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The OMEP Asia Pacific Regional Conference was one of the most important events in the field of early childhood education in Hong Kong in 2017.

Message from the President and Report on the OMEP Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2017

What an exciting year of celebration for OMEP-Hong Kong! After 25 years of earnestly promoting the wellbeing, rights and education of young children, we celebrated this milestone by hosting the OMEP Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2017.

We were most gratified to co-organise the Conference with the Education Bureau (EDB) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and to partner with five universities, including Hong Kong Baptist University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Education University of Hong Kong, The Open University of Hong Kong and The University of Hong Kong.



Special thanks to our student helpers and volunteers.

The conference's theme: Enhancing the Quality of Early Childhood Education:

Policies, Pedagogies and Parent Engagement, gave timely insights into the implementation of the Free Quality Kindergarten Education Scheme in Hong Kong this year. The Conference was also one of the designated events of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's 20th anniversary celebration.

The Conference was held from 18 to 20 May at the Hong Kong Baptist University and the Education Bureau's Education Resource Centre. A total of 972 academic and early childhood education practitioners, and 314 parents attended the Conference. These participants came from all over the world including Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Myanmar, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Vietnam.

We had five keynote lectures, four forums, and a total of 85 workshops, paper and poster presentations in the first two days and then an additional half-day parent seminar. Throughout the Conference, we had the opportunity to engage with inspired policy makers, leaders, experts, scholars, educators, frontline practitioners

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and parents.

This conference has many elements of originality. It was the first OMEP Asia Pacific Regional Conference being held in Hong Kong and it was the first time that five universities in Hong Kong partnered together to organize a conference. Originality requires navigation into uncharted water and that is challenging. Guiding us throughout is OMEP's missions in promoting the well-being, development and education of young children and the professional development of early childhood educators. My OMEP colleagues have put in a huge amount of efforts and that could not have been achieved without a heartily passion for early childhood education. **Originality, Missions, Efforts, and Passion**, putting together resemble the abbreviation of the World Organisation for Early Childhood Education: OMEP. We had indeed the spirit of OMEP deeply embedded in our hearts when working on the conference.

Our heartily passion for early childhood education bonded us together. We worked hand in hand to overcome many obstacles despite the limitations and constraints we faced. All of us worked fervently and zealously to make the Conference a great success. I feel particularly indebted to our keynotes speakers:

- Professor Andrea Nolan, Deakin University
- Professor Eunhye Park, Ewha Womans University
- Professor Nirmala Rao, The University of Hong Kong
- Professor Iram Siraj, University College London, University of Wollongong (secondment), & Hong Kong Baptist University (visiting)
- Professor Yong Ping Yu, Nanjing Normal University

I also want to express my gratitude to all the OMEP members and long standing friends, who have all along been providing us with their unfailing support to bring about the success of the Conference and the 25 years of achievement of OMEP-Hong Kong.

Finally, I wish you all a very fruitful professional journey in early childhood education.

Amelia NY Lee (Dr.)
President
OMEP-Hong Kong
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Dr. Amelia Lee (right), President of OMEP-Hong Kong, with (left to right) Professor Roland Chin, President and Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong Baptist University, Mr. Matthew Cheung, Chief Secretary for Administration of Hong Kong SAR Government, and Mr. Eddie Ng, Secretary for Education of Hong Kong SAR Government

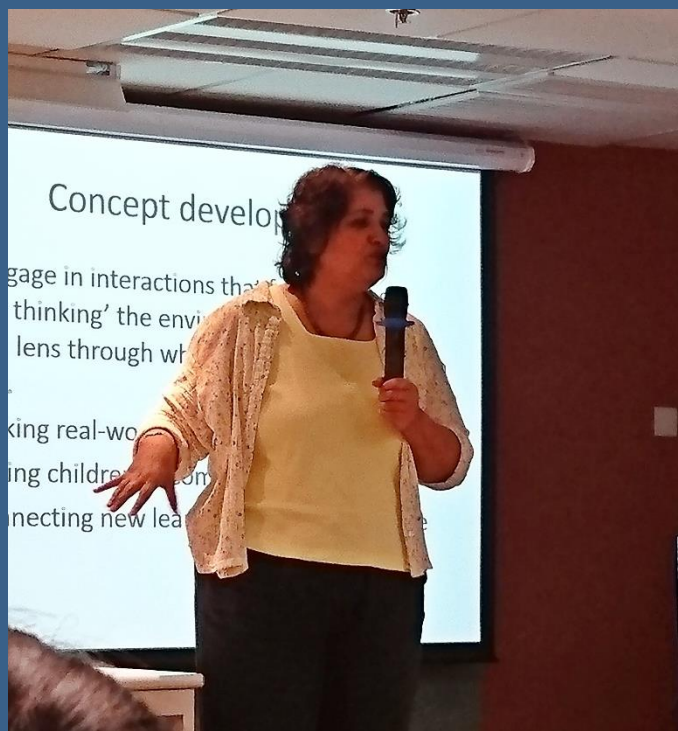


The conference attracted over 1000 participants from Hong Kong and around the world.

第二十四屆會員週年大會暨 Iram Siraj 教授「專業發展如何協助推行幼兒課程」專題講座

OMEP 香港分會於 2016 年 10 月 28 日舉行第二十四屆會員週年大會，通過了上屆會員大會會議紀錄、會長報告、財政報告及推選本屆核數師和法律顧問，多位任期屆滿的委員再獲投選加入執行委員會，同時亦歡迎新委員何彩華博士加入。

本年，我們十分榮幸邀得國際知名、倫敦大學學院（University College London）教育學院的 Iram Siraj 教授蒞臨於會後作一場專題講座，主題為「專業發展如何協助推行 ECEC 課程」（What Critical Aspects of Professional Development Would Assist the Implementation of Any ECEC Curriculum?）。Siraj 教授大半生積極提倡教育平等和公平的人生起點，她是聯合國教科文組織、世界銀行和聯合國兒童基金會的顧問，並曾編著超過 70 本研究報告和書籍及 200 篇學術論文。是次講座綜合了她多年的研究發現，從現實課堂例子出發，解構教師專業發展影響兒童學習和成長的各樣因素，及如何有效地推動幼師專業化。



倫敦大學學院教育學院 Iram Siraj 教授蒞臨向各會員解構教師專業發展影響兒童學習和成長的各樣因素。



國情教育學習活動

OMEP 香港分會曾於 2007 年獲「香港各界慶祝回歸委員會慈善信託基金」資助，開展「國情教育：薪火相傳始於幼兒教育」研究計劃，並出版《薪火相傳始於幼兒教育：幼兒國情教育教材彙編》一書（下稱《薪火相傳》）。

適逢今年是香港回歸二十周年，勵進教育中心擬向全港幼稚園推出一項「國歌及升旗禮」學習計劃，讓香港的幼兒從小認識國歌及升國旗的禮儀，建立起對國家的歸屬感。該計劃會向每間參與的幼稚園送贈一套升旗座、國旗等教材資料，當中收錄了《薪火相傳》中的「國情教育學習活動國慶及回歸篇」及懸掛旗幟指引的資料，本會委員孔美琪博士亦將擔任計劃顧問。

有關計劃詳情，請聯絡勵進教育中心：

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勵進教育中心「國歌及升旗禮」學習計劃將收錄本會出版之《薪火相傳始於幼兒教育：幼兒國情教育教材彙編》部分內容。

第 69 屆世界幼兒教育聯會世界大會暨國際研討會報告



OMEP 香港分會副會長藍美容博士（前排右一）、執行委員會委員孔美琪博士（前排右三）與亞太區各會長和代表就區內合作開會。

第 69 屆世界幼兒教育聯會世界大會暨國際研討會已在 2017 年 6 月 19 至 24 日於克羅地亞奧帕蒂的 Tamaris 會議中心（Conference Centre Tamaris, Milenij Hotels, Opatija, Croatia）舉行。OMEP 香港分會副會長藍美容博士、執行委員會委員孔美琪博士（OMEP 前世界會長）及 25 位香港會員，與全球來自 69 個國家、600 多位研究人員、幼兒教育工作者、政策制定者、倡導者、師訓導師和未來教師交流意見。

今年的大會主題是「幼兒關係：可持續未來的基礎」（Early Childhood Relationships: The Foundation for a Sustainable Future），在首兩天的世界大會的議程中，除了一般會務討論和報告外，大會還邀請了 Ivan Prskalo 博士及 Lidija Vujicic 博士兩位學者分別分享了兩個課題：「當代挑戰與學前教師教育：里耶教師教育學院的角度」（Contemporary Challenges and Preschool Teachers' Education: Perspective at Faculty of Teacher Education in Rijeka）和「運動學與可持續發展」（Kinesiology and Sustainable Development），讓與會者了解里耶學前教師教育現況，及引領與會者對運動學在幼兒可持續發展方面作進一步的探討和思考。

北美洲及加勒比地區的副會長 Judith Wagner 將於明年卸任，加拿大分會會長 Christine Bourdages Simpson 獲選為該區下一任副會長。同時，大會亦訂定了 2017 年的 OMEP 世界宣言——「增加對幼兒照顧和教育服務的投資」（OMEP World Declaration 2017: Higher Investment for Early Childhood Care and Education）。在會議結束前，世界會長 Eunhye Park 宣布了明年的世界幼兒教育聯會世界大會暨國際研討會將由捷克共和國（Czech Republic）主辦，並在布拉格舉行。



研討會探討幼兒關係與世界各地的可持續發展，OMEP 香港分會會員獲益良多。

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《行政長官施政報告》諮詢會

OMEP 香港分會執行委員會委員孔美琪博士代表本會出席 2017 年 8 月 4 日由政務司司長張建宗主持的《行政長官施政報告》諮詢會，從幼教界專業角度向政府提出意見。

本會立場主要如下：

1. 制定教師薪酬表及明確的學位化時間表，重視教師專業發展
2. 檢視及更新優質幼稚園課程的表現指標
3. 設幼稚園駐校社工服務，辨識有潛在需要的家庭，提供適時支援
4. 增加家長教育資源，例如設計手提電話應用程式（app）提供最新的育兒互動資訊予家長
5. 考慮在幼稚園階段開展國情教育（可參考前文提及的 OMEP 香港國情教育研究計劃）

我們喜見行政長官林鄭月娥接納本會意見，於 10 月 11 日發表的任內首份《施政報告》中承諾會檢討幼稚園教師的薪酬安排，以探討設立幼稚園教師薪級表的可行性，並進一步諮詢幼稚園界別及持份者，擬訂未來路向。

財政報告

（由二〇一六年十月一日至二〇一七年九月三十日，將經核數師作最終核實）

總收入：	HK\$ 1,819,945.00
總支出：	HK\$ 1,266,075.00
年度盈餘：	HK\$ 553,870.00
銀行結餘：	HK\$ 1,016,259.00

未來動向

- **第 70 屆世界幼兒教育聯會世界研討會：**第 70 屆世界幼兒教育聯會世界大會暨研討會將於 2018 年 6 月 25 日至 29 日於捷克布拉格舉行。OMEP 於 1948 年在布拉格創立，是次研討會回歸發源地舉行，可謂意義重大。研討會將於稍後時間接受報名，如欲獲取最新消息，請瀏覽：<http://www.worldomep.org>。