

Talent Point in Focus: The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education, Associated European Talent Point

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Chairman of Board of Directors of the HKAGE delivers the welcome speech at the Annual Hotung Lecture

The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE), set up in 2007, is a non-governmental organisation, now subvented by the Educational Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Since its inception, HKAGE has been offering enrichment and acceleration programmes for around 7000 student members aged 10-18. Our provisions include enrichment types of gifted programmes taking diverse forms from face-to-face seminars, courses,

workshops, study tours, exchanges programmes to online self-directed learning programmes covering sciences, mathematics, technology, humanities, languages and leadership. Advanced acceleration learning experiences are also offered to help develop students' competence towards specialisation and innovation.

In addition, year-long intensive training programmes are offered to prepare students for international competitions such as International Mathematical Olympiad, International Junior Science Olympiad, International Physics Olympiad, International Biology Olympiad and International Olympiad of Metropolises. We organise territory-wide screening competitions to select gifted students of high calibres in different domains for these intensive training programmes. Since 2010, our student members have achieved well in these prestigious international challenges whereas a total of 49 gold, 118 silver and 82 bronze medals have been obtained.



HKAGE student members engaged in advanced learning programme



HKAGE student members obtained brilliant results in international Olympiad

choices and be engaged in learning experiences with progressive challenges. More tailor-made programmes and opportunities are offered to cater for their special needs to encourage self-initiation, and heightened personalized learning.

THE HKAGE also puts lot of resources to taking care of the non-cognitive development of our gifted student members. Affective education programmes are organized to provide them with timely and relevant social and emotional support.

In the coming year, the HKAGE will embark on full scale a Talent Development Scheme in which highly : development pathways of their own

The HKAGE aims to become a regional hub of its kind with an effective framework for strategic planning and delivery of appropriate programmes. We seek to (a) mobilise and steer the interest and effort of parents, teachers, academics, business and community leaders with a view to creating a conducive and enriching learning environment for all gifted students; (b) facilitate the professional development of teachers in the identification and support of gifted students within the school context; (c) develop, through partnership with like-minded organisations, both locally and in other countries, a knowledge hub for furthering research on gifted education and the ex-change of ideas and best practice.

By May 2020, HKAGE had completed the nomination of 16 STEM enthusiasts to the Global Talent Mentoring scheme administered by University of Regensburg for final round selection. The nomination process in Hong Kong was rigorous requiring a STEM portfolio submission and two rounds of group interviews with experts and scholars from diverse fields. Though not all finalists would ultimately be admitted to the scheme, HKAGE is keen on nurturing them. A Young Talents Fellowship (STEMM) is formulated connecting these students to facilitate peer learning and project collaboration. Currently HKAGE is in active search of international learning and project collaboration opportunities for these talented young members.



HKAGE offers platform for local teachers to exchange with overseas educators

In January 2021, the HKAGE is hosting the signature event, Annual Hotung Lecture, where Prof. Albert Ziegler from Friedrich–Alexander University Erlangen, Germany will share his research and views on the topic “How Important is Self-regulated Learning Skills to Gifted Students in the Talent-Development Process?” All local educators and parents are welcome.

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