



**Report of Religious Schools Council on 7 April 2014**

**A. RSC Programmes and activities for the school year 2013-2014:**

1. The NSS Joint School E&RS programmes continue to operate, the total numbers of schools in the 3 networks, namely HK net, Kowloon Net 1 and Kowloon Net 2, for the S. 4 to S. 6 cohorts are 7, 6 and 2 respectively. The total numbers of students in the 3 networks for S.4 to S.6 are 60, 81 and 37 respectively.
2. The following shows the details of the activities proposed by the Executive Committee of RSC for the school year 2013-2014:

**For All Members**

| Function                              | Date                   | Remarks  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Visit to Utahlog International School | 29/4/2014<br>(Tuesday) | Theme : Exploring opportunities for cooperation between mainland and Hong Kong schools |

**For Secondary School Members**

| Functions   | Dates                  | Remarks  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| Retreat for Supervisors, Principals and ERS Panel Heads | 15/4/2014<br>(Tuesday) | <b>Theme :</b> 「划到深處-在教育工作中與主相遇」<br>Retreat Master : Rev. Benedict Lam<br>Venue : St. Paul's House of Prayer (聖保祿樂靜院)              |
| Formation Day Camp for School Leaders                   | 15/5/2014              | <b>Theme :</b> 營造福音校園文化<br>Speaker : Rev. Andrew Fung<br>Venue : Holy Trinity College  |
| Retreat for Teachers                                    | 10/6/2014<br>(Tuesday) | <b>Theme:</b> 「划到深處-在教育工作中與主相遇」<br>Retreat Master : Rev. Martin Yip Tai Hoi<br>Venue : St. Paul's Convent School (Primary Section) |

**For Pre-School Education & Primary School Members**

| Function                            | Date                    | Remarks   |
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| Seminar for Principals and Teachers | 13/5/2014<br>(Tuesday)  | Speaker: Mrs. Yu Ku Siu-yin<br>Theme Stress Management<br>Venue: Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section) |
| P.6 Catholic Students Day           | 24/5/2014<br>(Saturday) | Theme : 「人人有『禮』」<br>Speaker : Rev. Ip Tai Hoi<br>Venue : School Hall of St. Mary's Canossian College        |

**B. "2+2 Catholic Leaders Formation" by JCCC Don Bosco Youth Centre**

賽馬會長洲鮑思高青年中心舉辦 「2+2 公教領袖成長系列」  
The programme will continue.

Report on events held:

***For All Members***

1. Visit to Utahlog International School on 29 April 2014 was attended by 40 members. The participants explored the opportunity of future exchange with this school.

***For Secondary School Members***

2. The Retreat for Supervisors, Principals and ERS Panel heads on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at St. Paul's House of Prayer was well received with the theme 「划到深處-在教育工作中與主相遇」 **Put out to the deep - Meeting God in work of education.** The retreat master was Rev. Benedict Lam. Respondents agreed that the content was inspirational. Fifty-three persons enrolled and the total number of participants was 51, including 6 supervisors, 24 principals and vice principals and 20 ERS panel heads. It was suggested that committee members could share the work of calling the school principals to encourage them to take part in the event in future. This might help to ensure that the principals of the schools with no record of joining RSC functions in recent years would join our functions.
3. Formation Day Camp for School Leaders with the theme on 喜樂地散播福音種子-- 全校性不同層面的參與，攜手孕育福音校園文化 on 15 May 2014 was well received. The total number enrolled was 182 and the participants attended was 174, with 13 supervisors, 21 principals, 34 vice principals on academic and 30 vice principals on student affairs, 35 religious board heads, 41 religious teachers/pastoral care workers. Rev Andrew Fung gave his presentation in the morning, followed by group discussion among supervisors, principals, assistant principals, religious board/panel chairpersons and catholic teachers/pastoral care workers. The results of the discussion were posted in the hall and typed out and distributed for the discussion in the afternoon. After lunch, each school held their own discussion on their action plan to be implemented in the following year. Cardinal John Tong celebrated the Mass for the congregation and encouraged the participants to continue to contribute to spreading the good news in their capacity. The participants were expected to put into practice their action plan and they would be invited to the second Formation Day for School Leaders in 2015.
4. Retreat for Catholic Teachers with the theme on 「划到深處-在教育工作中與主相遇」 **Put out to the deep - Meeting God in work of education** was held on 10 June 2014 at the School Hall of St. Paul's Convent School Primary from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A total of 204 teachers from 27 member schools enrolled and 190 attended. The retreat master Rev Martin Yip Tai Ho shared with the participants Bible verses, songs and videos on the theme of Giving and Meeting God in our daily work to reflect on our faith in God and rekindle our passion in education. The Mass was celebrated at the Christ the King Chapel. The response from participants was very encouraging. It was also discussed that the Catholic Retreat would be held in St. Andrew Parish at Tseung Kwan O in the coming year and the programme might be a half-day one.

***For Pre-School Education & Primary School Members***

5. A three-hour seminar for principals and teachers on Stress Management was held on 13 May 2014 at Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section) by the educational psychologist Mrs. Yu Ku Siu-yin. The speaker gave information and helped participants to explore their source of stress and support system. She also introduced some effective stress management skills to enhance participants' ability to improve their quality of life and work. Ninety-one principals and teachers from 16 member schools took part in the seminar and the response is encouraging.
6. Primary 6 Catholic Students' Day was held at the school hall of St. Mary Canossian College