



New for 2012! Our Theme!

What Matters Most in Our Schools? What are the messages from EDB external reviews and HKSSSEN self-evaluation?

Is it the quality of our Learning and Teaching?

Is it our school ethos, our sense of belonging?

Is it our Leadership?

Is it about our relationships with our students?

Or something else?

This is an appropriate question for a self-evaluation network. We need to explore, to scrutinise our work with rigour if we are to achieve the best possible education for our students.

Our Director has been researching this big question with our Principals, teachers and students over the past year – how close are we to a ‘Hong Kong view of what matters in our schools’. During the year we will reflect on our priorities and the things that really matter, the things that make a good school an even better school. Self-evaluation for our schools is a journey to excellence.

How to celebrate TEN Years!!

Throughout 2012 teachers and students will be asked to give their ideas to celebrate the network’s tenth anniversary in the year 2013. This is a big landmark in the life of HKSSSEN. Students will be invited to come up with a logo to mark our tenth year. Principals and teachers will be asked to set up a ‘Tenth Anniversary Celebration Committee’ to plan our events throughout 2013.



Who's Who in HKSSSEN?

Mr Yau Chung-wan, Joshua, is our first Hon. President. He stepped down after seven inspirational years as our Founder-Chairman. Joshua, who has had a distinguished career leading Tsung Tsin Christian Academy and Immanuel Lutheran College, will continue to offer advice to our Director and schools.

Dr Ho Sai-mun, Stanley, Principal of Lok Sin Tong Wong Chung Ming Secondary School, enters his second year as our Chairman. Stanley is Convener of the *NSS Task Force of HK Association of Heads of Secondary Schools*, and a qualified External School Reviewer of EDB. He has been member of the *Advisory Committee on School Development and Accountability* for 6 consecutive years and the *Task Force of Principals’ Institute*.

Our Director, Mr Archie McGlynn, has carried out major studies for EDB, New American Schools, Bertelsmann Foundation as well as consultancy with numerous Hong Kong schools. His EDB-sponsored workshops on *learning and teaching* have attracted over 2,000 principals and teachers. Archie’s company has conducted Comprehensive Reviews of DSS schools, including St Paul’s Convent School in 2010. His best selling book *Self-evaluation: What’s in it for Schools?* (with John MacBeath) has been translated into four languages. While HM Chief Inspector of Schools (Scotland) from 1987-2000 he put in place self-evaluation guidelines *How good is our school* that have influenced school evaluation in many countries, including Hong Kong.

Ms Man Ching-fan, Florence, Principal of HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute No.1 Secondary School, a founder-member of HKSSSEN, takes over as Hon Secretary. Florence brings commitment and enthusiasm to the self-evaluation cause.

EDB Support

We are grateful to EDB’s Quality Assurance Division which maintains our web site <http://www.edb.org.hk/hkssen> and jointly sponsors our annual conference in December of each year.

Membership and Registration:(Jan to Dec 2012)

We welcome ‘old’ and new members. Thanks to the contribution of our honorary officials and advisors, the annual registration fee is kept at a moderate rate of \$12,000, enabling all member schools to have school-based professional consultation services as well as network services, plus a minimum of two consultancy visits by the Director, Mr Archie McGlynn. Please register on or before 7 January 2012. For enquiries, please contact the Director at archie9@sky.com or the Hon. Secretary at hktayv1@yy1.edu.hk or call 2427 1641

Hong Kong Schools Self-evaluation Network 2012

NEW Theme! 2012

What Matters Most in Our Schools? Lessons from EDB and HKSSSEN Reviews



9th Anniversary
<http://www.edb.org.hk/hkssen>

What is the Hong Kong Schools Self-Evaluation Network (HKSSSEN)?

The HKSSSEN aims to share and learn from best practice in Hong Kong and internationally. The network is for schools that wish to: improve learning and teaching through school self-evaluation leading to school improvement; learn from examples of best practice; and see school improvement as a journey rather than a destination.

What the network doesn't do?

- Schools are not asked to take part in time consuming general activities
- Schools are not asked to sign up for projects
- Schools are not asked to take part in work which is not directly related to their own priorities and development plan
- Schools are not asked to do things that create extra work for teachers

What is offered by the network?

As well as *positive aspects* of networking listed above, your annual membership will entitle your school to:

- Full membership from January to December 2012
- Minimum of two consultancy visits by Director on 'the things that really matter in your school – your choice of topic, your priority. Plus ad hoc advice on a range of issues relevant to your school.
- Extra services from the Director *at special discounted fee* across a wide range of aspects, selected by you – from full review to mini-reviews to one-off specialist activities
- Specially-designed in-school workshops by the Director to meet the needs of individual schools (see web site for examples of school related work)
- Opportunities to take part in fostering the student role in your school through joint seminars and *Student Voice* : School Improvement (SVSI) initiative



HKSSSEN to date - some aspects

- As we enter our ninth year as an informal group, our founder-members are active alongside new members who have enriched our thinking year by year. **We look forward to welcoming new members every year.** Please talk with us and **Register now!**
- We have a mix of schools - primary and secondary, aided, DSS, independent and also international members. Director's work with schools in 2010 included:
 - Mini-reviews in preparation for focus inspections, ESR and Comprehensive Review (DSS)
 - Consultancy support to schools in 'fine tuning' language policy, especially enhancement of English in the school
 - Workshops on 'confidence building' and leadership skills for students to enable them to contribute to school improvement through student voice
 - Observation and evaluation of learning and teaching across the school and/or focused on one or more Panels. Also training staff on how to conduct lesson observation and post-observation
 - Commissioned workshops (e.g. on learning meets teaching) tailored to whole staff and/or individual panel needs within member schools.

EDB - HKSSSEN Annual Conferences

We have invited Mrs. Tse Ling Kit Ching, Cherry, JP, Permanent Secretary for Education and Mr. Lee Sha Lun, Sheridan, Principal Education Officer of QAD as our guests of honour at our 2011 conference on the theme: *What Matters Most in our Schools?* Past themes:

- 2004: *You can light many lamps from the same source* (impact of networking in promoting effective learning in schools in HK and beyond)
- 2005: *Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere* (the long lasting impact of quality learning)
- 2006: *Putting Students First* (recognising that students are schools' number one stakeholders)
- 2007: *What makes our school a good School?* (Quality Learning, Quality Ethos, Quality Leadership)
- 2008: *Student Learning, Education Reform and new External School Review*
- 2009: *The Singapore School Excellence Model*
- 2010: *QA Today: Building on Strengths for the betterment of learning* (with Dr KK Chan, EDB)



Hong Kong Schools Self-evaluation Network

HKSSSEN Registration Form (2012)

for Existing and New Members

Please fill in the blanks with BLOCK LETTERS.

- Name of School: _____
- Principal: _____ 3. Email: _____
- Telephone: _____ 5. Fax: _____
- Address: _____
- Contact Person: _____ 8. Office Position: _____

CONFIRMATION of Registration

I am pleased to confirm our school's registration to take part in HKSSSEN during the period January 2012 to December 2012. I enclose a cheque for HK\$12,000 made payable to **McGlynn-Ross Education** which covers all consultancy services

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____ Position in School: _____

RETURN FORM

Kindly send this form and your cheque to Mr Archie McGlynn, Director of HKSSSEN c/o Ms Man Ching-fan, Florence, Hon Secretary/Treasurer of HKSSSEN, HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute No.1 Secondary School 42, Wo Yi Hop Road, Kwai Chung, NT

For enquiries, please contact the Director at archie9@sky.com

OFFICIAL USE

I acknowledge receipt of your registration with cheque for HK\$12,000

On behalf of McGlynn-Ross Education

Signed: _____

Date: _____