

**Thematic Seminar Information:**

**“Effective Gifted Education Curriculum and Pedagogy”**

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
SR/CI/020910	19 April 2010 (Monday) 3:00 -5:00p.m.	Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary School Teachers and Curriculum Leaders
<b>Medium of Instruction</b>	<b>English</b>	

- Venue** : Rm WP01, Podium, West Block,  
Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong
- Speaker and Facilitator** : Dr. Joyce VanTassel-Baska,  
ex- Executive Director of the Centre for Gifted Education,  
The College of William and Mary, U.S.A.
- Course Description** : This seminar will introduce to the participants the features of exemplary curriculum and the pedagogies for high-ability learners.
- Course Objectives** : Upon completion of this seminar, participants should be able to:
- i) know the features of curriculum suitable for high-ability learners
  - ii) know the instructional strategies that are effective for this group of learners
  - iii) know various exemplary curriculum and resources available
- Course Outline** : Programme contents
1. What are the common features of exemplary curriculum for high-ability learners?
  2. In what ways does it work? How does it impact the learners' learning?
  3. What are the effective pedagogies and curricular strategies to enhance the high-ability learners' learning?
  4. Sharing with examples in different subjects
- Certificate/ CPD Hours** : 2 CPD hours will be awarded to all participants
- Course Fee** : Free of Charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)

- 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 principal/supervisor of the school/organisation 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** : [31 March 2010 \(Wed\) 5:00p.m.](#)  
Note: Acceptance is on first-come-first-served basis.  
[Registrants will be notified of the outcome by 12 April 2010 \(Mon\) through email. If nominees do not receive our notification, please contact us at 3698 4025.](#)
- Contact Person** : Mr Lai Tel: 3698 4025 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 the venue. Please park at nearby car parks.  
6. Teachers or educators who plan to take the intermediate or advanced courses organised by the HKAGE are recommended to attend this course.
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### Brief introduction to Speaker:



**Dr. Joyce Van Tassel-Baska** is Professor Emerita at The College of William and Mary in Virginia, where she had served as Executive Director of the Centre for Gifted Education and 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. Van Tassel-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. Van Tassel-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 March 2009, Joyce was invited by the HKAGE to deliver a mass lecture and a thematic course for local school leaders and teachers. These professional development courses were well received by the participants.