

The “Committee on Home-School Co-operation (CHSC)” was established in 1993. With members including professionals, parents and school representatives, it aims at promoting home-school co-operation in Hong Kong and providing opinions to the Government on matters concerning education policies and parent education.

Under the strenuous efforts of the CHSC in the past 20 years, there has been great progress in home-school co-operation in Hong Kong. At present, all government and government-funded primary and secondary schools have set up Parent-Teacher Associations. At the same time, Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations have also been founded in the 18 districts of Hong Kong. We are very pleased to find that many parents are squeezing time to participate in home-school activities organized by schools, Parent-Teacher Associations or Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations.

The “Parent - Teacher Association Handbook” published by the CHSC has always been very popular among the Parent-Teacher Associations. To cope with the changes of our society, this handbook has to be updated accordingly. We hope that the newly revised “Parent-Teacher Association Handbook” will continue to be an important reference document for facilitating the smooth operation and development of Parent-Teacher Associations.

“Unity of Home and School, Life with Love and Care” is adopted as the theme for this issue of “Parent-Teacher Association Handbook” to highlight the important role of parents and schools in moral education. While schools play an important role in education of students, it is only with the joining efforts of homes and schools that positive values and attitudes can be instilled effectively in students. Families are essential pou sto for kicking off moral education for students. Parents should work with the education sector in the implementation of moral education by serving as role models for their children. Parents can make use of everyday examples to instill in children positive attitudes and values and teach them to discern right from wrong. We strongly believe the collaborative efforts of home and school will help children who are brought up under love and care of homes and schools to develop and grow healthily. Endowed with a strong sense of responsibility, they will care and respect others when they grow up and become pillars of our society in the future.

Parent-Teacher Associations are bridges between schools and parents. They not only provide advice on the development of schools, but also actively engage in and organize a variety of home-school activities. Their contributions to both learning and teaching are indeed tremendous. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to parents, principals, teachers, and all those who have worked dedicatedly to promote home-school cooperation.



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