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PANEL I ENGLISH EDUCATION IN HONG KONG: NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Date: 9 September 2021 (Thursday)
Time: 18:00-19:00 (Online ZOOM)

Before enrolling in university, most students complete 12 years of study at public or government-aided schools, where English is one of the compulsory subjects. Although the education system in Hong Kong ranks high in the world and a lot of public resources has been spent on education (especially in promoting the use of ICT), the claim that standards of English are falling in Hong Kong can still be heard from time to time.

In this session, we invite three experts to talk about their experience in the current and future development of English education. The panel will discuss the following:

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the education systems in Hong Kong and the UK?
- Is English standard really falling in Hong Kong, as claimed?
- Is grammar learning in schools still important?



Mr. Alfred Tsang (Moderator)
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PANEL II SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR, SCIENCE EDUCATOR, AND SCIENCE EDUTAINER

Date: 16 September 2021 (Thursday)
Time: 18:00-19:00 (Online ZOOM)

Popular science is an interpretation of science intended for a general audience. In the past decade, more and more science communicators are actively introducing different science-related topics interestingly to the public in Hong Kong. Although science communication is helpful for the general audience to gain knowledge of the science topics, can it be considered science education?

In this session, we invite three science communicators in Hong Kong to discuss the current trends of pop science and how they have taken practices from science communication into science education. The panel will discuss the following:

- What is the value of pop science?
- How would you communicate science differently to different audiences?
- How would you suggest educators or parents raise students' interest in science?



Ms. Fiona Ho (Moderator)
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