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**The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education**  
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**Annual Hotung Lecture 2012**  
**“Critical Questions in Talent Development” by International Education Expert**

The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education’s annual signature event - Annual Hotung Lecture will be presented at Lecture Theatre, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre (West Block) on 11 January 2012 (Wednesday).

As the education sector’s grand event, **Annual Hotung Lecture 2012** will provide a platform for a total of 450 education and school leaders, teachers and educational psychologists supporting high ability students or gifted students to exchange their views. The topic of this year’s lecture is **“Critical Questions in Talent Development”** and the Academy is honoured to invite **Professor David Lubinski, a distinguished educational psychologist from Vanderbilt University, USA and awardee of the Distinguished Scholar Award from the National Association for Gifted Children**, to share his insights with local educationalists on gifted education through his world famous 40-year longitudinal research known as Study of Mathematically Precocious Youth (SMPY).

From the research, Professor Lubinski will investigate critical questions in talent development collected over 40 years from 5,000 talented mathematicians, who have been ranked in the top 1% of their ability cohort. Through the relevant data, he will explain his views on a series of gifted education issues worth examining, which include: the variation in ability among the top 1% of all talents, the proportion of gifted students who can develop their potential, the relationship between the gifted domains of gifted students and their career development and the variation in development between male and female gifted students.

The details of the event are as follows:

- Date:** 11 January 2012 (Wednesday)
- Time:** 10 am – 12 pm (Media registration begins at 9:45 am)
- Venue:** Lecture Theatre, 4/F, West Block, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre (Exit E, MTR Kowloon Tong Station)
- Topic:** Critical Questions in Talent Development: Answered Through 40 Years of Longitudinal Research by Study of Mathematically Precocious Youth (SMPY)
- Guests:** **Mrs Cherry Tse, JP, Permanent Secretary for Education**  
**Professor David Lubinski, Vanderbilt University**  
**Mr Irving Koo, SBS, JP, Chairman of the HKAGE**  
**Dr Stephen Tommis, Executive Director of the HKAGE**

**David Lubinski** is a professor of Psychology at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. He has been the co-director of Study of Mathematically Precocious Youth (SMPY) since 1991; since 1998, he has been at Vanderbilt, where he also co-directs its Quantitative Methods Area. He is famous among educators and psychological scientists for his longitudinal research which asks and addresses critical questions in talent development. Professor Lubinski has won several professional awards including the American Psychological Association’s 1996 Early Career Award (Psychometrics/Applied Research) and the Distinguished Scholar Award from the National Association for Gifted Children (2006). He has authored well over 100 articles and books on education and psychology in the last 30 years.

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(  ) I will attend the lecture beginning at 10 am on January 2012.

(  ) I will not attend the lecture but would like to receive the relevant press release and photos after the activity.

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