

President's Remarks  
Dr. Becky Lau  
ACEI-HKM (2015-2017)

Greetings to old and new friends of ACEI-Hong Kong & Macau Chapter.

The Chapter has re-elected new Executive Committee members in 2015. The new list Executive Committee is available in the Main Page of the Website.

Before I move on, allow me to say a few thankful words to my predecessor, Dr. Ben Choi, who has been the President of ACEI –HK&M Chapter from 2013 to 2015. The Chapter has witnessed a number of developments under Ben's leadership. Two newsletters were published in 2014 and 2015 respectively to promote the wellbeing of children and to report to members and the public of the activities that the Chapter had accomplished. Please refer to the newsletters for more details. A book "Early childhood education in Chinese societies: curriculum and instruction" was planned to be published for 2015 to 2016. An Exchange Programme has been organized by the Chapter under the assistance of Mr. Titus Li and William Ma in July 2014 to school participants from Macau. The Programme, which carried an aim to facilitate school practitioners to conduct school ceremony, drew a number of about ten Macau visitors to a Hong Kong kindergarten on a one-day visit. The group participated in a school-end ceremony of the kindergarten and took part in discussions after the end of the Programme. The Chapter also joined with Chinese Society for Environmental Education and co-hosted an "International Exchange Conference on Environmental Education and the 5<sup>th</sup> Cross-Straits & Four Regions Sustainable Development Education Forum 2014". The Forum carries a main theme on "Towards our Common Future: Environmental Education and Interdisciplinary Links" and will be held from 14-16 November 2014 in Peng Tung, Taiwan.[2014年中華民國環境教育學術暨實務交流國際研討會暨第五屆兩岸四地永續發展教育論壇:邁向我們共同的未來:環境教育跨領域連結]. Thanks very much to Ben and all others who have made significant contributions to the Chapter in the last two years.

In coming months, the new EXCO shall work on a number of new plans for 2016. It is planned that a new issue of Newsletter be published in September 2016 so that readers and interested parties can have a general idea about the Chapter. The book titled “Early Childhood Education in Chinese Societies: Curriculum and Instruction” is now in press. A Montessori Conference will be organized in November of 2016 in Hong Kong. An e-journal of the Chapter is also under the discussion table. The chapter will continue to encourage team members and others, especially students, to engage in professional development in related areas.

ACEI-HKM received her Chapter from ACEI Headquarter in 21st July 1998 & registered as a Society in Hong Kong in 1999. The Chapter is well over 17 years old in 2016. Looking ahead, the Chapter will follow the footsteps of predecessors and strive to serve children and teachers in the society, both local and overseas.

For those who would like to contact us, you are welcome to email us at [enquiry@acei-hkm.org.hk](mailto:enquiry@acei-hkm.org.hk) or visit our website, [www.acei-hkm.org.hk](http://www.acei-hkm.org.hk)