To: Principals of All Member Schools

Newsletter No.2 (2015/16)

The Executive Committee (EC) would like to wish you all a smooth and successful year ahead. In this newsletter, we would like to present a brief report on what the EC has done so far in the first half of 2015/16, and to announce some of the forthcoming events.

I. Reports

1. Membership

This year we have a total of 345 member schools registered, covering almost all subsidized secondary schools in Hong Kong. Please visit our webpage for the HKSSSC Member List 2015/16.

2. Annual General Meeting (2015/16)

The AGM (2015/16) was held on 18th November 2015 with an attendance of 147 member school principals. We were pleased to have Mrs. Marion LAI CHAN Chi-kuen, JP, Permanent Secretary for Education to share with us her inspiring views on “School Leaders for the 21st Century: Global, National and Local Perspectives” on the occasion. The PowerPoint slides of her speech have been uploaded on the HKSSSC webpage for your reference.

3. Manning Scale of Laboratory Technicians

Principal LAU Chi-yuen and Principal AU YEUNG Ka-keung attended two meetings held by EDB on 21st Jul and 10th Dec, 2015 on behalf of the HKSSSC. In the meetings, the duties of laboratory technicians and the formula for the manning scale were discussed, while the importance of keeping sufficient number of laboratory technicians in school was also pinpointed. In a later follow-up meeting held on 5th Jan 2016, the EDB officials introduced a new formula to meet the needs of most schools by keeping at least two laboratory technicians and also offering a three-year transition period for schools to settle the overstaffing problem. The detailed arrangement will be released in the next circular.
4. **AM/SAM Acting Allowance**

In response to member schools’ enquiries on the captioned issue, a meeting with Mrs HONG CHAN Tsui-wah, Deputy Secretary for Education(4) was arranged on 3rd Feb 2016 to discuss the possible ways of settling the disputes among EDB, schools and teachers concerned. In the meeting, EDB officials stated once again that all money given to school due to AM/SAM acting allowance would have to be returned to the Government. We suggested that REOs should discuss with schools in detail the arrangement of the back payment in a friendly manner and no deduction of any kinds of subsidies from the school should be made before a consensus is reached with the schools concerned. It was also discussed if schools could make use of non-government fund to make the back payment.

II. **General Meeting**

The General Meeting will be held in Assembly Hall, 4/F, North Tower, YMCA of Hong Kong, 41 Salisbury Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon on **Wednesday, 18th May 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

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Please fill in the Reply Slip to confirm your attendance at the meeting and reserve your lunch (HK$100 per head). Kindly return it to Mr. KWOK Man Leung, Hon Treasurer, on or before 4th May 2016. Your support and participation would be very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you in the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

TAM Kim-hung (Mr)
Asst. Hon. Sec. (Council)
Reply Slip
(Please return by 4th May 2016)

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☐  *I shall attend the General Meeting on 18th May 2016.

☐  *I shall stay for lunch. Enclosed please find a crossed cheque
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