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Welcome to the first issue of **Flash**. Flash contains the latest news and events of FSTE and its fields of interest. Flash, issued semi-annually, will be distributed to FSTE Members, working partners and friends of the circle. You will also find Flash on our website.

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



Professor Peter P. YUEN
Chairman, FSTE

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to read this inaugural issue of Flash. This Newsletter - Flash provides latest updates about the Federation and the self-financing tertiary education sector, covering degree education, sub-degree education, continuing education, and transnational education. Flash also serves as a channel for dissemination of information to all stakeholders in the circle of education.

The publication of this inaugural issue coincides with the opening of the new FSTE office and the launch of the newly revamped FSTE website. The revamped website provides information about on-going and completed projects, Yi Jin Diploma, achievements, events and publications. It also serves Members with exclusive information.

A special thanks to Members of the Federation and the Secretariat for their contribution in making this happen.

FSTE will continue to connect institutions, professional bodies and the Government to a platform where we encourage communication for the betterment of the whole sector. At the same time, we will keep moving forward to provide Members with quality services, share the success and deal with new challenges ahead together.

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RECENT NEWS

Office Relocation

After several months of office search, the Secretariat has recently moved to a new location. Located in the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui, our new office is very convenient and access-friendly for Members, working partners and friends. Please feel free to drop by for a visit!



FSTE Website

The new FSTE website has been launched!!! This website will continue featuring updates and highlights of FSTE. Please do visit the website at www.fste.edu.hk from time to time to keep abreast of FSTE happenings. Stay tuned for Chinese version.

Visit to Tung Wah College

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-General paid a visit to Tung Wah College in July and met with Professor Lui Yu-hon, President of the College and our former Director and Honorary Treasurer. Professor Lui shared with us the recent development about the College including specialized programmes and new insights. He also provided us with a tour of well-equipped facilities campus, nursing lab, chemistry lab and library in particular.



Farewell to Professor TS Chan

It is with mixed feelings to announce about the retirement of Professor TS Chan. Professor Chan has started his career in the education sector since 45 years ago. He joined the Federation in 1999 as Director and has made a great amount of contribution to the Federation ever since, especially during the period of 2011 - 2013, he served as the Chairman of the Federation. Under his leadership, the Federation went through the change of name, double-cohort year, the launch of Yi Jin Diploma, and Guidelines on Recruitment and Admission Practices. We are thankful for his advice, dedication, and continuous support to the Federation. We wish him the very best and enjoy leisure time.



Teacher Competency Framework and Related Outcome-based Professional Development Programme for Teachers of Self-financing Post-secondary Education Sector

A series of newly developed Structured Professional Development Programmes provides teachers and interested parties with basic concepts and technical knowledge on specific topics or particular themes. It is hoped that teachers with relevant knowledge and skills are able to carry out daily teaching duties more confidently and convincingly.

Six modules attracting over 100 participants were held in August 2015. These modules aim to give an overview of the self-financing tertiary education sector, features and qualities of the students and basic concepts of assessment tasks.

Next round of the Programmes focusing on curriculum and learning tasks design will be organized in early 2016. For the latest information, please visit the project website at qess.fste.edu.hk.



Towards a Sub-degree General Education Framework – Facilitating Credit Recognition and Transfer

The seminar on Exemption & Transfer of General Education Credits – Publicly-funded University Experience was successfully held at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 19 June. Special thanks to our Keynote Speakers, Professor SL Ho, Associate Vice President (Academic Support) & Academic Secretary, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Dr KS So, Academic Registrar, Hong Kong Baptist University, for providing their valuable insights. They shared experiences and good practices in granting credit recognition and exemption with focus on special arrangement for particular programmes.

In addition to examining the GE transfer practices between local degree and sub-degree institutions, a undergraduate student survey as well as student focus groups are being held. To understand students' real experience in granting transfer of GE credits from their sub-degree programmes to local degree programmes. By setting up this platform, we intend to enhance the quality of GE courses in the sub-degree sector on one hand, and to facilitate the credit accumulation and transfer system of GE courses on the other.

Please do visit the project website at www.qess2.fste.edu.hk for the most up-to-date information.



Pilot Project on Qualifications Framework (QF) Promotion for Industries in Schools – Insurance and Logistics Industries

Industries play a pivotal role in the implementation of HKQF, to promote industries to senior secondary students, Qualifications Framework Secretariat (QFS) initiated the Pilot Project on QF Promotion for Industries in Schools and engaged FSTE to promote two Industries, namely Insurance and Logistics. Students are expected to obtain background information, basic skill set and current trend of the industry.

The pilot project for insurance industry will provide students with substantial information and career development of the industry. To achieve the objectives and to enhance the professional image of the industry, a mini-movie competition and a number of workshops will be organized.

The pilot project for logistics industry aims to promote QF and introduce the industry to students through participating in exclusive tours of the Air Cargo Terminals and the Air Cargo Carnival in October.



TEEN空貨運嘉年華

Date: 10 & 11 October 2015

Venue: Hong Kong International Airport (SkyCity Car Park)

Time: 11:00 – 18:00



The Air Cargo Carnival is a first-ever event organized for younger generation and the general public to promote the professionalism of the airfreight and express industry through exclusive tours of the air cargo terminals at the Hong Kong International Airport.



Info Day

The YJD Information Day was successfully held on 11 July at EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre with over 250 participants. Seven provider institutions introduced features of selected electives and held demonstrations showcasing special interests to students, parents and teachers. Special thanks to all speakers who came to share their experience and valuable insights. For programme details, please visit our YJD website at <http://www.yjd.edu.hk>.

Elective features demonstrated by seven institutions



Institutional representatives introduced YJD programme while YJD graduates shared their remarkable experience during their studies



Exciting Facts

As at 17 July, 5,276 applicants were successfully allocated to their selection during the first phase registration. 94% of these applicants were allocated to their first choice. The top three popular electives were:

1. Security and Disciplinary Force
2. Hotel, Tourism and Hospitality
3. Education, Sports and Coaching

Promotion and Media Exposure

This year, we adopted a lively and amusing visual theme to reach our target audience through a variety of media channels:



Public transportation



Printed media



Interview at DBC radio station

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RECRUITMENT AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



The performer sang intensely and powerfully



Basketball Tournament 2015 -
The Champion institution and RSAC Chairman



The tournament was so exciting and the students put much effort in competing for a prize for their institution

In addition to promoting the exchange of information amongst Member Institutions, RSAC organizes a variety of joint-institution activities for students of Member Institutions every year. Singing Contest, Study Tour, Basketball Tournament and Media Creation Competition were some of remarkable activities organized in the past.

Dr Martin Lee is currently the Chairman of this Committee. The Committee will hold Singing Contest and Basketball Tournament this academic year, more activities will be coming, information will be released in due course.

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NEW FACES



Dr Raymond Ng
FSTE Director, Lingnan University

Dr Raymond Ng has been appointed as Director of the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute of Further Education with effect from 1 September 2015. Dr Ng has had extensive experience in teaching, research, programme development and academic management in local tertiary institutions. Prior to joining Lingnan University, Dr Ng served as Associate Director (Academic) at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in past three years.

Mr Leo Hung
Chairman, Yi Jin Diploma Programme Management Committee

Mr. Leo Hung has extensive experience in professional and vocational education. He is currently the Deputy Head of General Education Department of Caritas Institute of Community Education. As a professional educator in the field, he has a conviction in lifelong learning and is committed to nurturing young talents through education and training. Being the Chairman of the Yi Yin Diploma (YJD) Programme Management Committee, Mr. Leo Hung will focus on overseeing and monitoring the operation of YJD as a whole, inclusive of assuring its quality, organizing promotion campaign and managing admission of students.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Conference 2016

With the positive feedback received from the **Conference on Self-financing Tertiary Education: The Way Forward** last year, the Federation will be holding a conference in 2016. We hope that this conference may provide a platform for all stakeholders in the sector to share their latest research, exchange new ideas, views and experience, and connect people together. An Organizing Committee will be formed real soon as a kick-start. Stay tuned for more details from our website.

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