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To : Principals
(Attn: AYP User Unit Leaders)
From : Schools Operating Authority
Telephone : 2729 1231
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SOA Functions for User Unit Leaders and AYP HQs News & Warm Reminders

1) Induction Course for New User Unit Leaders

The Induction Course will be organized for teachers who: (1) have been newly appointed as the teachers-in-charge of AYP, or (2) would like to refresh their knowledge about the operation of the Scheme.

It aims to give a briefing on the philosophy of the Scheme, Award conditions and operational procedures in User Units. To accommodate the busy schedule of teachers, we are going to provide 2 options this year. Please refer to the details in Appendix 1. The medium of instruction will be in Cantonese. Certificates of attendance, upon request, will be issued to teachers who have *fully* completed the course.

2) SOA User Units Briefing Session

The User Units Briefing Session has been scheduled for Saturday, 9 October 2010 at 10:00 am at the School Hall of Tack Ching Girls' Secondary School with the following aims:

- (a) to share experience on the "Other Learning Experiences" Pilot Scheme;
- (b) to share views on running the Award Scheme in relation to the New Senior Secondary Curriculum;
- (c) to foster closer relationship amongst all User Unit Leaders; and
- (d) to share experience and ideas on the current operation of the Scheme.

Certificates, upon request, will be given to those teachers attended *the whole* SOA User Unit Briefing Session & District Meetings as their Continuing Professional Development.

We look forward to meeting you in the above functions. OLE teacher-in-charge of your school is also welcomed to join. Please complete the attached reply slip and send/ fax to the SOA office **on or before 24 September 2010**.

3) AYP HQs News & Warm Reminders

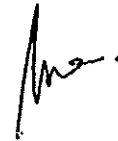
We are notified by the AYP Headquarters to notify you on:

- (i) Silver Award Presentation –
Silver Award Presentations, with immediate effect, will be held once every year. In such connection, the coming 89th Silver Award Presentation is planned to be held in March

2011. Further details will be announced later.

- (ii) the names of participants –
the names supplied in Form AYP001 (Application for New Entry) and Notification of Attainment of Silver/ Gold Award should be identical to Hong Kong Identity Cards.
- (iii) the age requirements for applications of Awards:
Bronze Level – 14.5 yrs old; Silver Level – 15.5 yrs old; and Gold Level – 17 yrs old.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. Should you have any query, please contact the SOA Office at 2729 1231.



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