

YASHK NEWSLETTER

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YASHK NAME CHANGE

The Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong has been renamed into **The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences**, with the acronym “ASHK” remaining unchanged. Contingent to the renaming of ASHK, the YASHK ExCom considered and ASHK Board adopted the new name of YASHK: **The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences**, while the Chinese name 香港青年科學院 (青科院), the acronym “YASHK” and the Internet domain name <https://yashk.org.hk> would remain unchanged.

FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING

The 1st meeting of YASHK ExCom was held on 4 January 2019.

CO-OPTED EXCOM MEMBER

Pursuant to the YASHK Constitution, the ASHK Board of Directors appointed Professor Henry WONG, ASHK Honorary Secretary to be Independent Committee Member of the YASHK ExCom on 3 January 2019 with immediate effect.

EXCOM SUBCOMMITTEES

The YASHK ExCom set up the following sub-committees:

Academic Committee – Leo POON (Chair), Timothy BONEBRAKE, Johnny HO, Huabai LI, Kathy LUI, Anderson SHUM, Feng WANG, and Wang YAO

Internal Affairs Committee - Minhua SHAO (Chair), Benjamin COWLING, Zhiyong FAN, Xuhui HUANG, Raymond WONG, and Zijian ZHENG

Outreach Committee – Stephanie MA (Chair), Edwin CHAN, Johnny HO, Edmund LAM, Denvid LAU, Amos TAI, Kevin TSIA

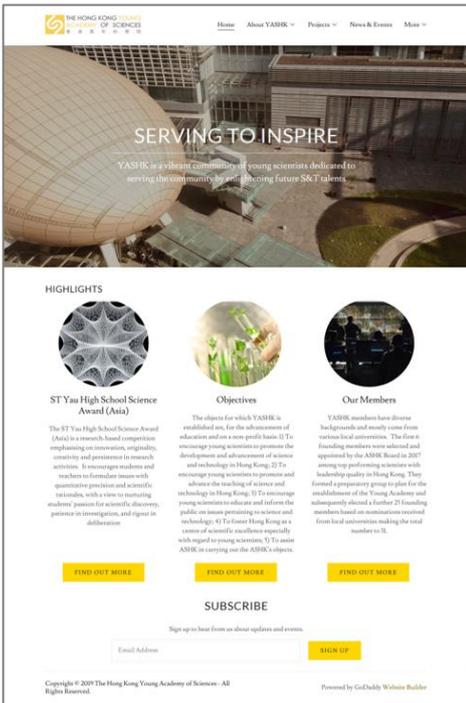
Knowledge Transfer Committee – Raymond TONG (Chair), Ken LEUNG, Yi-Chun LU, Anderson SHUM, Kevin TSIA, Xuhui HUANG, and Zijian ZHENG

YASHK WEBSITE

The website of YASHK (<https://yashk.org.hk>) was launched in March, with the English site published in the first instance, to be followed by the Chinese site in due course.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Internal Affairs Committee formulated a set of guidelines for the election of new members and sought advice from the Chairman of ASHK Election Committee. The guidelines were endorsed by the YASHK ExCom. Members have been invited to make nominations.



The screenshot shows the YASHK website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About YASHK, Projects, News & Events, and More. Below the navigation is a large banner image with the text "SERVING TO INSPIRE" and a sub-headline "YASHK is a vibrant community of young scientists dedicated to serving the community by nurturing future S&T talents".

The main content area is titled "HIGHLIGHTS" and features three columns:

- ST Yau High School Science Award (Asia)**: A research-based competition emphasizing innovation, originality, creativity and persistence to research activities. It encourages students and teachers to combine areas with quantitative precision and scientific rigour, with a view to nurturing students' passion for scientific discovery, persistence in investigation, and rigour in deliberation. [FIND OUT MORE](#)
- Objective**: The criteria for which YASHK is established are, for the advancement of education and on a non-profit basis: (i) To encourage young scientists to promote the development and advancement of science and technology in Hong Kong; (ii) To encourage young scientists to represent and advance the teaching of science and technology in Hong Kong; (iii) To encourage young scientists to educate and inform the public on issues pertaining to science and technology; (iv) To foster Hong Kong as a centre of scientific excellence especially with regard to young scientists; (v) To assist ASHK in carrying out the ASHK's objects. [FIND OUT MORE](#)
- Our Members**: YASHK members have diverse backgrounds and mostly come from various local universities. The first 6 founding members were selected and appointed by the ASHK Board in 2017 among top performing scientists with leadership quality in Hong Kong. They formed a preparatory group to plan for the establishment of the Young Academy and subsequently elected a further 21 founding members based on nominations received from local universities making the total number to 31. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

At the bottom, there is a "SUBSCRIBE" section with a text input field for an email address and a "SIGN UP" button. Below the input field, it says "Sign up to hear from us about updates and events." At the very bottom, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2019 The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences - All Rights Reserved." and a footer: "Powered by GoDaddy Website Builder".



Kickoff Ceremony of the “Distinguished Master Accomplished Students” Mentorship Programme

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OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Listed below are the activities that took place from January to April:

Jan – Apr 2019

4 YASHK members have been appointed chairpersons of Subject Assessment Panels of the ST Yau High School Science Award (Asia). 12 other YASHK members serve as panelists, altogether 16 YASHK members serve on the Assessment Panels.

YASHK President and the Outreach Committee members attended a meeting with Director of The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE) on potential collaborations. An MOU for collaboration will be signed at the YASHK Inauguration Ceremony in June.

YASHK ExCom members, CEO and Sub-Committee Chairs attended a lunch meeting with Director of Croucher Foundation on potential collaborations.

17 professors gathered by YASHK (mostly YASHK members) served as adjudicators for the 52nd Joint School Science Exhibition, which is the biggest student organised science event in Hong Kong.

YASHK President and the Outreach Committee members attended a meeting with HKAGE and The Education University of Hong Kong (EduHK) on a potential collaborative programme for STEM teachers.

YASHK President and 11 out of the 19 YASHK members serving as mentors attended the Kickoff Ceremony of the “Distinguished Master Accomplished Students” Mentorship Programme 2019.



YASHK INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The YASHK Inauguration Ceremony cum Science and Technology Forum will be held in Charles K. Kao Auditorium of Hong Kong Science Park, Shatin, NT at 2:30 pm on 9 June 2019. We look forward to seeing you there!