

Marden Professional Development Program:

Enhancing Social Competence for Supporting Effective Learning in Schools



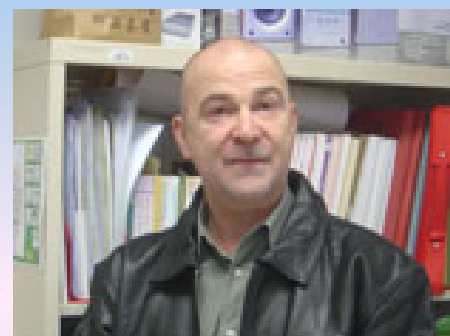
Presented by the Department of Educational Psychology
Counselling and Learning Needs

Enhancing social competence of high ability learners

Speaker: Dr. Shane N. Phillipson

The education of high ability learners often focuses on their cognitive rather than their social and emotional needs. Increasingly, however, link between the social competencies of gifted students and their academic achievement is receiving greater public attention. In Hong Kong, the impetus for this increased attention has come from the well-publicized early entry into university of a small number of very capable students. In this presentation, Dr Phillipson discusses the relationship between the adjustment problems facing these students and their self-efficacy and psychological distress, and broadly outlines some of the many strategies such as counselling, bibliotherapy and moral development that are designed to enhance the social competences of these students.

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Complimentary copies of the Marden Monograph 2007 will be presented to registered participants.

2008 Marden Program:

27 May (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Richard Rose – <i>Enhancing social competence of learners by using learning mentors</i>	10 June (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Anita Mak – <i>Enhancing social competence through teacher and counselor training</i>
23 September (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Claire Egan – <i>Enhancing social competence of learners with ASD</i>	28 October (Tue) 16:30-18:00	Shane Phillipson – <i>Enhancing social competence of high ability learners</i>