



Hong Kong Teachers' Centre

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Learning English through workplace communication: An evaluation of existing resources in Hong Kong

Jointly organised by Hong Kong Teachers' Centre and Hong Kong Women Teachers' Organization

The talk reports on the findings of a research study on the elective module 'Learning English through workplace communication' in the Hong Kong senior secondary English language curriculum. The study examined and evaluated a number of teaching and learning resources specially designed by relevant government bodies and commercial publishers.

Specifically, the professional text-types which are covered in such resources were studied in detail, both qualitatively and quantitatively, to investigate the extent to which they paralleled the professional discourses and text-types in the actual workplace, based on a comparison with findings from relevant research. Some discrepancies have been found regarding the most frequently occurring text-types and their language forms in the professional context and the teaching materials.

The talk also discusses implications from the study and makes suggestions for pedagogical improvements with special reference both to the local context and to the broader educational domain where workplace communication has increasingly become a key component in the language learning syllabus.

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Target Group: Secondary and Special School Teachers

Date: 20 March 2015 (Friday)

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Venue: EDB Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Language: English and Cantonese

Enrolment: 60 persons

Application: Please refer to Application Form
(Please browse <http://www.edb.gov.hk/hktc/activity> for the acceptance list or contact HKTC Staff at 3698 3698 for the result of application **on or after 13 March 2015.**)

Fees: Free of charge

Deadline for application: **10 March 2015**

Enquiries: Hong Kong Teachers' Centre (Tel.: 3698 3698)

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