

## Parent Seminar: Introductory Level

**“The ACBs of Giftedness”**

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
PSS0901001	10 January 2009 (Saturday) 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	All parents

- Venue** : School Hall of St Francis of Assis’s English Primary School  
58 Shek Kip Mei Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon
- Speaker and Facilitator** : Dr Echo Wu Hong Yan, Assistant Professor, HKIEd  
Ms Jessie Chow, Educational Psychologist, HKAGE
- Course Description** : This seminar focuses on basic knowledge about giftedness. Some misconceptions on giftedness will be addressed. Ways on how to nurture giftedness will also be shared.
- Course Objectives** : Upon completion of this seminar, participants should be able to:
- Understand the concepts of giftedness & characteristics of gifted children
  - Determine if IQ testing is suitable for their children
  - Know factors of home environment that can nurture giftedness
- Course Outline** :
1. Seminar contents
    - Definition of giftedness
    - Issues of IQ testing
    - Nature vs nurture
    - Home environment that could groom a gifted child
    - Sharing of the interview with Nobel laureates, what the lesson learnt from their parenting experiences
  2. Q & A and concluding remarks
- Medium of Instruction** : Cantonese
- Course Fee** : Free of charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)
- Registration Information** : Kindly fax the completed registration form to **3586 3429** or mail it to:  
‘Parent Support, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education, East Block, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong’
- Deadline for Registration** : **22 December 2008 (Mon) 5:00p.m.**  
Note: Acceptance is on first come first served basis. If over subscribed, preference will be given to those without any prior knowledge in giftedness.  
Registrants will be notified of the outcome by end of December through email.
- Contact Person** : Ms Jady Au Tel.:3698 3578 [kcau@hkage.org.hk](mailto:kcau@hkage.org.hk)

**Brief introduction to Speaker:**

Dr. Echo Wu is currently an Assistant Professor at The Hong Kong Institute of Education. She received her PhD from the University of Virginia, specialising in gifted and talented education. One of her key research interests is in parenting of the gifted and talented children. She has been involved in research projects which explored factors that contributed to talented performance, parenting (including interviews with Nobel Prize winners on their parenting experiences), single parent families, and instructional differentiation in regular classrooms.

Apart from being an experienced teacher, researcher, and a mother of two children, Dr Wu possesses international perspectives in gifted and talented education as she has been teaching and studying in the mainland, Australia, Hong Kong and the USA. Also Dr Wu has presented extensively in international educational conferences and her research outcomes have been published in various leading academic journals. She is also an active advocate of gifted education and is a member of various professional organizations in gifted education such as National Association of Gifted Children, American Educational Research Association, and World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Her insights in the operation of different education systems, blending the western theories with the traditional Confucian philosophy, enable her to propose and develop the Chinese model of talent development.

