

About the Hong Kong Health Promoting Schools Accreditation System and teaching resources

In 2001, CHEHP launched the Hong Kong Healthy Schools Award Scheme, following the *Regional Guidelines – Development of Health-promoting Schools – a Framework for Action* issued by the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific in 1996. The scheme was designed to compile indicators and evaluation tools based on the needs of Hong Kong schools and provide a framework for development and accreditation.

Over the years, CHEHP has recognised 173 primary and secondary schools, kindergartens and special schools that have passed the Hong Kong Health Promoting Schools Accreditation System and achieved health-promoting school standards. The team continues to develop indicators relevant to Hong Kong schools and provides the education sector with support and evaluation. The three-tier HPS gold, silver and bronze award mechanism has been joined by the HPS Foundation Award in recent years. This award is meant for schools interested in reviewing and optimising their health promotion efforts.

CHEHP has also received funding from the Education Bureau's Quality Education Fund and is currently developing teaching materials on physical and mental health for secondary school students. CHEHP is also seeking more resources to develop diverse health teaching materials suitable for primary schools.

School personnel interested in these programmes can contact the CHEHP Health Promotion Officers at 2693 3708 or visit the Centre's website (www.chep.cuhk.edu.hk) to learn more about the Hong Kong Health Promoting School Accreditation System and visit the School Health Education Resource Corner where ready-to-use teaching materials are available.