



Workshop on Rational Thinking and a Meaningful Life

理性思考與豐盛人生工作坊

(Date: 17 & 20 August 2009)

Jointly organised by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education and the Department of Public and Social Administration, City University of Hong Kong

This course addresses the question “what is the meaning of life?” through investigating the relationship between rational thinking and a meaningful life. It examines the role of reasoning in ethics, and discusses the ethical issues and dilemmas that we often face in different stages of our lives. Basic principles of rational thinking are introduced in this course. By learning how to resolve the ethical issues and dilemmas rationally, students will improve their mastery of these basic principles and be able to enrich their lives through rational thinking.

Programme Details

Objectives & expected outcomes	Upon completing the course, students should be able to: 1. think critically about the sources of value and meaning in human existence; 2. explain the role of rational thinking in a meaningful life; 3. learn about the nature of morality; 4. master the basic principles of rational thinking and their applications; and 5. enrich their lives through knowing how to resolve ethical issues and dilemmas rationally.
Date	17 & 20 August 2009 (Monday and Thursday) ❖ <i>In case of cancellation of a lesson due to adverse weather conditions or outbreak of Swine Influenza A (H1N1), the cancelled lesson will be rescheduled on 24 August 2009 (Monday)</i>
Time	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Venue	Room B5-209, Blue Zone, 5/F, City University of Hong Kong
Quota	20 student members. If oversubscribe, applicants would be admitted to the course on a first come, first served basis.
Language	Cantonese supplemented with English course materials

Target participants	Priority will be given to S3 or above student members. Applications from other interested student members with confidence in completing the course will be put on the waiting list.
Course requirement	<u>Certificate of Attainment</u> will be awarded to participants who are able to fulfill all the course requirements which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ achieving a 100% attendance rate AND ❖ with satisfactory performance, participating actively in class and be on time.
Course fee	Free of charge
Application procedure & deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Students should download the Application Form from the following website: http://hkage.org.hk/en/what_news.html ❖ Students should submit the completed Application Form to <i>The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education</i> by mail or by fax (<i>Fax number: 24904730</i>) on or before <u>2 August 2009 (Sun)</u>. Late application will not be considered.
Enrolment result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The list of successful applicants will be posted on the following website: http://hkage.org.hk/en/what_news.html <u>after 5pm on 5 August 2009 (Wed)</u>. No further notification will be made. ❖ Successful applicants should download a “Confirmation Slip” from the website above. Completed Confirmation Slip should be faxed to the HKAGE <u>on or before 9 August 2009 (Sun)</u>.
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