

Press Invitation

<u>World Renowned Educationists Share their Expertise in</u> <u>Managing Human Capital in the World Cities</u>

The Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Mr. John Tsang Chun-wah, JP, will deliver a luncheon address at the Conference on "Managing Human Capital in World Cities" at the University of Hong Kong on December 4, 2009. He will talk about how Hong Kong can strengthen collaboration with cities like London and New York to provide effective education tailored to the rapidly changing times.

To promote educational research and international collaboration, and to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Educational Research Association (HKERA), the Faculty of Social Sciences will co-organize a one-day international conference on "Managing Human Capital in World Cities: Education Reform, Nurturing Talent and Student Learning in a Globalizing World" with the HKERA, The Hong Kong Institute of Education; Faculty of Education, the Chinese University of Hong Kong; and the Information Services Department, HKSAR Government on December 4, 2009.

Being part of the Managing World Cities International Conference series, more than 20 renowned educational theoreticians and practitioners from Nylonkong – New York, London and Hong Kong, and different parts of Asia (Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan) will share their views and inspirations with us on promotion of human capital, nurturing and attracting talents, education reform and student learning. Speakers include Professor Chris Hamnett from King's College London, Professor Adam Nelson from University of Wisconsin-Madison, Professor Anthony Cheung Bing-leung from the Hong Kong Institute of Education; and Professor Ian Holliday from HKU, etc.

Members of the press are cordially invited to attend the Conference and the lunchtime keynote address with details as below:

Date:	December 4, 2009 (Friday)
Time:	9:00 am (Opening Ceremony of the Conference)
	9:30 am (Conference)
	1:00 pm (Luncheon address)
Venue:	Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU (Conference)
	Senior Common Room, 14/F, K.K. Leung Building, HKU (Luncheon address)
Programme:	Please see the attached and refer to www.hku.hk/socsc/mwc/09 for details.

(Sound box will NOT be available at the lunch venue and please prepare your clip mic for recording. Press members are welcome to sit in the Conference and the parallel sessions on curriculum reform and students learning schools to be held in the afternoon.)

Media interviews with speakers can be made through Miss Vanessa Sit of the Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU at telephone 2859 2983 or 9267 8877 or email <u>vansit@hku.hk</u>.

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