Symposium on Career Development and Comprehensive Guidance Programs in Schools

Organized by Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong In collaboration with the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters

17 January 2009 (Saturday), 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Theatre 6, Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong

Keynote Lecture:

Stories of career development: Influences on the career development of children and adolescents

Speaker: Dr Mary McMahon, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, The University of Queensland

In recent years, career development practitioners have been encouraged to pay greater attention to the stories or narratives that people tell. People use stories to create meaning about their experiences, and through stories, they construct identity. Identity is produced in context and there are many influences which help to shape identity and career development in childhood and adolescence. A goal for career development practitioners is to work with children and adolescents to co-construct future stories and identities that are meaningful, enriching and satisfying. This keynote lecture will discuss identity and the influences on child and adolescent career development and consider the use of story in career development work with young people.

Discussion Forum:

Career Education and Guidance in Schools: Strengths, Weaknesses, Challenges, and Possibilities

Modulators: Dr Esther Ho, Vice-chairperson, Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters

Dr Mantak Yuen, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong

Discussants: Invited guidance professionals, educators and administrators

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