

Seminar
Gender Equality and Gender Respect –
Media and Societal Culture, Where Do We Go from Here?

Prof. Wong Po-choi

Prof. Wong Po-choi is a renowned IT veteran who has dedicated to promoting the development of IT education. In 1998, he set up the Hong Kong School Net – an Internet for schools in Hong Kong. In 2000, Prof. Wong worked with the HKSAR Government to develop the *Hong Kong Education City, Small Campus and English Campus*, which quickly became the flagship education portals in Hong Kong, in providing rich educational information and teaching resources. Daily viewing exceeded one million people-times.

Prof. Wong has published over 50 papers and received a number of awards. He won the IT Application Award in 1998 as well as two US patents and the IT Excellence Award in 1999. The *Hong Kong Education City* and *Small Campus* have been in the winner list of “The Ten Healthy Websites Contest” for several times. In 2003, the “NetPlan of Network Security and Support” which assists schools in solving information security problems, won two items of the HKPC’s Linux Award. In 2001, Prof. Wong was awarded the Medal of Honor for his contributions to IT in education.

Funded by the Quality Education Fund in 2004, Prof. Wong built up another large-scale IT education project “VChina” which applied video conferencing technologies to link up over 300 primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai and Lhasa for promoting distance learning as well as cultural sharing. This project in 2006 was extended to overseas countries including Malaysia, Singapore and New Zealand in the bid to make Hong Kong as a global hub of distance learning via video conferencing. In 2008, “VChina” won the Outstanding Project Award of QEF’s Tenth Anniversary.

Prof. Wong is active in community services. He is now a committee member of Education Commission, Family Council, and the Steering Committee for IT in Education. He acts as an honorary advisor for a number of schools and has delivered over 200 talks to teachers and parents to promote reading, home-school cooperation and life-long learning.

Prof. Wong is now Chairperson of the Committee on Home-School Cooperation, leading federations of teacher-parent associations in 18 districts, in promoting home-school cooperation and parent education.