and Special Education, Faculty of Education, the University of Hong Kong. He is a Fellow of Hong Kong Psychological Society, an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, a registered counselling and educational psychologist in Hong Kong, and a certified counselor, approved supervisor and Fellow of the Hong Kong Professional Counselling Association. He is also a global career development facilitator and a mindful parenting trainer. He applies Adlerian Individual Psychology in his consultation work in schools. His academic and professional interests focus on guidance and counselling, life career and talent development, gifted education, positive psychology, special needs education and play education. In recent years nineteen doctoral students have completed their dissertations under his supervision. Dr. Yuen co-ordinates the HKU Faculty of Education MEd course in Guidance and Counselling as well as Career Education and Gifted Education programmes. He served as the Director of the Doctor of Education Programme. He is the co-ordinator of the Diversity, Learning and Development group.

Dr. Yuen is active in leading education research and development projects and has a good track record in securing external grants. One of his projects, The “Life Skills Development Project” has continuously gained awards from the Research Grant Council and Quality Education Fund from 2001 to 2018. He has developed and validated The Life Skills Development Self-Efficacy Inventories. His current research is investigating links among students’ life skills and talent development, self-efficacy, connectedness, purpose and meaning in career development, and school-based counseling programmes.

Dr. Yuen has served as the lead Editor of the Springer book series Advancing Inclusive and Special Education in the Asia Pacific. He is a prolific writer who has published over 120 journal articles and 30 book chapters. He is the founding convener of the Special Interest Group for School Guidance, Life Skills and Career Development in the HKU Faculty of Education. He is also the founding director of the Laboratory and Programme for Creativity and Talent Development. His most recent book "Careers for Students with Special Educational Needs - Perspectives on Development and Transitions from the Asia-Pacific Region" (Yuen, Beamish & Solberg, 2020; Singapore Springer).