

President's Report Hong Kong Sex Education Association

Although Hong Kong is claimed to be an open and liberal society, its sexual attitudes are still conservative. We still have to advocate the government as well the public to pay more concern to the importance of sex in life, to manage it in a healthy and open-minded way to dispel taboos and avoid labeling effects to the sexual minorities in our society.

Rapid and advanced technology development and their application in all walks of life characterize the last decade of the current millennium. Last year, we have devoted much effort to offer sex education through computer technology. We updated our HKSEA homepage that will soon be launched when the domain name registration is completed. As usual, we served in many Q & A sex columns in newspapers and websites. We continued to cooperate with the RTHK to produce a TV series in Sex Education for children. Our vice-president, Professor NG is the host of the show and I acted as the host on the simultaneous chat room on web during the programme. We conducted sex focus seminars for our members and the public and one issue of the sex forum bulletin was published for our members. We also launched a research program on violence on male genitalia and we are continuing with further studies on those cases with in-depth interviews of the victims. We are preparing to form an alliance with sexology associations in Hong Kong under the name of the "Hong Kong Federation of Sex Education". Finally, the most important contribution of our association last year was to setup a pioneering, web-learning programme on sex education in cooperation with HKU SPACE, and it was launched in November 2002, with 27 students and 10 teachers both from local and overseas. We are

planning to extend our web-learning course in China and all over the world in this year and the following years.

On sex policy matters, our position statement on the bill on child pornography was sent to Security Bureau in August 2002. On the worldwide front, our members also participated in the Asian Federation of Sexology in 2002. We continued to make contact with the world sexologists to attain upfront knowledge on sex education.

In the years to come, we will continue to make our focus on sex education in Hong Kong and its implication on sexual policies and related issues. Monthly Sex Focus still will continue to be held and our bulletin Sex Forum will continue to be published. We will continue to pay concern on the rights of sexual minorities, conduct debate and make statements on this topic and urge for a change in public sexual attitudes. We will work intensively on our Web-based sex education course with SPACE.

I would like to use this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to all, especially to those who have contributed so much to the association over this year. We would also like to welcome our new secretary, Ms Bonnie Choi and Committee member, Mr. Kenneth Wong. I am also most grateful to our executive committee members for their dedicated and concerted efforts contributing the continuing success of the association.

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"There is one single, all-encompassing strategy, valid for all society and uniformly bearing on all the manifestations of sex"
M. Foucault, 1978.