

The HKAGE's GE Satellite Centres Open

(Hong Kong – 28 January 2021) The **Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education** (HKAGE or Academy) announced the extension of its gifted education services via the inception of district network. Three **Gifted Education (GE) Satellite Centres** at **Evangel College**, **HKBU Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School (WKF)** and **SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School (SKHBBSS)** commenced their services after the launching ceremony held today.

The setup of GE Satellite Centres, one of the Academy's major strategies in 2021, is to strengthen the collaboration with schools and extend the coverage of GE services to different regions in the territory. **Dr Alan LAM Hiu Fung, Chairperson of the HKAGE**, thanked those school partners for joining hands with the HKAGE to enhance the provision of gifted education to gifted students, 'Today's launching ceremony is just the beginning and I look forward to the establishment of more GE Satellite Centers in times to come, so as to realise the vision of "Developing Diverse Talents for Our future".'

Dr Jimmy WONG Kam Yiu, Executive Director of the HKAGE, said in the ceremony, 'Thanks to the three partner schools for being our pioneers to promote gifted education with us by utilising their location-specific advantages, resources, equipment, and talents to cultivate the giftedness of students and enhance the Academy's programmes.'

Chief Principal of Evangel College, Mr Vincent LO Wai Shing, MH, was delighted to have the College as one of the pioneer GE Satellite Centres, 'When three men walk together, there must be one I can learn from. Our synergy is very important, we must find out the real needs of our students. I hope that we can interact actively with the HKAGE and partner schools, so as to meet the needs of gifted education development.'

Dr Benjamin CHAN Wai Kai, Chief Principal of WKF, had high hopes for this collaboration, 'The school would like to work with the HKAGE to implement and promote gifted education in Hong Kong through its professional development and contribute in the GE sector.'

Principal WONG Lik Hak, Secretary of the school Incorporated Management Committee of SHKBBSS, cited that the school has been endeavouring to enhance its resources on gifted education, 'In order to undertake this new role, our school has established a "Ad-hoc Task Group for Gifted Education Satellite Centre" to internally coordinate and encourage more gifted and high-ability students to register as HKAGE student members, and externally collaborate with the HKAGE and other like-minded educational organisations. Hopefully this would help promote our common vision "Education For The Gifted and Gifted Education For All".'

A gifted primary school student of WKF, **Lewis James GILBERT**, welcomed the gifted students from other schools to join GE programmes at his school, 'Parents will be encouraged to attend seminars to develop their children, while children will have access to our school's many resources, for example, the STEAM Lab, VR facilities, etc. Aside from this, the HKAGE will be able to discover gifted students to add to their gifted education programme, which will further strengthen, flourish and secure a better future society.'

Hilary CHIU, an HKAGE student member living in Tseung Kwan O (TKO), shared her happiness in the Ceremony, 'I'm thrilled to see a GE satellite centre in my neighborhood. As a Hong Kong windsurfing team member, I need to practice windsurfing on Saturdays and thus I could join the weekday GE

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programmes mostly. But the travelling time between HKAGE and TKO takes about two hours, it might be quite late when I get home from the HKAGE. The satellite centre at TKO will offer great convenience and motivation for me and my brother who is also an HKAGE member to join the GE programmes together. It would be fun.'

'With the development of the region and the new immigrants moving in, the number of school children in New Territories West (NTW) has increased. A rise in the demand for gifted education is expected to follow,' **Jam CHAN**, a gifted students living in Tin Shui Wai was delighted to see a satellite centre in Yuen Long. 'Parent seminars on different topics at the NTW Satellite Centre, with professional speakers sharing tips for parenting gifted children, would also help parents nurture their children.'

The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education, a subvented non-governmental organisation, was established in 2008. It aims at serving the education sector in Hong Kong, offering high quality information, support and appropriate learning opportunities to gifted students, their parents, teachers and other stakeholders engaged in gifted education. Most of its programmes are provided free-of-charge.






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<p>#1.</p> 	<p>#2.</p> 
<p>#1 Mr CP Wong, Head of Academic Programme Development Division from the HKAGE and the representative from Evangel College conducted the Unveiling Ceremony.</p>	<p>#2 Ms Amia Cheung, Head of Advanced Learning Experiences Division, HKAGE and the representatives from the HKBU Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School conducted the Unveiling Ceremony.</p>
<p>#3.</p> 	<p>#4.</p> 
<p>#3 Dr Eric Fung, Head of Research Division, HKAGE, and the representatives from SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School conducted the Unveiling Ceremony.</p>	<p>#4 Students from Evangel College shared their happiness of setting up a Gifted Education Satellite Centre at their school.</p>
<p>#5</p> 	<p>#6</p> 

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<p>#5 Hilary Chiu, an HKAGE student member living in Tseung Kwan O, is looking forward to taking the GE programmes with her gifted brother.</p>	<p>#6 Students from HKBU Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School expected that the center will provide a variety of interesting gifted education courses.</p>
<p>#7</p> 	<p>#8</p> 
<p>#7 Isaac HUI, an HKAGE student member living in Tai Po expressed that the satellite centre will offer a higher degree of variety in the Gifted Education programmes.</p>	<p>#8 Jam, an HKAGE student member living in Tin Shui Wai opined that the parent programmes in the satellite centre could enhance the parenting techniques of the parents in the region.</p>
<p>#9</p> 	<p>#10</p> 
<p>#9&10 The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) , Evangel College, HKBU Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School (WKF) and SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School (SKHBBSS) conducted the Signing Ceremony</p>	