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6 January 2009

**Invitation to Mass Lecture on "Looking Ahead in the Field of Gifted Education"**  
**by Dr. Joyce Van Tassel-Baska**

Dear Principal,

For this academic year, we are fortunate to be able to engage 2 well-known experts in gifted education to share their expertise with the educators here. Dr Sandra Kaplan will be conducting 2 courses in mid January 09. In order to meet the needs of different groups of educators, we will be organising the following mass lecture by another well-known gifted education expert, Dr Joyce Van Tassel-Baska:

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
ML020809	4 March 2009 (Wed) 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (3 hours)	School Heads and Curriculum Leaders in Primary and Secondary Schools

The aim of the mass lecture is to update school leaders on the latest development of gifted education and the effective practices, as well as to provide future directions of gifted education. Please refer to the enclosed Programme Information (Appendix I) and the Registration Form (Appendix II) for further details.

We look forward to your school's participation. Please return the duly completed Registration Form **by fax** to the HKAGE (3586 3429) **by 12 February 2009 (Thu) 5:00p.m.**

For enquiries about the programme contents, please contact Ms. Clara Tam at tel: 3698 4050 or email: [lhtam@hkage.org.hk](mailto:lhtam@hkage.org.hk).

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Associate Director

Teacher Professional Development and Parent Support

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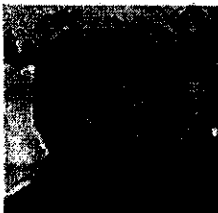
- Venue** : School Hall, Kowloon Tong Government Primary School  
No. 6, Tim Fuk Road, Kowloon Tong  
[Please refer to the location map enclosed.]
- Speaker and Facilitator** : Dr. Joyce Van Tassel-Baska, The Jody and Layton Smith Professor of  
Education and Executive Director of the Center for Gifted, The College of  
William and Mary, Virginia, U.S.A.
- Course Description** : This mass lecture will provide insights into gifted education practices, recent  
trends and what really works for gifted students. The speaker will share with  
participants the development of gifted education as well as effective  
practices.
- Course Objectives** : Upon completion of this event, participants should be able to:
- have a clear understanding of the impacts of gifted education; and
  - be aware of effective strategies to initiate, develop and implement gifted  
education programmes in schools
- Course Outline** : Programme contents
1. Why gifted education (GE)? What are the impacts & evidence?
  2. What are the recent developments? GE then, now & for the future
  3. What works? What are the effective practices?
  4. How to implement?
- Certificate/CPD Hours** : Certificate of Participation and 3 CPD hours will be awarded to all  
participants
- Medium of Instruction** : English
- Course Fee** : Free of Charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)
- Number of Nominees** : At most 5 from each school
- Contact Person** : Miss Jady Au Tel.:3698 3578 [kcau@hkage.org.hk](mailto:kcau@hkage.org.hk)

**Registration Information** : Please use the enclosed registration form. Kindly fax the completed registration form to 3586 3429.  
[ Registration form could also be downloaded from the following website:  
<http://www.hkage.org.hk>, please visit "Programmes Section" in the *Teacher Zone*]

**Deadline for Registration** : 12 February 2009 (Thu) 5:00p.m.

Note: Acceptance is on first come first served basis, at most five staff members per school. All school applicants are accepted in principle. Unless the talk is fully subscribed, no further notification will be made.

### Speaker's Profile



Dr. Joyce Van Tassel-Baska is The Jody and Layton Smith Professor of Education and Executive Director of the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, where she has developed a graduate programme and a research and development centre in gifted education. Formerly, she initiated and directed the Centre for Talent Development at Northwestern University. She is past president of the Association for the Gifted of the Council for Exceptional Children, the Northwestern University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and the National Association for Gifted Children. She has worked as a gifted education consultant in all 50 states and for key national groups, including the U.S. Department of Education, National Association of Secondary School Principals, and American Association of School Administrators. She has consulted internationally in Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, Jordan, Singapore, South Korea, England, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Van Tassel-Baska's research interests are on the talent development process and effective curricular interventions with the gifted. She has published widely including 22 books and over 500 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and scholarly reports. She also served as the editor of *Gifted and Talented International*, a publication of the World Council on Gifted and Talented from 1998 to 2005.

Dr. Van Tassel-Baska has received numerous awards including the International Mensa Research Award, 2001 and 1995, and President's Award for exceptional work and service on *Gifted and Talented International*, the research journal of the World Council on Gifted & Talented Children, 2005. She was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to New Zealand in 2000 and a visiting scholar to Cambridge University in England in 1993.

Last October, Joyce was invited by the Education Bureau of the HKSAR to deliver a mass lecture and a thematic course on curriculum development for the gifted for curriculum leaders and teachers from local schools. These professional development courses were well received by the participants. More information on the speaker could be found at:  
<http://cfge.wm.edu/ilvantassel-baska/jvantassel-baska.htm>

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I would like to nominate the following staff:

Name in English (BLOCK LETTERS)	Current Position <i>[Please put a tick ✓ where appropriate below.]</i>
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Principal/Vice Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Coordinator (Sec) <input type="checkbox"/> PSMCD <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/Teaching Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____
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The nominees understand that unless they specifically request otherwise, any photograph(s) or materials taken of them in the captioned event may be used in print and electronic publications by the HKAGE for educational purposes. I agree to the HKAGE to send me information concerning teacher professional development programmes organized by the HKAGE through our school fax number stated below.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School SCRN code : \_\_\_\_\_

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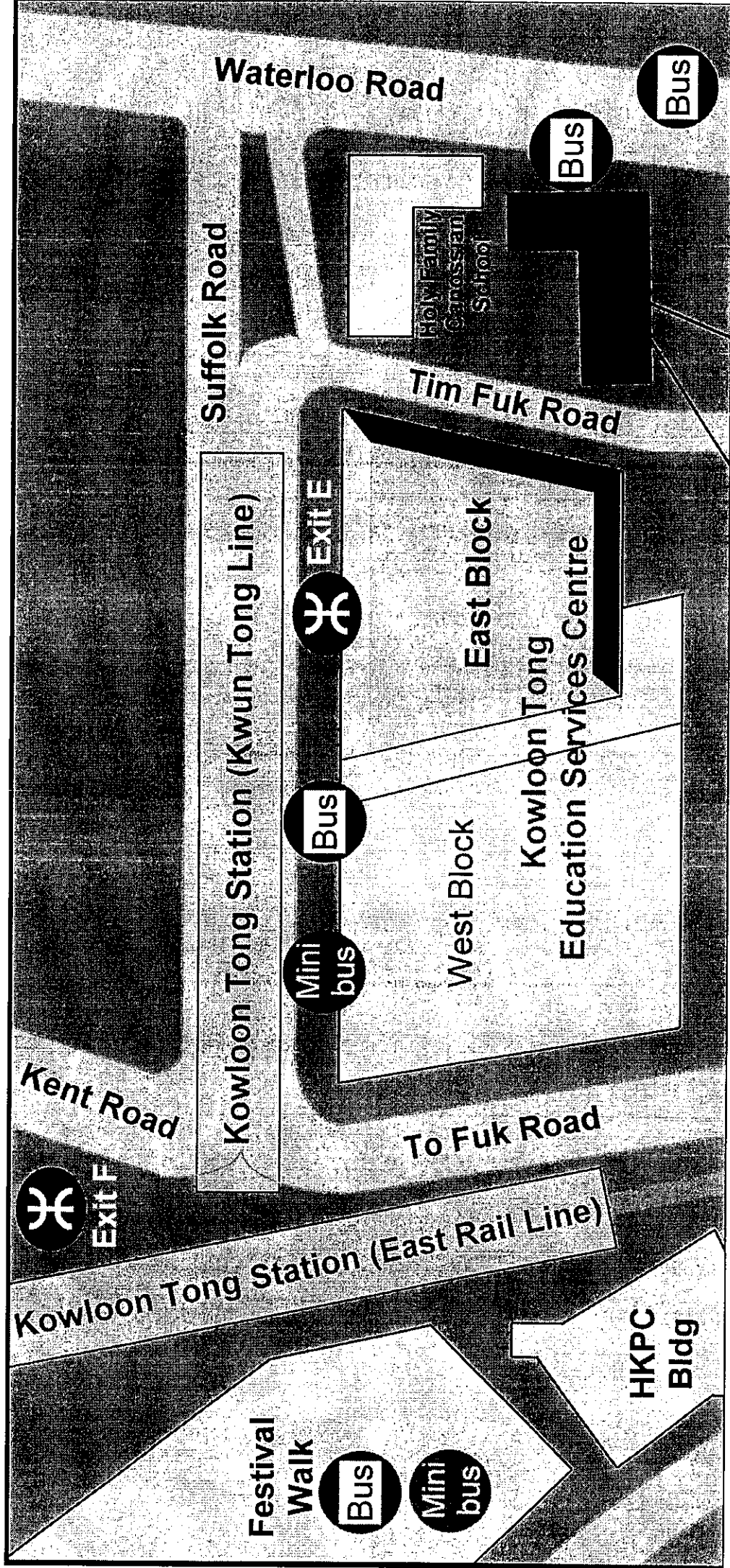
Name of Principal : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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Kowloon Tong Station (Kwun Tong Line)

Exit E

East Block

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Kowloon Tong

Mini bus

West Block

Education Services Centre

Kent Road

Exit F

To Fuk Road

Kowloon Tong Station (East Rail Line)

Festival Walk

Bus

Mini bus

HKPC Bldg

Kowloon Tong Government Primary School