



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HKEAA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon Forum**

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) has endeavoured to provide professional examinations and assessment services to meet societal needs over the last four decades. To mark its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the HKEAA hosted a luncheon forum this afternoon (8 August 2017) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wan Chai.

Among the guests were leaders of the school and higher education sectors, experienced examination personnel, academics and stakeholders of the education community who engaged in discussions and reviewed the development and impact of public examinations and educational assessments in Hong Kong.

The opening ceremony was officiated by our guest of honour, Mr Kevin Yeung Yun-hung, Secretary for Education, Mr Rock Chen Chung-nin, Chairman of the HKEAA, and other distinguished guests.

Mr Rock Chen expressed his gratitude for the dedication and efforts of all stakeholders who have contributed to the delivery of examinations and assessments over the years. With the continued collaboration of the education community and assessment professionals, the HKEAA has been able to provide professional and reliable examinations and assessment services since its establishment in 1977.

He also thanked the HKEAA Council, the Education Bureau as well as other partners, both local and overseas, for their support and contributions in making it possible for the HKEAA to pursue excellence in serving societal needs and nurturing local talent. Over the past 40 years the HKEAA has administered a variety of examinations and assessments for more than 17,000,000 candidates.

'In Hong Kong as well as all over the world, it is granted that a quality public examination must be fair, impartial and professional. Today, we are privileged to have the opportunity to engage in professional dialogue with our partners who are devoted to the development of education and examinations in Hong Kong, and to explore how we can further enhance the quality of our assessment system,' Mr Rock Chen said.

Professor Edward Chen Kwan-yiu, Chairman of HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education and former President of Lingnan University, delivered a keynote speech on 'Assessment and Examinations: A Liberal Arts Perspective', and took part in a panel discussion with Professor Lui Tai-lok, Chair Professor of Hong Kong Studies of the Education University of Hong Kong, Dr Halina Poon Suk-han, Chairman of the Executive

Committee of Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council, and Dr Tong Chong-sze, Secretary General of the HKEAA. The panel commented and shared insights on the interaction between assessment and Liberal Arts Education.

Dr Tong Chong-sze thanked the respondents for their inspiring views and concluded the panel discussion with the following remarks, ‘Substantial improvements have been witnessed in our public examinations over the years. I am confident that with the support of our stakeholders and the concerted efforts of our staff and examination personnel, the Authority will continue to achieve its vision and mission and provide valid, reliable and equitable examinations and assessment services for Hong Kong.’

A selection of archive materials related to public examinations was also on display for guests to revisit the history and achievements of the HKEAA over the years.

Since the beginning of the year, a range of events and programmes have been organised to inform the public about the development of public examinations and the services of the HKEAA. Please visit <http://40years.hkeaa.edu.hk> for more details.

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