

Report of the Special Committee on Civic Education

1. This year, as in the previous years, the Special Committee on Civic Education have organized (i) talks to secondary school students on the Rule of Law and other law-related topics, (ii) career talks to secondary school students and (iii) court visits by secondary schools.
2. The purpose of the programme is to introduce the practical operation of lawyers and Courts in Hong Kong, as well as the more “abstract” concept of Rule of Law, to secondary school students in Hong Kong. Faced with ever increasing challenges to its competitive edge, it is crucially important that young people in Hong Kong learn, at a young age, the importance of the Rule of Law in Hong Kong and how the Rule of Law has made Hong Kong stand out uniquely in this region as a place where fundamental values and human rights are truly safeguarded by law. This is particularly so in recent years, where controversial issues are litigated in the courts and where a number of commentaries are made about the role and function of the law, the courts in modern day Hong Kong. Students have shown great enthusiasm in such issues during our activities.
3. Our programme has grown from strength to strength. Not only has the number of participating schools continued to rise, the number of positive feedbacks from schools have convinced us that our time and efforts have been well spent. Many schools have become our regular supporters and participants, and some schools have even actively approached us to arrange for visits for their students. From time to time insightful, mature and piercing questions were raised by students on issues of constitutional law and civil liberties, and we are heartened by the responses shown by the younger generation during the visits and talks. On a lighter note our programme also serves to disabuse students of the (sometimes) dramatic and unrealistic depiction of courtroom operation seen on television.
4. A list of participating schools from the last AGM on 17th January 2013 to 16th January 2014 is attached to this report. The table includes schools who have taken part in the talks programme and the court visit programme. We hope that our programmes will continue to grow next year and in the years to come.

5. I would like to thank all the members of the Special Committee, as well as other members of the Bar and the Judiciary who have selflessly dedicated their time and effort in helping in the programmes and making them such a success.

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Chairman
Special Committee on Civic Education

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List of participating schools from the last AGM 17th January 2013 to 16th January 2014

Name of School (English)

Australian International School Hong Kong
Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School
Buddhist Yip Kei Nam Memorial College

Carmel Bunnan Tong Memorial Secondary School
Carmel Secondary School
De La Salle Secondary School NT
Diocesan Girls' School
Fukien Secondary School (Kwun Tong)
Heep Yunn School
HK & KLN KFWA Sun Fong Chung College
Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College
Hong Kong Tang King Po College
Island School
King Ling College
King's College
Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)
Kwok Tak Seng Catholic Secondary School
Kwun Tong Government Secondary School
Lai Chack Middle School
Liu Po Shan Memorial College
LKWFSL Lau Wong Fat Secondary School
Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section)
Methodist College
Mission Covenant Church Holm Glad College
Ng Yuk Secondary School
Our Lady of The Rosary College
Pentecostal Lam Hon Kwong School
Sacred Heart Canossian College
Sai Kung Sung Tsun Catholic School (Secondary Section)
Salem-Immanuel Lutheran College
Shau Kei Wan East Government Secondary School
Sing Yin Secondary School
SKH All Saints' Middle School
SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School
St Antonius Girls' College

St Francis Xavier's College
St Paul's Convent School
St Paul's Secondary School
St Stephen's College
St Stephen's Girls' College
Tack Ching Girls' Secondary School
Tak Oi Secondary School
Tseung Kwan O Government Secondary School
TWGH Chang Ming Thien College
TWGH Wong Fung Ling College
VTC Youth College (Tin Shui Wai)
West Island School
YCH Wong Wha San Secondary School