



Parent Programme

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Parent Training Programme for Parents of Gifted Children

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Guest Speakers from the Hong Kong Gifted Family Association (HKGFA)



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(For parents of non-HKAGE members, please apply on or after 23 January 23)

Application Deadline:

30 Jan 2026 12:00 n.n.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of a whole series of the training programme, parents should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a clear and accurate understanding of gifted children's characteristics, including their cognitive, social, and emotional developmental needs.
2. Apply effective strategies to build and sustain positive parent-child relationships that support trust, communication, and mutual understanding.
3. Implement practical and evidence-based parenting techniques that promote the holistic development of gifted learners.
4. Establish and maintain supportive networks with other parents of gifted children to encourage ongoing collaboration and mutual support.



◆ Introduction

Parental engagement is important in children's growth and development. Positive effects are often observed when parents become more supportive at home and the school levels. The purpose of this series of workshops is to help parents understand giftedness and equip them with the knowledge and skills to provide proper guidance and support to their gifted children. During each session, the workshop facilitator will explore practical ways of parenting, and effective communication skills that could be developed or promoted for themselves and their children.

Workshop	Topic	Workshop	Topic
1	LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® Methods for Problem-Solving and Expression	7	TBC
2	Understanding giftedness	8	Parenting style
3	Navigating the Challenges of Adolescence	9	More About Twice Exceptionals
4	Social & Emotional Development	10	Sharing by Former Parent Participants
5	Behavioral Enhancement Training	11	Relationships
6	Developing A Conducive Learning Environment for Children	12	Parents' sharing from the Hong Kong Gifted Family Association(HKGFA) and Graduation Ceremony

*No lessons on 19 February, 2 April and 30 April 2026; Topics are subject to change

◆ Schedule

Workshop	Date		Time	Venue
1	5 Feb 2026	Thur	6:45 pm - 8:45 pm	HKAGE
2	12 Feb 2026			
3	26 Feb 2026			
4	5 Mar 2026			
5	12 Mar 2026			
6	19 Mar 2026			
7	26 Mar 2026			
8	9 Apr 2026			
9	16 Apr 2026			
10	23 Apr 2026			
11	7 May 2026			
12	14 May 2026			

◆ Target Group

- Parents of Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Secondary Gifted Children (Priority will be given to parents of HKAGE student members)
- Capacity : 35

◆ Pre-requisite

No special prerequisites are needed

◆ Medium of Instruction

Cantonese

◆ Administrative Fee

HK\$600

◆ Certificate

Certificates will be awarded to participants who have attended at least ten lessons.

◆ Remarks

Due to limited capacity, registration will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.



◆ Instructors Profiles

Dr Martin SZETO was appointed as the Executive Director of HKAGE with effect from 5 January 2026. He holds both a Master's degree and a Doctorate in Business Administration and brings more than 30 years of experience in corporate administration and management. He has served in senior management roles at various multinational corporations, including as the Chief Operating Officer of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI), where he made significant contributions to enhancing operational efficiency and advancing strategic development.

In addition to his corporate leadership experience, Dr SZETO is deeply committed to academic and educational development and has accumulated extensive teaching experience. He has served as a Professor of Practice at the School of Accounting and Finance at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Economics and Finance at Hong Kong Shue Yan University, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Business School of The University of Hong Kong. Devoted to nurturing local talent, he has made substantial contributions to the education sector.

Mr WONG Chung Po is the Associate Director of HKAGE. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in the UK. He started his career as a secondary school teacher in Hong Kong. In 2003, he joined the Curriculum Development Institute as a Senior Curriculum Development Officer, responsible for school-based gifted education curriculum development and teacher professional development. During his tenure at the Education Bureau, Mr Wong has taken up professional development programmes himself in the US, Australia and the UK, learning with gifted education gurus like Prof. Joseph Renzulli, Prof. Joyce Van Tassel-Baska and Prof. Miraca Gross. He has been invited by many primary and secondary schools to deliver seminars and workshops for parents of gifted children. In 2018, Mr Wong joined the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education to take charge of the academic programme development.

Mr Marius CHOW is the Head of Talent Development of HKAGE. Marius is a people-centric and transformation-focused Talent Development professional with 20+ years of experience in driving gifted education, STEAM education, Future Skills strategies, and Tech Startup Entrepreneurship for sustainable growth across quangos, universities, NGOs and international firms. Marius is a Registered Social Worker and Honorary Advisor (Talent Development) of the Hong Kong Student Aid Society. He holds a Master of Social Science from the University of Hong Kong and is a certified LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® Facilitator.

Ms Livia TANG is the Head of the School & Student Services Division of HKAGE. Livia obtained her bachelor's degree in Canada and her master's degree in Hong Kong. She also gained professional qualifications from the top local and overseas universities. Prior to working at HKAGE, Livia founded an international kindergarten and learning centre in Hong Kong. With more than 20 years of experience in the education field, she has been engaging with children from toddlers to 18 years old. Livia is also an experienced education consultant who has expertise in offering parenting and schooling advice to parents. During her tenure as a school principal in the early childhood sector and specialized learning in education centres, she has been promoting social-emotional learning and character building. Livia is immensely passionate about education and continues her contribution and focuses her work and researching topics, knowledge and skills relate to affective, character education and parent coaching.

Dr Richard LAU is a Member of Register of Clinical Psychologists accredited by Department of Health. He obtained a bachelor's degree in theology in HK, an honours bachelor of science degree in psychology in the UK, an honours master of psychology degree in clinical psychology in Australia, a master of science degree in clinical psychiatry in the UK, a PhD in clinical psychology in the US, and a PhD in counselling in Australia. He is pursuing a certificate in couples and sex therapy in the US. For about ten years, he worked as a senior clinical psychologist or the services director in various NGO and private psychological centres in Hong Kong. He also taught full-time and part-time in various local and overseas universities as assistant professor and visiting professor for almost seventeen years, Dr LAU has developed many training programmes for the gifted population and their parents over these years.

Ms Tinsley Du obtained a master's degree of social sciences in counselling psychology from the Hong Kong Shue Yan University, and she is a Registered Counselling Psychologist of The Hong Kong Psychological Society Limited (HKPS). Tinsley worked as Counsellor in local schools and as Service Officer and Counselling Psychologist in NGO. She supported students with various psychological and educational needs, and offered counselling, psychotherapy, whole person development service for them. She also offered counselling, psychotherapy, and conducted talks and workshops for parents, teachers, and the public of different ages including children, teenagers, and adults.





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◆ Instructors Profiles

Hong Kong Gifted Family Association (HKGFAE) was established in 1996, it is a charitable institution which aims to actively promote parent education through professional and community collaboration; promoting family harmony and gifted education through diverse activities, and thus help gifted students to show their talents and promote their physical and mental health.