

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. 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.
4. A list of participating schools from the last AGM on 19th January 2012 to 16th January 2013 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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List of participating schools from the last AGM 19th January 2012 to 16th January 2013

Name of School (English)

Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School
Canossa College
Carmel Bunnan Tong Memorial Secondary School
CCC Heep Who College
Cheung Sha Wan Catholic Secondary School
Chinese Foundation Secondary School
Chong Gene Hang College
CMA Secondary School
CNEC Lee I Yao Memorial Secondary School
Creative Secondary School
Diocesan Boys' School
Diocesan Girls' School
DMHC Siu Ming Catholic Secondary School
Heep Yunn School
Ho Fung College
(Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)
Homantin Government Secondary School
King George V School
Kowloon Tong School (Secondary Section)
Kowloon True Light Middle School
Kwun Tong Government Secondary School
Leung Shek Chee College
Liu Po Shan Memorial College
Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of MFBM
Maryknoll Fathers' School
Marymount Secondary School
Methodist College
Ng Wah Catholic Secondary School
Our Lady of The Rosary College
Our Lady's College
PLK 1983 Board of Directors' College
PLK Vicwood KT Chong Sixth Form College
Pui Ching Middle School

Sacred Heart Canossian College
Sing Yin Secondary School
SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School
St Antonius Girls' College
St Joan of Arc Secondary School
St Paul's School (Lam Tin)
St Paul's Secondary School
St. Teresa Secondary School
Tak Nga Secondary School
Tak Oi Secondary School
Tang Shiu Kin Victoria Government Secondary School
Tseung Kwan O Government Secondary School
Tsung Tsin Christian Academy
United Christian College (Kowloon East)
Wellington Ed Org Chang Pui Chung Memorial School
YCH Wong Wha San Secondary School