Call for Proposal

The Conference invites proposals for presentations in the format of paper, symposium and poster that match the conference main theme or sub-themes as below:

Main Theme:

THE FUTURE IS THEIRS: VISIONS FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY

UNESCO declared 1979 the International Year of the Child with the slogan: “The future is theirs. The responsibility is ours”. Thirty years later, we think it is appropriate to look again at this responsibility throughout those formative years of schooling. Schools serve many different roles in our societies: but we want to focus on the ways in which primary schools can provide pathways to the future for our young people. Nineteenth century ideas about schools do not help us with this task. We want a twenty-first century vision for schools and we want this conference to be the starting point of our deliberations.

Sub-themes (in alphabetical order):

• Assessment and Student Achievement
• Citizenship and Character Education
• Curriculum Development and Innovation by Schools and Teachers
• Diversity and Inclusive Education
• Educational Effectiveness and Quality Assurance
• Guidance and Counseling
• Home, School and Community
• Language and Literacy
• Learning in and out of Classroom
• Policy and Social Context of Education
• School Leadership and Management
• Supporting Transition – Interfaces at Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary Levels
• Teacher Education, Leadership and Professional Development
• Teaching and Education Innovation
• Tomorrow Classroom and ICT

Individual Paper

20 minutes per paper presentation. The Conference will assign 3 papers in an 80-minute block (discussion time included).

Symposium

Paper presentations by a team on one specific theme, including 3-4 presentations in an 80-minute block (discussion time included). The chair of the symposium should submit a general description of the session (no more than 300 words) and abstracts of all individual papers.

Poster Presentation

Poster presenters are expected to be present to discuss their poster contents with interested participants during the allocated sessions.

Each proposal should be no more than 300 words in length, written in the language of delivery, and provided with 3 keywords in English.
Language of Delivery

Either English or Chinese (Putonghua or Cantonese)

Proposal Submission:
Through the conference website only, by **5:00 pm on June 15, 2009 (Hong Kong Time, GMT +8:00 hrs)**.
Detailed submission guidelines, standard format of the poster, and online submission system will be provided soon.

Keynote Speakers

- **Prof. Peter Blatchford**  
  University of London, UK

- **Prof. Kyung-Sung Kim**  
  Seoul National University of Education, Korea

- **Prof. Ye Lan**  
  East China Normal University, China

- **Prof. Nicola Jill Yelland**  
  The Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong

Important Dates  
(Hong Kong Time, GMT +8:00 hrs)

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Registration

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#All payments should be made in Hong Kong dollar only. For reference, 1 US dollar is approximately equal to 7.8 Hong Kong dollars. Payment methods will be announced shortly.

*Full registrations include:
  - admission to all sessions except the optional banquet
  - one conference pack
  - tea breaks and lunches