



The 22nd Annual General Meeting Minutes

8 January 2015 (Thursday) 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
DLB418, 4/F, David C. Lam Building, Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University,
34 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong

Attending: Approximately 70 OMEP-Hong Kong members, including EXCO members, attended.

Minutes: OMEP-HK 21st AGM Minutes was read. Ms. Gloria Leung made a motion for the minutes to be accepted. Ms. Adelina Kong seconded. All in favour.

President's Report: Dr. Amelia Lee read the President's Report and thanked all OMEP members in attendance. In her report, Dr. Lee highlighted:

2014 OMEP World Assembly and Conference in Cork, Ireland

The 2014 OMEP World Assembly and Conference was held in Cork, Ireland on 1-5 July 2014. The theme of the Conference was "Children's Cultural World". OMEP Hong Kong President Dr. Amelia Lee, Vice-President Dr. Hazel Lam, Advisors Dr. Maggie Koong (also OMEP World President) and Prof. Nirmala Rao (also OMEP World Treasurer) and OMEP Hong Kong members joined delegates of 46 countries and discussed the future development of OMEP. They also conducted a number of presentations.

Policy Advocacy

OMEP-Hong Kong was very active in policy advocacy in 2014. In view of the Government's plan to implement free kindergarten education, OMEP-Hong Kong organised a meeting with Mrs. Betty Ip, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education, to discuss the future development of early childhood education in Hong Kong on 10 November 2014.

In response to the Government's Consultation for 2015 Policy Address, OMEP Hong Kong submitted the "Blueprint for Developing Quality Early Childhood Education", and urged the government to:

- (1) Set up an early childhood research and policy unit and promote local research on early childhood education;
- (2) Promote teacher training and professionalism;
- (3) Unify services for young children between the ages of 0 and 8 and develop a long-term plan for early childhood education;
- (4) Support the learning of young children with special educational needs (SEN) and achieve early identification and intervention;
- (5) Promote universal early childhood education and increase support for needy families; and
- (6) Enhance parent education and provide diversified services to support families.

Dr. Amelia Lee also attended the Policy Address Consultation Meeting on behalf of OMEP-Hong Kong in November.

In addition, OMEP-Hong Kong Executive Committee members met with Ms. Starry Lee on 18 December 2014, Chairperson of LegCo's Panel of Education Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free

Kindergarten Education, to discuss issues that the sector was facing. Members reiterated the above 6 emphases and hoped Ms. Lee would reflect the views to the government and the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education to achieve free, quality and sustainable kindergarten education in Hong Kong.

Congratulations

Dr. Amelia congratulated Advisor Dr. Maggie Koong for being award Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Whittier College, USA; Executive Committee members Mrs. Chu Tang Lai Kuen and Ms. Gloria Leung for being award Honorary Fellowship by Hong Kong Institute of Education and Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service, respectively.

Forthcoming Events

A Singapore Study Tour would be organised in Easter. More information would be available later.

The 2015 OMEP World Assembly and Conference would be held in Washington DC, USA on from 27 – 1 August 2015. The theme of the Conference would be “Early Childhood Pathways to Sustainability”.

Dr. Lee thanked all EXCO members for their time, hard work and dedication to serve the children and families. Dr. Hazel Lam made a motion for the Report to be accepted. Ms. Lilian Kam seconded. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Bessie Pang presented the Treasurer's Report. As at 30 September, 2014, the total income was HK\$6,401 and the total expenditure was HK\$77,235. The total comprehensive deficit for the year was HK\$70,834. The deficit was mainly due to the expenses for North-West China Pre-school Teacher Exchange Programme and had been settled. The net asset was HK\$604,444. The reserves and funds were \$604,444, which include accumulated funds of HK\$597,551 and HK\$77,727 from Quality Education Fund. OMEP-Hong Kong was financially healthy. Mrs. Chu Tang Lai Kuen made a motion for the Report to be accepted. Ms. Mary Wong seconded. All in favour.

Election of Auditor and Honorary Legal Advisor: Lo and Kwong C.P.A. Company Limited submitted the Auditor's Report. OMEP-Hong Kong's current Legal Advisor, Mr. Tang Wai Chung Herman, was willing to continue to serve as Honorary Legal Advisor. Ms. Cinda Chan and Ms. Mary Wong motioned for the Company and Mr. Tang to remain as Auditor and Honorary Legal Advisor, respectively. Ms. Bessie Pang seconded. All in favour.

Election of OMEP-HK EXCO Members: There were 4 openings in the Executive Committee at the end of the membership year as a result of 4 existing members completing their 2-years term. The 4 members were re-nominated. Dr. Hazel Lam was proposed by Ms. Adelina Kong and seconded by Ms. Mary Wong. Ms. Gloria Leung was proposed by Ms. Adelina Kong and seconded by Ms. Mary Wong. Ms. Mary Tong was proposed by Ms. Cinda Chan and seconded by Ms. Amy Lee. Ms. Cinda Chan was proposed by Mary Tong and seconded by Ms. Amy Lee. All 4 members were re-elected in block to the Executive Committee. All in favour. They would serve on the EXCO for two years.

Close of the Meeting: Dr. Amelia Lee thanked all OMEP-Hong Kong EXCO members for their work and other members for attending the AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jessie Wong
Executive Secretary, OMEP-Hong Kong