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The HKEAA Research Forum 2020

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) held its second Research Forum today (12 November 2020), with the theme of ‘Opportunities and Challenges in Assessment in the Digital Era’.

The Forum was held in collaboration with the Education Bureau to facilitate dialogue and sharing of experiences in leveraging technology in educational assessment among educators, academics, teachers and school administrators. About 1,300 teachers, school leaders and researchers attended the event either online or on-site.

The HKEAA Chairman Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki expressed his gratitude to all speakers and participants who joined the Research Forum. He said, ‘Thanks to the advancement in technology, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic and while some of us are thousands of miles away, we are still able to come together to exchange knowledge and experience. I am sure the presentations and discussions today will inspire you with many new ideas or action plans that may bring benefits to the education community.’

‘The application of technology in teaching and learning surged during the pandemic. It poses new opportunities as well as challenges for assessment practices. The Forum this year aims to provide a platform to share the latest developments in the educational measurement field in the digital era.’ Mr Yung added.

The Research Forum featured keynote addresses by four local and international academics in the morning. They include:

- Dr Randy E. Bennett (Norman O. Frederiksen Chair Professor in Assessment Innovation of the Division of Research and Development, Educational Testing Service of Princeton);

- Professor Chang Hua-hua (Charles R. Hicks Chair Professor of the College of Education, Purdue University);

- Professor Nancy Law (Deputy Director of the Centre for Information Technology in Education, Faculty of Education of the University of Hong Kong); and

- Dr Huang Xiaoting (Director of Examinations, Assessment and Research of the HKEAA).
The event also featured four parallel sessions with 16 presentations in the afternoon where researchers, teachers and representatives of the HKEAA presented research findings on using technology in public examinations and assessments, providing feedback with assessment data as well as new approaches in learning and teaching.


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