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Research Findings on School-based Management Released by Eminent Educationist

Eminent educationist, Professor Brian John Caldwell, will deliver a lecture entitled "International Perspectives on the Impact of School-based management" at The Chinese University of Hong Kong today at 4:00 pm.

In his lecture, Professor Caldwell draws on research in four places to describe the impact of school-based management: Australia, Britain, Canada and Hong Kong. This research has focused on the impact of reforms such as self-managing schools (Australia), local management of schools (Britain), school-based management (Canada) and School Management initiative (Hong Kong).

The findings from the research, as revealed by Professor Caldwell, are "highly relevant to the School Management Initiative in Hong Kong".

Professor Caldwell said, "Confidence that school-based management has led to improved outcomes for students has been sustained, despite the absence in most school systems of objective measures of school improvement. On balance, the trend to school-based management appears for the most part to be long overdue, is consistent with developments elsewhere in the public and private sectors, and is almost certainly irreversible".

Professor Caldwell will address an issue which has been raised in many places on the workload and stress of teachers. He argues that a well-implemented approach to school-based management should give teachers more control over their professional lives. He will outline a range of measures to help reduce what are often impossibly high expectations for teachers.

Note to Editors:

You are cordially invited to send a representative to cover the lecture.

Date

Monday, December 12, 1994

Time

4:00 pm

Venue

:

Lecture Theatre 2, Sino Building,

The Chinese University of Hong Kong Campus

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