

## **HK to hold first international symposium on national education**

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The following is issued on behalf of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education:

An International Symposium on National Education jointly organised by the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE), the Commission on Youth, the Home Affairs Bureau and Radio Television Hong Kong will be held tomorrow and Wednesday (June 7 and 8) at Theatre 1 of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This international symposium is the first of its kind on the subject of national education in Hong Kong. The objective of the symposium is to facilitate an exchange of views and sharing of experiences with experts from different places in the world on how to promote national education (aimed at enhancing the sense of national identity among the general public) both inside and outside schools, with a view to drawing useful references and insights for Hong Kong.

Eleven distinguished speakers from different parts of the world (France, Hong Kong, Japan, Lithuania, Mainland China, Northern Ireland, Singapore, South Korea, United Kingdom, and United States) will share their experiences and expertise at the two-day symposium through topical presentations, group discussions and a discussion forum. Participants in the symposium include representatives from government advisory committees, tertiary education institutes, non-governmental organisations, school principals, civic and moral education teachers, district organisations, media editors, commentators and members of the public.

Chairman of the CPCE, Mr Daniel Heung; Chairman of the Commission on Youth, Dr Philemon Choi; Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho; and Director of Broadcasting, Mr Chu Pui-hing will officiate at the symposium. Dr Ho will deliver the keynote speech at 9.30am on June 8. The event will also be broadcast live on the Internet (<http://www.rthk.org.hk>) through video webcast by Radio Television Hong Kong.

For details of the symposium, please call 2372 0090 or visit the website of the symposium (<http://www.national-education.org>).

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