

HARBOUR LIGHTS NEWSLETTER ACTIVE CITIZEN FORUM

June, 2014

Editor: Yu Kit Ling (JCI City Lady)

All participants became an Active Citizen by showing the 'Let's Shine' gesture.



THE ACTIVE CITIZEN FORUM 2014

INSPIRING TO INCREASE YOUTH COMPETITIVENESS EMPOWERING TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

The Active Citizen Forum 2014 was successfully held on 5 May, 2014 in Tsim Sha Tsui District Kai Fong Welfare Association (TST) and Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School in Tseung Kwan O (TKO).

Thanks to live broadcast technology supported by one of our sponsors, the event was simultaneously held in 2 separate venues. As a result, speakers of both venues could visually interact and discuss freely without location barriers. Participants were able to interact instantly with speakers on stage by raising questions or giving comments via a Mobile Apps called 'ecMeow'.

There were approximately 700 participants including secondary school students, general public, youth organizations, local chapters, families and friends. Besides, around 10 news clippings were collected after the event, including Oriental Daily, The Sun Daily, Sing Tao Daily, Wen Wei Po, Hong Kong Commercial Daily and Ta Kung Pao.

More event photos could be found on the ACF Facebook fans page:
<https://www.facebook.com/JCIHKNCCG>



Guest speakers and sponsors of ACF.



(from left) Moderator (Ms Rachel Miu) and guest speakers (Mr Yan Wai Kiu and Mr Joe Yiu) share their stories with students in the TKO venue.



Students from the TKO venue were able to watch the live broadcast of forum which took place in the TST venue.



(from left) Moderator (Mr Talis Wong) and guest speakers (Mr Bunny Chan, SBS, JP; Mr Francis Mok and Mr Tao Zou) interact with participants during the Forum on Youth Competitiveness.

Background and Objective of Active Citizen Forum

Active Citizen Forum (ACF) was initiated upon the concept JCI Active Citizen Framework (<http://www.jci.cc/acf/>), aiming to encourage young citizens to increase their participation and engagement on matters around them.

It is also a platform for young citizens, experts from different backgrounds & industries, and government representatives to collaborate and share their views. Especially it provides a channel for younger generation to express their views and address their needs. The themes of this year are 'Education effects on Youth Competitiveness' and 'Intrinsic and Extrinsic Factors of Youth Competitiveness.' The forum incubates new enhancement of better society.

During the ACF, 10 speakers and 2 moderators were invited to express their views on 2 major topics, 'Education Effects on Youth Competitiveness' and 'Intrinsic and Extrinsic Factors of Youth Competitiveness.'

Here are some interesting highlights of the Forum:

Mr Bunny Chan, SBS, JP said that with the intensifying global competition nowadays, young people should equip themselves proactively and keep abreast of the times, so as to get ready for any future changes in the economy.

Mr Francis Mok described some characteristics of the Post 80es and 90es: innovative, multi-tasking and tech-savvy, but they could try to widen their international vision and be more self-disciplined. This could be done through reading more international news and spending less time in online games.

A secondary school student asked how to become one of the awardees of 'Ten Outstanding Young Persons', Mr Yan Wai Kiu replied that to be successful, one has to always strive for the best, stay focused, be persistent and hardworking.

When asked about how to become successful in business, Mr Joe Yiu said good time management and working attitude are vital. Instead of spending his leisure time web surfing or playing online games, he chose to broaden his horizon through visiting museums, reading a lot of self-help books and stories of famous people. He also gained the sense of satisfaction by doing well in every little task that he was assigned. He believed that positive working attitude is the key to success.

Mr Talis Wong shared a famous quote, "When there is a will, there is a way". When facing challenges, young people could try to ask themselves: What could be done to resolve it? rather than just saying "Oh my god!".



Mr Eddie Ng, SBS, JP
Secretary for Education,
Education Bureau, HKSAR Government
吳克儉先生, SBS, JP
香港特別行政區教育局局長



Mr Bunny Chan, SBS, JP
Chairman of Commission on Youth
陳振彬先生, SBS, JP
香港特別行政區青年事務委員會
主席



Hon Christopher Chung, BBS, MH, JP
Member of the Legislative Council
鍾樹根先生, BBS, MH, JP
立法會議員



Mr Francis Mok
President of Hong Kong Institute of
Human Resource Management
莫家麟先生
香港人力資源管理學會主席



Mr Yan Wai Kiu
Awardee of 2008 World TOYP
(Hong Kong)
甄韋喬先生
2008年度世界十大傑出青年(香港)



Mr Richard Eng
Founder of Beacon College
伍經衡先生
遵理學校創辦人



Mr Ken Wong
President of AIESEC in Hong Kong
黃嘉凌先生
國際經濟學商學學生會
香港總會會長



Mr Tao ZOU
Awardee of the Ten Outstanding Young
Persons (Zhuhai)
Senior Vice President of Kingsoft
Corporation Limited and CEO of
Westhouse Holdings Limited
鄧濤先生
第五屆珠海市十大傑出青年
金山軟件副總裁兼金山遊戲總裁



Mr Joe Yiu
Creative Director of Y's Concept
姚俊傑先生
Y's Concept 設計公司創辦人及設
計總監

Moderator at TST venue
尖沙咀場地嘉賓主持



Mr Talis Wong
Certified Global NLP (Neuro-Linguistics
Programming) Trainer and a
Distinguished Toastmaster
黃重生先生
國際身心語言程序學培訓師、傑
出演講家

Moderator at TKO venue
將軍澳場地嘉賓主持



Ms Rachel Miu
Director of Muse Consultancy Limited
繆美詩小姐
銘善顧問有限公司總監

積極公民論壇

Active Citizen Forum

5.5.2014
積極公民·照亮社群

Guest speakers expressing their views during the Forum on Education. (from left) Mr Eddie Ng, SBS, JP; Mr Francis Mok; Mr Ken Wong.

就業

升呢

LET'S SHINE

活動贊助：



大會攝影贊助：



場地贊助：



合意 IDPD, STORY JR

Survey Results Announcement on 'Education' and 'Youth Competitiveness'

The Survey Results Announcement on 'Education' and 'Youth Competitiveness' was held before the start of Active Citizen Forum (ACF) 2014. A total of around 1000 questionnaires on the two topics were collected from young people living in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, with the aim to facilitate policy making and assessment by the government.

The survey includes two aspects: Education and Youth competitiveness

Education: A total of 470 questionnaires were collected. The target interviewees was mainly students under the age of 18, including secondary and diploma students. The focus was on the education policies mentioned in the Policy Address. The result highlighted that the opinions on education were poles apart. Besides, the quality of education should be considered enhancing. Promoting vocational education training and increasing the quota of local subsidy bachelor degree were the most agreeable new education policy. It reflected that there were quite a number of interviewees who prefer to continue their study in local. The government should consider increasing resources in this aspect. Teenagers also revealed that they were in lack of communication skills and global vision.

Youth competitiveness: A total of 391 questionnaires were collected. Interviewees included teenagers from Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and Singapore, mainly aged 23 or above. Teenagers from Singapore felt more confident on their competitiveness, while interviewees from Hong Kong focused on their qualification. Comparing with interviewees from other regions, those from Hong Kong reflected that they were in lack of interpersonal communication skills. Moreover, interviewees from Hong Kong had more disagreement on education policies than interviewees from other regions, while they had more support on local subsidy bachelor degree than their counterparts.

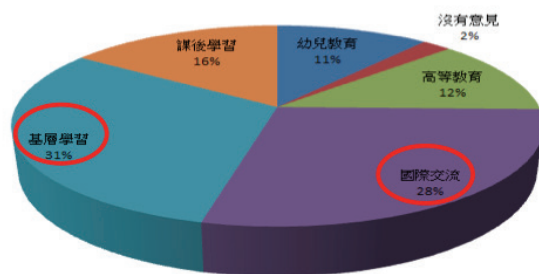


Figure 1: EDUCATION (Q1)

Which is the least mentioned policy in the Policy Address?

(基層學習 = learning issue of grassroots students; 國際交流 = international exchange; 高等教育 = higher education; 幼兒教育 = early childhood education; 課後學習 = after-school learning; 沒有意見 = no comment)

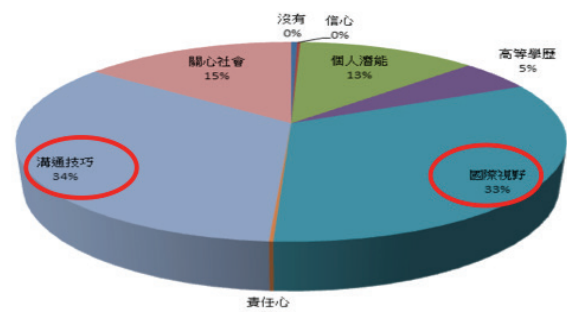


Figure 2: EDUCATION (Q2)

Which ability can be enhanced through education?

(溝通技巧 = communication skills; 國際視野 = global vision; 高等學歷 = higher qualification; 個人潛能 = personal potential; 信心 = confidence; 關心社會 = caring for society; 責任心 = responsibility)

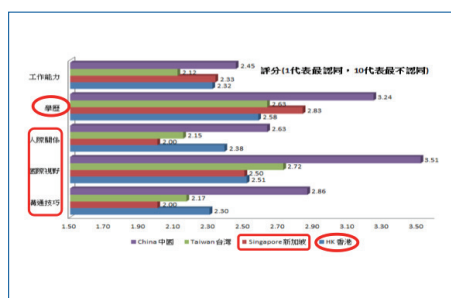


Figure 3: YOUTH COMPETITIVENESS (Q3)

Do you think you equip with the below competitiveness?

(工作能力 = experience; 學歷 = qualification; 人際關係 = relationships; 國際視野 = global vision; 溝通技巧 = communication skills)

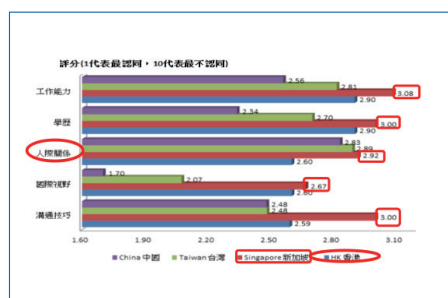


Figure 4: YOUTH COMPETITIVENESS (Q4)

From below, which is the ability you are in lack of?

(工作能力 = experience; 學歷 = qualification; 人際關係 = relationships; 國際視野 = global vision; 溝通技巧 = communication skills)

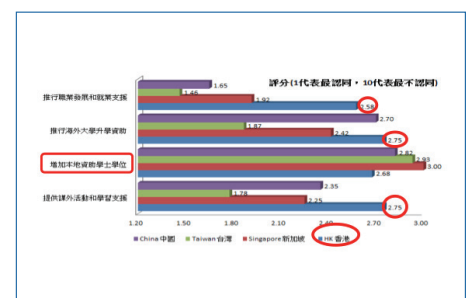


Figure 5: YOUTH COMPETITIVENESS (Q5)

Which education policy from below can help you find a job?

推行職業發展和技術支援 = Implementation of professional development & technical support; 推行海外大學升學資助 = Implementation of overseas-funded with university studies; 增加本地資助學士學位 = increase the local-funded with bachelor; 提供課外活動和學習支援 = supported the extra-curricular activities & learning support



(middle) Chairman Lo Po Man of The Outstanding Young Persons Association, with the Harbour Lights Editors -(left) Ms Yu Kit Ling & (right) Mr Harry Yiu.

INTERVIEW WITH CHAIRMAN LO PO MAN THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS' ASSOCIATION

WHO can be an ACTIVE CITIZEN?

As the Chairman of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association and also 2007 TOYP Awardee, Chairman Lo Po Man thinks a person can be an active citizen regardless of their occupation and age. Everyone can be an active citizen as long as they contribute to the society with their strengths and are passionate about their work and lives.



Chairman Lo Po Man also told us a story about an old lady as a good example of active citizen. An old lady has dedicated her entire life to her family. After all the time she has been taking care of her son until he is capable enough to work, she could have quitted working and enjoyed her retirement. However, she did not only choose to continue to work for the society as a cleaner, but she also set an unique goal for her work.

HOW can we become an ACTIVE CITIZEN?

Chairman Lo Po Man feels that many young people nowadays are lack of confidence because of limited resources. She commented life is full of turning points, everyone can finally reach their goals if we can seize the opportunities around us and embrace challenges.

"Never be underestimate yourself," Chairman Lo Po Man recommended, "Compared to those in other cities, young people in Hong Kong enjoy more advantages and material comfort. Benefited from the location and multi-cultural of Hong Kong, young people here can be multilingual, easily access information from all over the world, and can communicate and partner with professionals from mainland China and overseas. We must therefore make good use of our resources and actively broaden our horizons. Instead of staying in our comfort zone, we need to challenge ourselves and be determined to improve. Instead of envying people's success, we need to understand the effort they have paid to achieve success. It makes us a good active citizen."

CHAIRMAN LO PO MAN PROFILE

- Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Regal Hotels Internationals Ltd., Vice Chairman of Century City International Holdings Ltd., Regal Estate Investment Trust and Cosmopolitan International Holdings Ltd. and Executive Director of Paliburg Holdings Ltd.
- Community Service:
 - 2014 Chairman of The Outstanding Young Person's Association
 - Council member of Aiyau Huaxia Charity Foundation - Chairman of Tomorrow's Leaders Summit
 - Committee member of UNICEF HK - Member of the Centum Charitas Foundation
 - Director of the Youth Arch Foundation Limited - Ambassador of Doctor Pet
 - Ambassador of Joyful (Mental) Health Foundation
 - Patron of The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League
 - 2007 - TOYP Awardee



TOYP = ACTIVE CITIZEN

The Ten Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) Selection is organized by Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK). Since 1970, 321 outstanding young persons have been selected. The objectives of the selection are:

- to give formal recognition to the young people who excel in professional endeavours and contribution to the community;
- to encourage young people to contribute to shape a better future for society; and
- to provide an incentive to all the promising young people who seek further advancement in personal achievement as well as in public services

These outstanding young persons are excellent role models of Active Citizens, aim who to find sustainable solutions to challenges facing communities around the world and create positive changes.

As Active Citizens, they know they all have rights and responsibilities, as well as shared goals. Through active citizenship, they enact their sense of social responsibility to work towards these goals and benefit communities worldwide.

JCI 
Hong Kong

Contact Us

Address: 21/F, Seaview Commercial Building,
21-24 Connaught Road West,
Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 25438913
Fax: (852) 25436271
Website: www.jcihk.org
E-mail: info@jcihk.org