

**Thematic Seminar:**

**“Understanding the Social & Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners and Strategies to Help Them”  
(Primary School Session)**

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
SR/AE/010910S1	<b>3 March 2010 (Wednesday) 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.</b> (Primary School Session)	Primary School Teachers, School Guidance Teachers & School Social Workers
<b>Medium of Instruction</b>	Cantonese	

**Venue** : Rm **E306**, 3/F, East Block, Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

**Speaker and Facilitator** : Mrs. Helen Yu, an experienced registered educational psychologist of The Hong Kong Psychological Society & Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

**Course Description** : This seminar focuses on the social and emotional needs of gifted learners and the strategies that teachers could adopt to help them to cope with the social and emotional issues.

**Course Objectives** : Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- know the common social & emotional needs and issues of gifted learners in HK context
- be aware of the various strategies that the school and teacher in the classroom could adopt to help gifted learners cope with the social & emotional issues
- understand the role of teachers in collaborating with parents to cater for the social & emotional needs of the gifted
- learn from examples of strategies and the implementation outcomes from practitioners

**Course Outline** :

1. What are the common social & emotional needs and issues of gifted learners? 2 specific issues will be highlighted.
2. What are the effective intervention strategies to help gifted learners to cope with social & emotional issues?
3. How do teachers work with the parents? Useful collaboration techniques
4. Case sharing to illustrate how to apply the intervention strategies learnt to real situations

**Certificate/CPD Hours** : Certificate of Participation and 3.5 CPD hours will be awarded to all participants after completion of the seminar.

**Course Fee** : Free of Charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)

**Number of Nominees** : At most 2 from each school

**Registration Information** : Please apply **online** from the website of The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education at [http://hkage.org.hk/en/tz\\_programmes.html](http://hkage.org.hk/en/tz_programmes.html)  
Registrant is required to obtain approval from his/her school principal/supervisor to attend this course by submitting a signed “**Nomination Form**” to the HKAGE through fax or email in order to complete the registration process.

The “Nomination Form” can be downloaded after submission of the online registration form by registrant. The same form will also be sent to the registrant via email as a reminder.

**Deadline for Registration** : **22 February 2010 (Mon) 5:00p.m.**

Note: Acceptance is on first-come-first-served basis.

Registrants will be notified of the outcome by **24 February 2010 (Wed)** through email. If school nominees do not receive our notification, please contact us at 3698 4025.

**Contact Person** : Miss Fong Tel: 3698 4036 or Email: [tpd@hkage.org.hk](mailto:tpd@hkage.org.hk)

**Remarks** :

1. ALL online applications should be nominated and approved by the school authority. Prior application is required and walk-ins will NOT be entertained.
2. Applicants please check the enrollment results via their email accounts registered with The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education.
3. The course organiser reserves the right to reject those applications without submitting sufficient data.
4. The course organiser will take video and photos of the activities during the course. The photos and materials taken may be used in print and electronic publications by the course organiser for educational purpose.
5. Car park arrangement: No parking spaces are available at KTESC. Please park at nearby car parks (e.g. Festival Walk).



**Brief introduction to Speaker:**

Mrs. Helen Yu is an experienced registered educational psychologist of The Hong Kong Psychological Society. She is currently an Assistant Professor of the Department of the Applied Social Sciences at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Since 1995, Mrs. Yu has organised a training programme called “Nurturing the Gifted and Talented”, and coordinated local and overseas projects for promoting gifted education. She has an extensive experience in working with teachers and parents to help them apply the knowledge and strategies of gifted education to improve quality of education at large and to cater for the needs of the gifted and talented learners in the Hong Kong context.

Mrs. Yu was also a principal research investigator of two local large-scale studies, including “Distribution and Identification of Gifted Children in Hong Kong”, and “Norming The Hong Kong Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking” from 1992 to 1995, and recently directed a similar study on “Distribution and Psycho-educational Needs of Gifted Students in Primary Schools” commissioned by the Macau SAR Government. To strengthen international network, she is now serving as the Secretary of The Asia-Pacific Federation on Giftedness, the Hong Kong Delegate to The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, and an appointed consultant on gifted education of the Macau SAR Government.