

**Mass Lecture information:**

***“Looking Ahead in the Field of Gifted Education”***

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
ML020809	4 March 2009 (Wednesday) 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	School Heads and Curriculum Leaders in Primary and Secondary Schools (No prior knowledge is required)

- Venue** : School Hall, Kowloon Tong Government Primary School  
: No. 6, Tim Fuk Road, Kowloon Tong  
[Please refer to the location map.]
- Speaker and Facilitator** : Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska, The Jody and Layton Smith Professor of  
: Education and Executive Director of the Center for Gifted Education,  
The College of William and Mary, Virginia, U.S.A.
- Course Description** : This lecture will provide insights into gifted education practices, recent trends  
: and what really works for gifted students. The speaker will share with  
participants the development of gifted education as well as effective  
practices.
- Course Objectives** : Upon completion of this event, participants should be able to:  
▪ have a clear understanding of the impacts of gifted education; and  
▪ be aware of effective strategies to initiate, develop and implement gifted  
education programmes in schools
- Course Outline** : Programme contents  
1. Conceptions of Giftedness  
2. Why is gifted education so important? What have been the impacts of  
GE?  
3. What are the recent developments? GE then, now & for the future  
4. What works? What are the effective practices?  
5. Recommendations on implementation of GE
- Certificate/CPD Hours** : Certificate of Attendance and 3 CPD hours will be awarded to all participants
- Medium of Instruction** : English
- Course Fee** : Free of Charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)

- Number of Nominees** : At most 5 from each school
- Contact Person** : Miss Jady Au Tel.:3698 3578 [kcau@hkage.org.hk](mailto:kcau@hkage.org.hk)
- Registration Information** : Kindly fax the completed registration form to 3586 3429.  
[ Registration form could be downloaded from the following website:  
<http://www.hkage.org.hk>, please visit “**Programmes Section**” in the **Teacher Zone**]
- Deadline for Registration** : 12 February 2009 (Thu) 5:00p.m.  
Note: Acceptance is on first-come-first-served basis, at most five staff members per school. All school applicants are accepted in principle. Unless the talk is fully subscribed, no further notification will be made.
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### Speaker's Profile



**Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska** is The Jody and Layton Smith Professor of Education and Executive Director of the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, where she has developed a graduate programme and a research and development centre in gifted education. Formerly, she initiated and directed the Centre for Talent Development at Northwestern University. She is past president of the Association for the Gifted of the Council for Exceptional Children, the Northwestern University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and the National Association for Gifted Children. She has worked as a gifted education consultant in all 50 states and for key national groups, including the U.S. Department of Education, National Association of Secondary School Principals, and American Association of School Administrators. She has consulted internationally in Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, Jordan, Singapore, South Korea, England, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. VanTassel-Baska's research interests are on the talent development process and effective curricular interventions with the gifted. She has published widely including 22 books and over 500 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and scholarly reports. She also served as the editor of *Gifted and Talented International*, a publication of the World Council on Gifted and Talented from 1998 to 2005.

Dr. VanTassel-Baska has received numerous awards including the International Mensa Research Award, 2001 and 1995, and President's Award for exceptional work and service on *Gifted and Talented International*, the research journal of the World Council on Gifted & Talented Children, 2005. She was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to New Zealand in 2000 and a visiting scholar to Cambridge University in England in 1993.

In October 2007, Joyce was invited by the Education Bureau of the HKSAR to deliver a mass lecture and a thematic course on curriculum development for the gifted for curriculum leaders and teachers from local schools. These professional development courses were well received by the participants. More information on the speaker could be found at: <http://cfge.wm.edu/jvantassel-baska/jvantassel-baska.htm>