

## **Strengths of Lam Tai Fai College in promoting Health Management and Social Care:**

1. Ever since its foundation in 2004, Lam Tai Fai College has cherished the goals of promoting a healthy school culture in secondary school. Health Education is offered as a compulsory subject in our S1 to S7 curriculum, the first secondary school in Hong Kong.
2. The school enjoys the patronage and guidance of a very supportive School Management Committee. Our distinguished School Management Committee consists of respectable academics and professionals who receive excellent reputation in their fields and in the society. Its members support and contribute to the school by applying their professionalism to different aspects of school affairs.
3. Professor Albert Lee (Director, The Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Professor and Head, Family Medicine Unit, Department of Community and Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Member of Curriculum Development Council and Chairman of Health Management & Social Care Committee, CDC – HKEAA, HKSAR ) as one of the our school managers. Professional guidance and leadership has been provided in the offering of Health Education as a subject and most important of all, in developing and implementing School Health Promoting School Programmes in LTFC. A genuine healthy school with health promoting cultures that include knowledge and concepts, values and beliefs, skills and actions being driven by curriculum oriented approach. It makes LTFC goes apart from the normal healthy schools by the inclusion of a wide range of health promoting activities and programmes.
4. Since the school plays a pivotal role in Health Education, we have possessed a team of very professional teaching force in Health Education. With the advent of NSSC and the offering of a new subject, Health Management & Social Care, Professor Albert Lee, our School Manager, was interviewed by Mingpao (January 8, 2008) on LTFC as the Flagship for Health Education in the Territory & pioneering role in offering HMSC (New NSS subject).

The news reports ran:

It was reported that Lam Tai Fai College was the first school offering a pioneering course in Health Education at secondary level. Our School Manager, Professor Albert Lee, as a Member of Curriculum Development Council and Chairman of Health Management & Social Care Committee, CDC – HKEAA, HKSAR explained the strength of LTFC in the existing balanced, diversified and forward-looking curriculum framework. Professor Lee went further onto promoting healthy school culture through the healthy schools project launched by the Director, The Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It was emphasized a school-based Health Education helps foster students' whole-person development. It enhances students' capacity in meeting adversity and further stretching their potentials. Health Education thus forms an integral part of students' all-round development and character formation. When going up to senior secondary school, students can opt for Health Management & Social Care (HMSC). It also prepares students for future career in the field of medical and health care.

5. At the same time, a truly school-based, student-centered, innovative and comprehensive Health Education curriculum was offered and will continue to offer in LTFC. As a school which had offered the subject ever since its establishment (in 2004), the school enjoys an extensive links with the community which is conducive to the building of a healthy community (2009-2010) and good links with the community. Very intimate partnership with the Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion (CHEP) has been forged. Actions in the following areas like building healthy public policy, create supportive environments, strengthen community action, develop personal skills and reorient health services are fully taken care of with very thorough planning at the level of the SMC, the School Development Steering Committee as well as with all the staff duly informed.
6. The school has rich experience in running a school-based Health Education in the secondary school curriculum. We will continue to take the need in supporting our counterparts in the promotion of Health cultures in schools and in the delivery of the Education for Health curriculum and of course, the Health Management & Social Care (HSMS) in the Diploma Examination.
7. Education for Health has been put as one of the domains in the school's whole-person development framework. A school-based Life-wide Integrative Extended Curriculum moves towards the realization of a Life-long and Life-wide Sustainable Learning Model.
8. The school will continue to explore opportunities for students' career development and further studies in the related field of Health Education and Health Management & Social Care.