

## Visitor Information

### Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China is on the Eastern side of the Pearl River Delta on the southeastern coast of China, facing the South China Sea in the south, and bordering Guangdong Province in the north. Hong Kong has one of the world's most liberal economies and is a major international centre of finance and trade.

Hong Kong began as a sparsely populated island with a few fishing villages. Today Hong Kong is known to be one of the world's busiest commercial, financial markets. It is also the global gateway to China and easily accessible from different parts of the world. The cultures and traditions of East and West, of ancient and modern, unite in Hong Kong creating a dynamic and cosmopolitan society.

### Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved at the Harbour Plaza Resort City ([www.harbour-plaza.com](http://www.harbour-plaza.com)) for the period of 7 July ~ 14 July 2007. The hotel is just 2-3 minutes walk from the school.

For more information about visiting Hong Kong, please visit the website at [www.discoverhongkong.com](http://www.discoverhongkong.com)



## About QESOSA Secondary School

Our School was founded in 1996 by the QESOSA Education Promotion Organisation, and is now one of the 5 schools operated by the same organisation in the Tin Shui Wai district near one of the world's largest wetland parks. We take an active leading role in SD education in Hong Kong. Many of our students and teachers, as well as the School itself, have won SD-related awards and championships, and we are also one of the very first schools in Hong Kong to be awarded "Experimental School" status by the UNESCO EPD National Committee of China.

We participate regularly in local and overseas field trips, study tours and conferences (including the most recent five CEI conferences and APEC Youth Camps); and also help to conduct eco-tours locally. We look forward to the great opportunity of showing CEI 2007 participants our district, our city and country side, our culture and traditions.

For more information about the school, please visit [www.ss.qesososa.edu.hk](http://www.ss.qesososa.edu.hk)

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The 21st Youth Conference of **Caretakers**  
of the **Environment**  
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QESOSA Secondary School  
7-14 July 2007  
Invitation



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<http://www.cei2007.org>

## About CEI 2007 Conference

### The First CEI International Conference in Asia

Caretakers of the Environment International CEI started in 1986. It is an international organization which aims to promote sustainable development education for youth. It features an annual international conference for school age students, usually senior secondary students. It enjoys a history of organizing 20 conferences all over the world.

The 21st Youth Conference of Caretakers of the Environment International (CEI 2007) will be held from 7 July to 14 July 2007 in Hong Kong, China. The QESOSA Secondary School is pleased to host this first CEI conference in Asia. The conference will provide an opportunity for young environment caretakers from different parts of the world to evolve more comprehensive concepts and broader views of sustainable development, as well as acquiring more knowledge and first-hand experience in matters related to sustainable development.

### Theme: How to Live in Harmony with the Environment through Active Participation

The eight-day conference comprises plenary and parallel sessions as well as presentations on various topics of sustainable development.

In Chinese, the term "Harmony" is not just a concept but a basic principle and a way of life. Centuries of Oriental philosophy have emphasized the importance of harmony. We seek unity of body and mind, integration of man and nature, assimilation of the new into the old, and co-existence of the natural and the man-made. We discourage opposition, and so for instance, we would prefer to treat sickness by strengthening the body rather than weakening the germs. In Hong Kong, where the East meets the West, the classic meets the novel, and the idealistic meets the pragmatic, we seek harmony in the many facets and levels of human activities.

CEI 2007 encourages our youth to explore how to live in harmony with our natural, social, cultural, and economic environments. "Active participation" is emphasized since we hope that our youth will not just think or talk about harmony and environment issues, but take on active roles from promoting the issue to researching related aspects; from observation to actually serving the environment.

### Speeches

Some renowned experts will be invited to talk on various aspects of sustainable development.

### Language

English will be used in abstracts, papers, posters and oral presentations.

### Call for Abstracts and Papers

The CEI 2007 provides you an excellent opportunity for sharing your views and experiences in sustainable development. Participants are invited to submit abstracts for presentation. Original papers covering any two of the following aspects are invited:

1. Natural environment
2. Social / cultural environment
3. Economic environment

### Project Submission Timeline

Project proposals	28 Feb 2007
Abstract	30th May, 2007
Full Paper	30th June, 2007

### Submission Guidelines

#### • Project proposal

We recommend that you send your project proposal to us before registration, preferably before March 2007. Our advisors and committee members will try to give comments on your project. This would also be a prerequisite for the confirmation of your registration.

#### • Abstract

After we have confirmed your registration, you should send us the abstract (not more than 250 words in Microsoft word format) of your project. It will be included in the conference proceedings. The deadline for the submission of the abstract is 30th May, 2007. Send your abstract by email to [project@cei2007.org](mailto:project@cei2007.org).

#### • Poster

During the conference, poster sessions will be scheduled and therefore you should prepare a poster. The size of the poster will be announced later.

### Guided Tours, Field Trips and Performances

Different tours will be arranged to various sites of Hong Kong. Guided city tour will be provided in small groups, by public transports with students from QESOSA Secondary School serving as tour guides on the second day, 8 July to let participants feel the dynamics and vitality of Hong Kong. Eco-tours in Tin Shui Wai will be arranged too, including a visit to Hong Kong Wetland Park, a 61-hectare wetland park which demonstrates the diversity of the Hong Kong's wetland ecosystem and highlights the need to conserve them. ([www.wetlandpark.com](http://www.wetlandpark.com))

A whole-day field trip including a sea cruise is reserved on 12 July to explore urban development, coastal geological features and various natural habitats and cultural heritages, including the Chinese White Dolphin, former fishing villages, marine parks, mangrove vegetation, sea grass bed and so on. A visit to a local field study centre will give you the opportunity to learn about the fascinating native tree nursery and native tree plantation.

A number of tours to different scenic spots of Hong Kong are arranged to provide a different dimension to the programme of the conference. Programme items include sightseeing of the night views of Victoria Harbour, a musical by QESOSA Tong Kwok Wah Secondary School and cultural shows or variety shows in Hong Kong's major city halls.

