

# G.T. Newsletter

G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College - Secondary Section

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## Principal's Talk

Hong Kong is undergoing a challenging time and I am proud to see how resilient and strong both G.T. teachers and students have been over the course of the past few years. The pandemic years came unexpectedly, and could have been demoralising. However, what we have seen in GT is an undeniable thirst for growth and knowledge.

In this issue, you can see just how hard, both the teachers and the students have worked to develop both academically and personally. A large feature of this newsletter is our immensely successful MI Education Forum, which saw international guest speakers, our school teams and even students working

collaboratively to achieve something unseen in Asia.

This dedication from my colleagues and the students calls to mind the words of the renown **Dr. Carol Dweck**, who observed 'no matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment'. If effort ignites, then what the staff and students have accomplished over these few years is a veritable firework display of achievements. I am at once both proud and humbled by their commitment to growth.



## A Revisit: Thank-You Speech on the International MI Education Forum (2022)

I am extremely honoured and grateful to be delivering this gratitude speech about education in the post-pandemic era--the theme of the forum today. May I take this chance to congratulate Hong Kong on creating a new avenue of education cooperation and collaboration, regionally and globally.

What started as a local panel discussion about multiple intelligences education in Hong Kong since early 2020 (i.e., at the beginning of the pandemic) has transformed into a joint venture of international dialogue for deploying alternative means of education as a process of learning by doing by different parties at different levels.

The exchange of ideas across contexts in different zones during the past two pandemic years has ascertained the extent to which different educators in their learning communities have taken up the challenges posed by the pandemic.

I want to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for the platform offered by this international forum in exploring, raising, and reflecting the problems and crises that we have ever experienced in this global education arena. I would like to extend my thanks and pay my tribute to the endeavours made by all the thought leaders, school leaders, and researcher-professors in this forum.

My special thanks will go to the UNESCO and the four organisers

Note: Information about the guest speakers and presenters

Mr Hugo Labate from UNESCO; Professor Rex Li, Professor King Chow, Professor Amy Lee, and school leaders (Dr Tam Woon Ling, Ms Vivian Wu, Ms Cynthia Ho, Mr David Chan) in the Hong Kong Roundtable; Professor Zhang Hua from Hangzhou China; Professor Hiroshi Tanaka from Japan; Dr. Thanit Pewnim from Thailand; Mrs Van Beales from the UK; Dr. Thomas Hoerr, Mr Charles Fadel, and Mr Chris Lehmann from the USA.

for supporting the forum to make it a success. My last but not least debts are with the ardent participants from all the sectors in Hong Kong, Asia, Europe, and the US.

The current crisis will echo down the decades or centuries that the new normal is a most natural process and stepping stone to a Brave New World which is to be more socially interconnected and more environmentally interrelated.

Despite the uncertainty and adversity in the pandemic years, technological advances have nevertheless delimited the constraints of time and zone, rewriting the Covid-19 monologue into a global dialogue as manifested in this forum. Enjoy the program of the day. Thank you.

Dr. Raymond Tam  
Principal, G.T. College, Hong Kong  
Chairperson, Gifted Education Council, Hong Kong

► Principal Dr. Tam giving a speech at the opening ceremony of the MI Forum





# International MI Education Forum (2022)



The guests kicking off the second-to-none International MI Education Forum in Hong Kong

## Multiple-Intelligence (MI) Education

Building on the success of the in-house Reading Club, G.T. College decided to take its mission to the international stage on 24th June 2022, with the International MI Education Forum. The various speakers and contributors to the Forum helped to create an event that was second to none in the history of MI education in Asia.

## Hong Kong Roundtable of School Leaders—A Hybrid-Zoom meeting

The conference kicked off with local school leaders from schools at each level in Hong Kong. The guests were Ms. Wu from Aristotle International Kindergarten and Nursery, Dr. Woon-ling from Tsung Tsin Primary School and Kindergarten, Ms. Cynthia Ho from Chan's Creative School, Mr. David Chan from G.T. College, and Professor Amy Lee from Hong Kong Metropolitan University. They came together to reflect on how their respective schools have adapted and grown during the pandemic. The different educational leaders have unique perspectives and experiences regarding how to deal with the many challenges that have arisen from socially distanced education, be it online classrooms or teacher fatigue.



Five principals from Hong Kong reflecting on the challenges brought by the pandemic to their schools



Dedicated G.T. staff members spending numerous hours making the MI Education Forum a great success



# Top-Notch MI Education in Asia

## Distinguished Guests

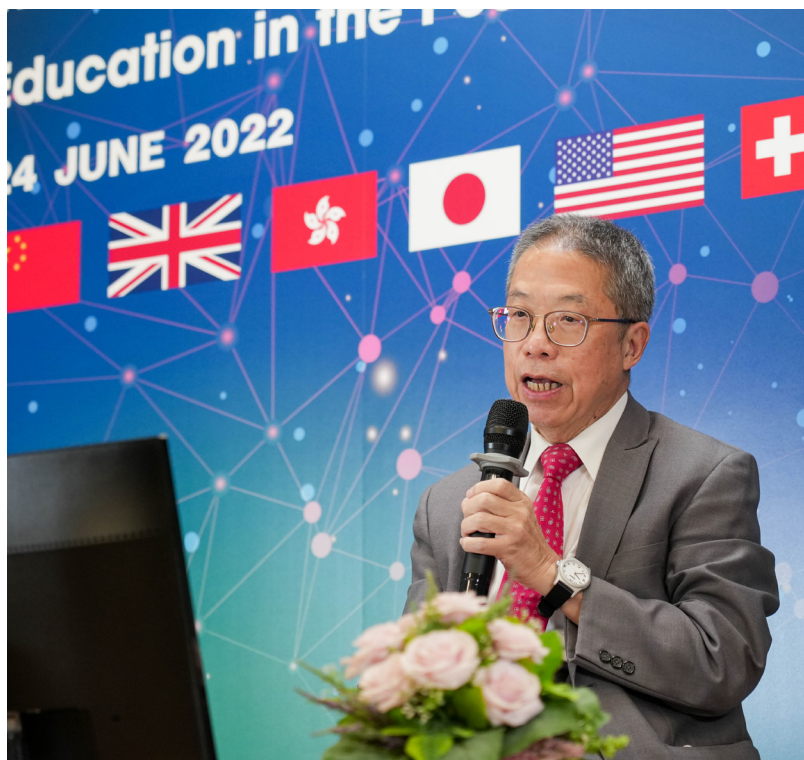
Guest speakers from around the world were invited to contribute their expertise in MI education. The Asian speakers were Professor Zhang Hua, Dean of the Graduate School from Hangzhou Normal University, Hiroshi Tanaka, Associate Professor from Ritsumeikan University, and Dr. Thanit Pewmin, Associate Professor from Faculty of Science Silpakorn University Sanamchandra Palace. The European speakers were Mrs. Van Beales, Head Teacher of Invicta Grammar School in the United Kingdom, Mr. Hugo Labate, International Consultant from the UNESCO and the UNICEF, and Professor King Chow, Acting Dean of Students from the HKUST. The USA speakers were Professor Rex Li, founding chairman of the Gifted Education Council, Mr. Charles Fadel, chairman of the Centre for Curriculum Design, Mr. Chris Lehmann, founding principal of the Science Leadership Academy, and Dr. Tom Hoerr, scholar in residence at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. They sought to raise awareness of how different education institutions globally responded to the pandemic situation since 2019.

## Student Participants

Four of our G10 students also contributed to the success of the forum. Olivia Chan (10A), Josh Ho (10A), Cheri Chan (10E), and Ryan Hu (10E) worked together to discuss world issues and the challenges facing education in the post-pandemic era. They gave a multimedia presentation that included dramatic elements and showcased how they have benefited from an MI education.

Mr. Leo Tsui  
Chairperson  
Organizing Committee  
International MI Education Forum (2022)

▼ Many honourable guests from different schools in Hong Kong joining the International MI Education Forum (2022)



Professor Rex Li delivering his keynote speech "Education in the Post-Pandemic Era: Collaboration for a Better Future"



(From left) Ryan Hu (10E), Cheri Chan (10E), Olivia Chan (10A) and Josh Ho (10A) giving their presentations





# The 11<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony (2021-2022)



Group photo of all the guests, graduates, and teachers in the 11<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony

The 11th Graduation Ceremony was successfully held on 10 June 2022. This year, the school had invited Professor Dennis LO Yuk Ming, SBS, JP (盧煜明教授), Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Medicine, CUHK, to officiate the graduation ceremony. He delivered an inspiring and encouraging speech to our graduates, cultivating our students' future aspirations.

Our graduates expressed their gratitude towards the school and parents in the graduation ceremony. Professor Rex Li reminded graduates with humorous words to be vigilant about the impact of the international situation, accompanied by a specially arranged mime. Principal Dr. Tam hosted the game, "G.T. People Wanted" 《優才尋人記》, where students viewed pictures from teachers' childhood, and then tried to identify the right teachers. Finally, the teachers performed singing and Kung Fu to mark the end of the ceremony.

Dr. Ken Cheng & Ms. Winnie Au  
Heads of School Functions Group



(From the left to right) Honourable guests: Professor Hon Ming Lam, Professor Rex Li, Mr. Johnny Yeung, Professor Dennis Lo, Mr. Desmond Lee, Mr. Kyran Sze, Dr. Raymond Tam and Mr. Roderick Wong



Mr. Johnny Yeung, board chairman leaving his signature



Principal Dr. Tam holding the interactive game with the audience



Graduates showing appreciation to their beloved parents



4 Graduates showcasing their multiple-intelligences in performance





Professor Dennis Lo, Guest of Honour, delivering his speech



Professor Rex Li and Principal Dr. Tam presenting a souvenir to Professor Dennis Lo



Group photo of 12A graduates with their teachers and guests



Group photo of 12B graduates with their teachers and guests



Group photo of 12C graduates with their teachers and guests



Group photo of 12D graduates with their teachers and guests



Our board of school governors singing the farewell song with us



## GTC-MWIT Exchange Program (2021-2022)

The GTC-MWIT Exchange Program 2021-2022 was organized online from 26-29 April 2022. In the program, the GTC students virtually guided the MWIT students and picked up useful Thai greetings from their Thai lesson.

In our science lessons, they witnessed a mind-blowing experiment and had a 360 degree angle of the chemistry lab. In the physics lesson, they were exposed to enlightening theories in physics and had a challenging online quiz. Moreover, the GTC and MWIT students raised their cross-cultural awareness in their presentations of currencies and local food.

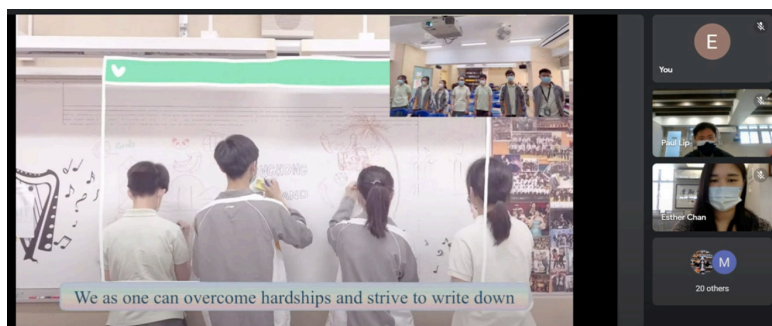
Also, they created interactive Kahoot activities to foster a competitive learning atmosphere. In the online forum, the MWIT and GTC students worked collaboratively to present the impact of COVID-19 on various sectors. A wrap-up of cultural commemoration included the GTC students' touching singing and the MWIT students' astounding cooking.

We welcome you on board on our next MWIT cruise.

Ms. Esther Chan & Mr. Paul Lip  
GTC-MWIT Exchange Program



Students taking a group photo during the opening ceremony



Students singing a Cantopop song and drawing a picture for their MWIT buddies

## 27th Student Leaders Convention, Singapore (SLC 27)

Six students from G10 to G11 were selected to represent our school to attend an online exchange programme organized by Hwa Chong Institution (High School Section) in Singapore, from 30 May to 1 June, 2022.

The Student Leaders Convention aims to encourage innovation and problem-solving among student leaders and youths. The theme for SLC27 is "Coalescence: One Heart, Many Minds." Challenges posed by globalization in the new world order have become a pressing issue in the 21st century. This convention thus acts as a microcosm of the larger global community, where participants will learn important skills and innovative perspectives that empower them as future leaders.

Ms. Winnie Au  
International Exchange Department



Kary Chan (11A) and her youth faculty members with their assigned issue being "employment standards"

► Mr. Leo Tsui and participants of SLC 27 (Arthur Au (10A), Sannie Ng (10B), Kary Chan (11A), Andrew Cheng (10D), Marcus Leung (10A) and Josh Ho(10A)





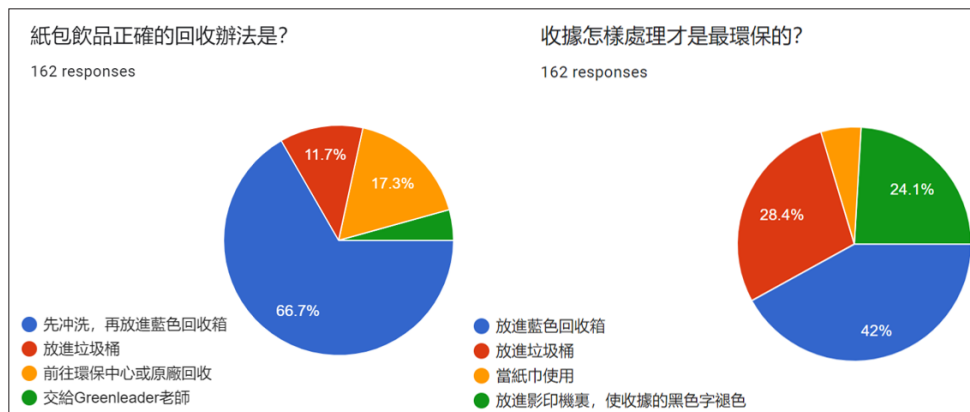
# Green Leaders Survey and Green Video Promotion

To continuously promote the concept of recycling, the Environmental Education Group has been trying different ways with an anticipation of seeing a behavioural change in our students in the practice of recycling. First, the green leaders themselves undertook an online survey to identify the students' weakest link of recycling knowledge. It was discovered that the students' awareness of recycling is generally high but some of them are not yet able to tell how to recycle the receipts and the drink paper packages appropriately. Thus, the green leaders, under the guidance of teachers of the Environmental Education Group, have made a promotional video to enhance the education on recycling these objects to our students. In fact, the video was well received by students of all grades. Students now can tell us how to deal with the receipts and the drink paper packages in an environmentally friendly way.

Special thanks are given to all participating teachers in the video making.

Mr. David Chan, Mr Leslie Tam, Mr.Thomson Ng, and Dr Norman Cheung Geography Team

Green-leaders who participated in the promotional video production are Jaison Yung (11A), Licup Chan (7C), Chelsia Li (9D), Theodore Leung (9C), Adrian Chu (8A) Nathan Ching (8B), Ocean Tang (9B) and Hailey Leung (7C)



Online survey results on recycling receipts and drink paper packages



A promotional video on green education



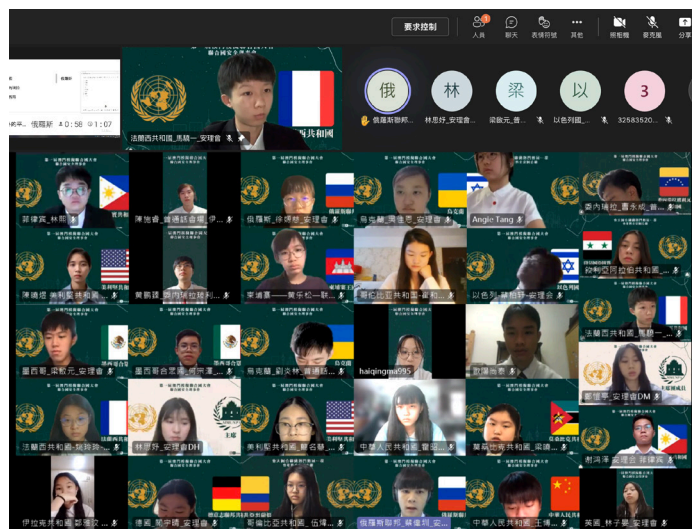
Recycling beyond the school environment



## 1<sup>st</sup> Macau Model United Nations Conference

Four G10 and G11 students participated in the 1st Macau Model United Nations Conference organized by Macau Model United Nations Promotion Association during 1-3 July 2022,. This conference aims at cultivating interest in international affairs for secondary school students, nurturing their global vision and discernment to criticize the abundance of contemporarily encountered issues through the kaleidoscope of perspectives, and promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. 120 secondary school students from Macau, Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan attended this online conference and our school was the only participating school from Hong Kong. Our school was awarded the Outstanding School Delegation in this event.

Ms. Erin Zhou  
Liberal Studies Teacher



Verbal Commendation Louis Ma (11B) (Mandarin Committee)

◀ Outstanding School Delegation



# 中武傳承 2022 國際網絡武術大賽

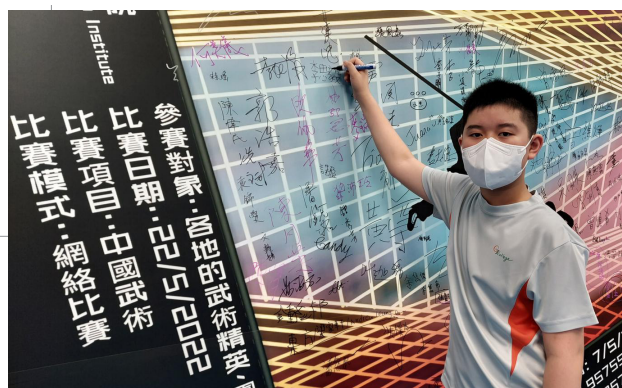
優才 (楊殷有娣) 書院弘揚中國武術文化，通過參與比賽，鼓勵同學積鍛鍊，自強不息。

在新冠疫情肆虐全球的兩年多，在疫情日趨嚴峻的情況下，優才書院積極參與中國武術國際學院舉辦的賽事。此賽事是疫情以來香港最大型的國際武術比賽。參與國家 / 地區括中國、阿聯酋、泰國、意大利、澳洲、英國、加拿大、阿根廷、中國香港等。比賽網絡式進行，約有 300 位運動員參與。

在「中武傳承」2022 國際網絡武術大賽，優才書院獲得獎項：

<p>武術班選手：</p> <p>朱素瑤：1 金 1 銀</p> <p>李思毅：1 銅</p> <p>集體項目：銀杯</p>	<p>成員：</p> <p>林瑋聰：1 銀</p> <p>李思毅：1 銀</p> <p>包浩謙：1 銀</p> <p>林配熙：1 銀</p> <p>趙維：1 銀</p>
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王遠強老師  
體育科科主任



## “Rotary Saves Life – in 2 Minutes” Organ Donation Microfilm Contest



Maggie Lam (10D) and Ms. Winnie Au representing our school to attend the prize-giving ceremony



The animation Maggie Lam (10D) and Cheri Chan (10E) appealing to members of the public to register their wish to donate organs through Centralized Organ Donation Register

Maggie Lam (10D) and Cheri Chan (10E) participated in the “Rotary Saves Life – in 2 Minutes” Organ Donation Microfilm Contest co-organized by Rotary Clubs and Hong Kong Organ Transplant Foundation. The event aims at encouraging teenagers to promote the importance of organ donation. Our students’ animation video was awarded Merit.

Ms. Winnie Au  
Liberal Studies Panel Head



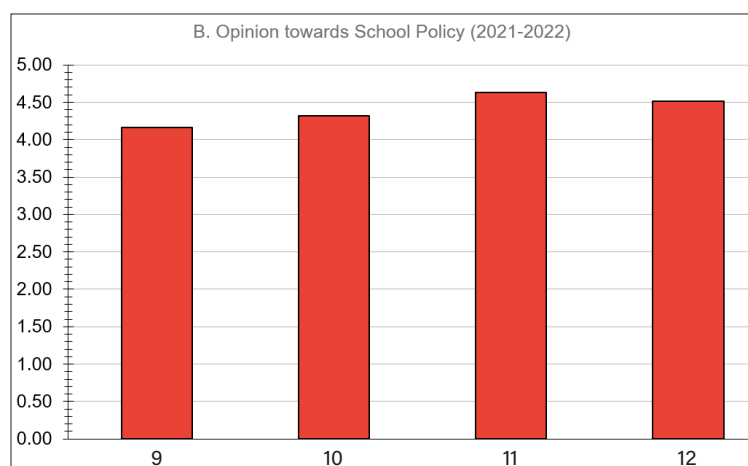
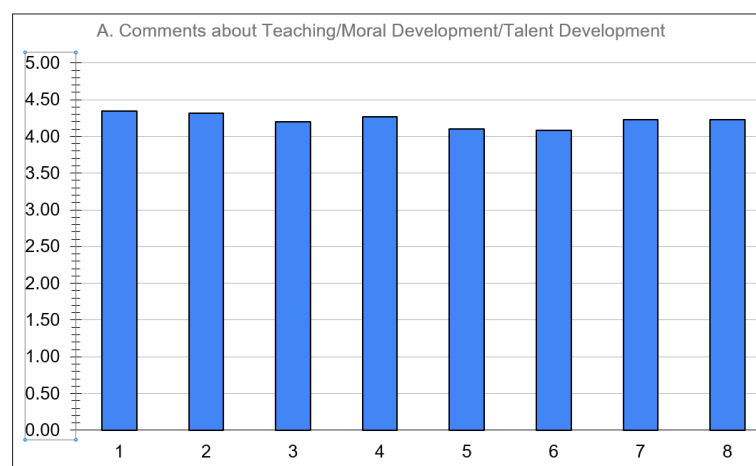
# Term 2 Parents' Day Survey (2022)

The Term 2 Parents' Day was successfully held on 7th May 2022. After each Parents' Day, parents are invited to complete a survey to share their opinions about school. For the survey in Term 2, we are pleased to know that parents were very satisfied with our teaching, moral development, talent development, and school policy. Out of the maximum score of 5, parents gave a score of 4 or above in all aspects. We are grateful for parents holding us in such high regard and we will continue to strive to provide high-quality education for their children.

Dr. Raymond Tam  
Principal



Professor Rex Li in deep discussion with a parent



## A. Comments about Teaching/Moral Development/Talent Development

1. G.T. teachers are generally helpful and caring. They love children.
2. G.T. teachers are generally devoted to teaching and lesson planning.
3. Students generally love and admire their teachers.
4. Students enjoy their school life at G.T. College.
5. There is a variety of interesting school activities.
6. The amount of homework is reasonable, and helps to consolidate students' learning.
7. The school puts emphasis on students' talent development.
8. The school emphasizes moral development and manages students appropriately.

## B. Comments about Teaching

9. Excels in both academic achievements and extracurricular activities.
10. I agree that the school should train students' leadership skills and improve students' involvement in social services and STEM education.
11. In general, face-to-face lessons are more effective than online lessons in promoting student learning.
12. The school should resume whole-day schooling when the relevant requirements are fulfilled.



Dr. Norman Cheung discussing student performance with a parent



Parents taking the initiative to know more about GT



# Reading Club (2022)



Reading Club members exploring a topic on "Integrated curriculum"

Despite the difficulty we had in face of the 5th wave of the pandemic in the first part of the year with the closing of schools, the return of online lessons and students having an early summer holiday in March-April 2022, GT's educational objective of cultivating our teachers to become Multiple Intelligences (MI) practitioners was not harnessed; the Reading Club still managed to hold monthly meetings in which members of the club would read articles relating to MI theory and share their educational perspectives and practices through presentations, group discussions, and activities. A range of topics to broaden colleagues' horizons in MI were covered such as assessments in context, academic acceleration for high ability students, and the integrated curriculum model. We look forward to participating in next year's Reading Club meetings to put our thinking caps on in our exploration of MI.

Dr. Clara Cheng  
Chairperson  
Reading Club



(From the left) Dr. June Luo and Dr. Clara Cheng comparing data from different perspectives



(From the left) Mr. Paul Lip and Mr. Farman Ali comparing different pedagogical approaches in MI teaching



(From the left) Dr. Ken Cheng and Mr. Lawrence Cheng in deep discussion about the application of MI approaches



# “New Teacher Training” at G.T. College

In order to help our new teachers to better understand the school vision and mission, the characteristics of G.T. students and also how to teach with a MI mindset, besides the traditional “New Teacher Training” before the commencement of the school year, we have also planned 5 sessions of “New Teacher Training” for the new teachers. The topics are the follows:

- i. G.T. vision
- ii. G.T. Education
  - Characteristics of students
  - Importance of life education
- iii. Curriculum Tailoring Principles
- iv. Multiple Intelligences
- v. Gifted education

Dr. June Luo  
Research & Training



All new G.T. teachers attending the training



Professor Rex Li listening to teachers' opinions in a discussion

- 同時，分享嘉賓、不同小組、不同科目的分享更是讓我大開眼界，原來課堂設計可以如此有趣！教育理念上，優才的教育理念一直非常吸引我。在校園中、在課堂上，學生洋溢的熱情，無論是對學習還是對生活，都讓我看到優才在追求“卓越”和“喜悅”這條路上卓有成效。

- “The school timetable includes a gifted and talent programme for students to develop their personal interest and strengths while studying at school. Colleagues are very supportive and helpful. They do not hesitate to share their experience, materials and ideas to help new teachers prepare classes or communicate with students and parents.”

- “GT has a more diverse, international, and student-based curriculum that fits their [students'] needs and helps them grow in various fields outside the typical Hong Kong academic standards. GT gives more encouragement to students by recognizing their talents and efforts with various awards, not only within the school but also outside of it, both locally and internationally.”

- “We learned many skills in the past three sessions, like how to develop an interesting course, and if a student has a different performance or behavior, it may be related to his family, herself/himself or their habits etc. So, we need to care for the students and get his/her love and trust in order to guide him/her better.”

- “I have learnt how to make my lessons more fun and evaluate the students' achievements. Also, I have a clearer direction on matching my vision in Visual Arts with the mission of school. I have learnt how to motivate the gifted students to explore their talents.”



Group members delivering their group presentation

- “I am very grateful that G.T. can focus on students' different talent development. I think multiple intelligences in G.T. is very suitable for our students. When I am in school, I can see the students are very happy when they have talent classes.”

- “I have learned a lot of teaching skills and ideas from some teachers who were sharing their teaching experiences when we had group discussions. I think it is a good opportunity for us to know more strategies when we are dealing with some cases.”



# Staff Development Day (2022)

This year, G.T. College Gifted Education Council, G.T. Education Foundation, and Research MI collaboratively held an International Multiple Intelligence (MI) Education Forum on 24 June 2022. There were three sessions, four talks in each session, in the forum with honorable guests around the globe to give the keynote presentations, as shown below.

About 130 primary and secondary teaching staff participated in the forum for their professional development in three missions: (1) to explore successful pedagogy in teaching and learning; (2) to enhance teacher competency and professional growth; and (3) to develop new advocacy in vision, mission, and action. The forum also endeavored to promote local and international dialogue concerning teaching and learning in the post-pandemic era. Many teachers raised questions at the end of each presentation and the speakers gave insightful responses. It was so fruitful that teachers learnt a lot from the counterparts in the world. Our tribute to all the organizers in the forum.

PROGRAM OF THE DAY			
Event		HK Time	
Opening Ceremony		13:30 – 14:00	
Session 1 Asia		14:00 – 16:30	
1. Hong Kong Roundtable	Ms. Vivian Wu	Aristle International Kindergarten and Nursery, Hong Kong	14:00 – 14:45
	Dr. Tam Woon-ling	Tsung Tsin Primary School and Kindergarten, Hong Kong	
	Ms. Cynthia Ho	Chan's Creative School, Hong Kong	
	Mr. David Chan	G.T. College, Hong Kong	
	Professor Amy Lee	Hong Kong Metropolitan University	
2. Thailand	Dr. Thanit Pwinim	Kamnoetvidya Science Academy	14:45 – 15:15
3. Japan	Professor Hiroshi Tanaka (田中博)	Ritsumeikan University	15:15 – 15:45
4. China	Professor Zhang Hua (張華)	Faculty of Education Science, Hangzhou Normal University	15:45 – 16:15
Session 2 Europe		17:00 – 19:00	
1. UK	Mrs. Van Beales	Invicta Grammar School, UK	17:00 – 17:30
2. Geneva	Mr. Hugo Alberto Labate	Consultant from Argentina, International Bureau of Education	17:30 – 18:00
3. Hong Kong	Professor King Chow	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	18:00 – 18:30
4. Hong Kong Students		Projects work and discussion	18:30 – 19:00
Session 3 USA		20:30 – 22:30	
1. Boston, MA	Mr. Charles Fadel	Center of Curriculum Redesign	20:30 – 21:00
2. St. Louis, MO	Dr. Thomas Hoerr	ASCD MI Network	21:00 – 21:30
3. Hong Kong	Professor Rex Li	Research MI	21:30 – 22:00
4. Philadelphia, PA	Mr. Chris Lehmann	Science Leadership Academy	22:00 – 22:30

## Staff Development: reflection on session 1 (MI Forum)

Please fill in your reflections (total 100-200 words) in response to one of the talks in session 1.

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### Ms. Iqra Zahid (Secondary Section)

The talk was very informative about how digital transformation has taken place after the pandemic. It showed us how humans are capable of standing up to any kind of challenges, pandemic or not, and constantly improving the medium / means of education for our students to cater to their needs. In this digital age, it is vital for us, as education providers, to understand and make use of the digital technology to maximize the schooling experience for our kids.

### Ms. Sum Leung (Primary Section)

I am writing to reflect on the speech given by Dr Thanit on the International MI education forum. Most teachers, in the first place, did not get used to online teaching before the pandemic. In face of this, the school management team has introduced different platforms for teaching are learning, for examples, Eclass and teaching on zoom, etc. We held many discussions on how to execute online learning in a more practical and productive way. Charles has made great efforts to the

### Mr. Alex O & Dr. Vincent Tam

### Chief Coordinators of Staff Development Day

### ▼ Teachers being all ears in the US session



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