

“Expanding Horizons: APEP Hong Kong Professional Visit 2010”

13 – 16 October 2010

On 13 – 16 October 2010, The Association of Private Schools for English Program organized the **"Expanding Horizons": APEP Hong Kong Professional Visit 2010** for 40 administrators and teachers from 16 schools to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. We visited 3 exemplary schools: Red Swastika Society Secondary School, King Ling College and Xianggang Putonghua Yanxishe Primary School of Science and Creativity. This professional visit was assisted by Dr. Angel Lin, a professor from Hong Kong University and a specialist in bilingual education. The project was evaluated with the results as follows:

(5 = Excellent , 4 = Good , 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Fair , 1 = Poor)

| Fields | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | Additional suggestions |
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| The Association's Performance | % | % | % | % | % | |
| 1. The project achieved its objectives: | | | | | | |
| - to expand and exchange visions on school management with schools abroad. | 78 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| - to create a bond between English Program schools whose curricula are according to the Ministry of Education. | 78 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2. Appropriate information & notifications | 33 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3. Appropriate period of time at each school | | | | | | |
| 3.1 Red Swastika Society Secondary School | 56 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3.2 King Ling College | 44 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3.3 Xianggang Putonghua Yanxishe Primary School | 78 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4. Appropriate expense rate | 56 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5. Coordination and services | 44 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 6. Benefit from participating the project | 89 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 7. The project should be conducted in the future as well | 89 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | |

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| Tour Company's Performance | % | % | % | % | % | |
| 1. Coordination and services | 33 | 11 | 56 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2. Greetings and assistance | 44 | 22 | 33 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3. Convenience throughout the trip | 22 | 44 | 33 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4. Tourism information | 33 | 56 | 11 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5. Tourist attractions & period of time at each attraction | | | | | | |
| 5.1 Ma Wan Park Noah's Ark | 56 | 11 | 33 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5.2 Hong Kong Museum of History | 22 | 44 | 22 | 0 | 11 | Very interesting. Should have more time there. |
| 5.3 Ladies Market & Nathan Road | 11 | 56 | 22 | 11 | 0 | |
| 5.4 Symphony of Light | 33 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 0 | |
| 5.5 Repulse Bay | 11 | 67 | 0 | 22 | 0 | Not very interesting. Should not have spent much time there. |
| 5.6 Victoria Peak | 33 | 22 | 44 | 11 | 0 | |
| 5.7 Hong Kong Jewelry | 11 | 0 | 56 | 33 | 0 | |
| 6. Accommodation | 22 | 33 | 44 | 0 | 0 | |
| 7. Meals | 44 | 33 | 0 | 22 | 0 | |
| 8. Transportation | 33 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 9. Safety | 67 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Overall Project Evaluation Summary

The project has achieved its objectives. It has excellent information & notifications. The choices of schools were excellent. Rated no.1 is Xianggang Putonghua Yanxishe Primary School, no. 2 is Red Swastika Society Secondary School and no. 3 is King Ling College. Excellent expenses rate and transportation safety. Most participants see that the project should be conducted in the future as well.

Fields for Improvement

- Coordination and convenience throughout the trip
- Time for visiting each tourist attraction should be more appropriate and there should be more recreation activities.
- Wider variety of cuisine in meals
- Visit more Kindergarten schools

Additional suggestions (From Participants)

1. Should not have to wake up so early to have dim sum for breakfast.
2. There should be more recreative or team building activities.
3. There should be some time for experience sharing
4. The project should be held in future years. I give my full support and I am happy to cooperate.
5. It would be nice to visit more Kindergarten and Primary schools
6. Everything was good for the first trip.
7. Not fully satisfied with the places we visited.
8. The menu wasn't that satisfying, and we did not have to have sumptuous Chinese dishes every meal.
9. I suggest spending more time in fewer places than spending shorter time in more places.
10. Overall everything was ok.
11. Spent too much time in Repulse Bay, which shortened the time at Victoria Peak for photographs.
12. Dishes were relatively the same in every meal. There should be a wider variety.