

## **Appearance of Our English Tongues of China on SCMP Posties**

We are thrilled to announce that our school's English Speaking Day has been featured in SCMP Posties!

Our team created a harmonious blend of the English language and the vibrant culture of China. Titled "English Tongues of China," the event sparked immense enthusiasm among our students, fueling their passion for both English and our great motherland.

By nurturing a deep appreciation for cultural heritage and promoting English fluency, our English Panel Chairman Mr. Mong aims to shape our students into confident global citizens, well-prepared to thrive in an interconnected world.

We are immensely proud of our students' engagement, which contributed to the success of the event, and extend our gratitude to the English Department for their dedication and efforts. Let us continue to foster a love for the English language, world cultures, and exploration as we celebrate our another remarkable milestone.

By Mr. Mong Kin Yau







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#### HHCKLA Buddhist Leung Chik Wai College

Mong Kin-yau is the English panel chairman at HHCKLA Buddhist Leung Chik Wai College in Tuen Mun. Last month, he set an ambitious goal for the school's English Speaking Day: to create a world where the English language and China's vibrant culture meet and mingle with the use of Young Patois and Posties. The theme, English Tongues of China, sparked enthusiasm among students.

Mong said the event included topics such as traditions and landmarks, animated series like *Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf* and *Boonie Bears*, and China's remarkable space exploration programme. These helped students find excitement in reading and speaking. They discovered the wonders of China while honing their English-speaking skills.

"I wanted to create a spirit of camaraderie where students eagerly conversed with one another and their teachers, exchanging their love, thoughts, and insights about these fascinating aspects of our motherland," Mong said. The atmosphere was vibrant with laughter, curiosity, love for discovery and a shared sense of achieving as students delved into China's rich heritage.

English Speaking Day went beyond enriching dialogue; it also allowed students to embark on a unique quest for knowledge while reading to learn and learning to speak. Mong explained that the activities aimed not only to foster growth in English reading and speaking, but also to shape his students into confident global citizens.

Through fostering a deep appreciation for their cultural heritage and gaining English fluency, he believes his students are well-prepared to thrive in an interconnected world. It was certainly a day of activities that students will never forget, and the lessons learned will last a lifetime.

## ing official to

leaders of business and profe

the discussions and political

observers said the visit came at

crucial time as it would ease

people's concerns over the

local economy and the

security law.

It is good that Xia is gathering

views from different sectors

such a time, when people are

having a certain sense of

economic and high interest-rate

domestic economy," one source said.

"By bringing the city's diverse

economic sectors together, the

visiting official can see for

himself the real picture and have

time to discuss with the chief

executive and his officials on how

the city's back on track.

Apart from meeting Chief

Executive John Lee Ka-chiu and

other top officials, the

visiting official will also

meet with business and

professional leaders.

This six-day trip

is the first time in

the past decade

that a senior

official has

visited Hong

Kong.

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to encourage vessels to use carbon emissions, authorities will subsidise shipowners who reduce carbon emissions by 10 per cent or more. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has set a target for ships to reduce their carbon emissions by 40 per cent by 2050.

Ships are at present given a rating from A to E, recorded in the vessel's ship energy efficiency management plan. Ships rated D or E for three years in a row would be required to submit an action plan for improvement to achieve a C or higher.

The IMO has said shipping is responsible for carrying 10 per cent of the world's trade and accounts for 3 per cent of man-made carbon dioxide emissions.

Ships with a gross tonnage of 5,000 or more must report their energy efficiency statistics every year under IMO rules that came over the next few years.

Studies have shown the use of methanol as fuel can reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by 7 per cent, sulphur oxides by 99 per cent and nitrogen oxides by 60 per cent. But methanol is also toxic with a low flashpoint for flammability and needs storage facilities with a high level of safety precautions. There are at present more than 120 ports around the world that can store and supply methanol.

"Hong Kong doesn't need to produce methanol, but we can work on the infrastructure and become a bunkering centre," the source said.

Chen said as he helped launch Hong Kong Green Week yesterday that the amount of global investment in green infrastructure is expected to reach \$100 billion by 2030.

Chen said the Monetary Authority's climate financing summit with Dubai later this year would involve an exchange of information on talent and investment from the Middle East and other developed countries to support and finance businesses in the green technology field.

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