JESSE STEEL

優化歷史教育厚植家國情懷

Optimising History Education, Deepening Patriotic Sentiment

教育局昨日向學校發出通函,公布優 化高中中國歷史科及歷史科課程框架。這 是落實行政長官李家超近年施政報告中強 化歷史教育和愛國主義教育的重要舉措, 有助於學生全面正確認識歷史,樹立國民 意識及國家觀念,強化對國家民族的使命 感和責任心。

中史科及歷史科一直肩負讓學生正確認識歷史、培養國民身份認同及家國情懷的重任。然而,香港回歸以來歷史科長期不受重視,教科書的部分內容也偏頗,着重以西方角度看待中國史和世界史,內容碎片化,忽略了內地現代化成就和對壓力。不少學生對重大歷史對東江縱隊堅持抗戰所知甚少。加上部分之時本身的政治立場有問題,長期耳濡目染之下,導致一些學生對歷史了解片面甚至錯誤,產生身份認同的混亂,對國家民族的認同感偏低,這是香港在一段時期社會動盪的一個重要原因。

痛定思痛,加強歷史尤其是中史教育 成為香港社會的共識。行政長官多次在施 政報告中提到要強化歷史教育,作為愛國 主義教育的重要內容。今次的課程改革正 好補上這一課。根據最新課程框架,中史 科由「中國古代史」和「中國現代史」兩 部分組成,現代史新增了「中國共產黨成 立」、「中國特色社會主義新時代」等內 容,這樣的內容增補是完全必要的。

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香港的明天,需要有根有魂的年輕一代。高中中史科與歷史科課程的優化意義重大,不僅補上了中國歷史教育的課,更在培養國家認同上發揮重要作用。當香港青年善於從歷史中汲取智慧,他們將成為連結香港與祖國的橋樑,成為中華民族偉大復興的見證人、參與者和貢獻者。

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Yesterday, the Education Bureau issued a syllabus to schools announcing refinements to the senior secondary curriculum frameworks for Chinese History and History subjects. The move represents an important step in delivering on Chief Executive John Lee Ka-chiu's recent Policy Address **pledges to** strengthen history education and patriotic education. It is intended to help students gain a comprehensive and accurate understanding of history, foster national consciousness and a sense of nationhood, and reinforce their sense of mission and responsibility toward the country and the Chinese nation.

Chinese History and History subjects have long borne the responsibility of giving students a correct understanding of the past and nurturing a sense of national identity and attachment to the country. Yet since the handover, the History subject has been chronically undervalued in Hong Kong, and parts of the textbooks have been skewed - overly privileging Western lenses in interpreting Chinese and world history, presenting material in a fragmented way, and overlooking the mainland's modernisation achievements and a deeper examination of reform and opening up. As a result, many students' grasp of major historical events, such as the War of Resistance against Japan, remains superficial; the steadfast resistance of the Dongjiang (East River) Column (東江縱隊), for instance, is scarcely known. Compounding matters, some teachers' own political stances have been problematic. Prolonged exposure to such influences has left certain students with partial or even erroneous understandings of history, sowed confusion about identity, and dampened identification with the country and the Chinese nation - an important factor behind the period of social unrest Hong Kong experienced.

Drawing a lesson from the bitter experience, strengthening history education – especially Chinese History – has become a consensus in Hong Kong society. The Chief Executive has repeatedly mentioned in the Policy Address the need to reinforce history education as an important component of patriotic education. This round of curriculum reform precisely fills that gap. Under the latest curriculum framework, the Chinese History subject consists of two parts: Ancient Chinese History and Modern Chinese History. The modern history section has added content such as the founding of the Communist Party of China and the "New Era of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics." Such additions are entirely necessary.

The founding of the Communist Party of China was an epoch-making event that profoundly changed the course of modern Chinese development, profoundly altered the future and destiny of the Chinese people and nation, profoundly reshaped global development trends and the international landscape, and profoundly influenced Hong Kong's trajectory. After Hong Kong's return to the motherland, the policy of one country, two systems was implemented, ensuring long-term prosperity and stability; today it has entered a new stage of patriots administering Hong Kong, all achieved under the leadership of the Communist Party of China.

For students in the Hong Kong SAR, ignorance of the Communist Party of China's development is not an option, nor can we overlook its core conviction: making national independence, national liberation, and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation its mission, and "serving the people" its guiding purpose. To understand the CPC is to grasp the throughline of contemporary China—an understanding that nurtures a sense of national belonging and pride, and inspires us to

consciously align our personal pursuits with the country's development and the nation's future.

Hong Kong's tomorrow depends on rooted, spirited youth. The **revamped** senior–secondary Chinese History and History syllabus fill gaps, refine content, and help build national identity. Youth who learn from history will link Hong Kong with the motherland – and bear witness to, participate in the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Vocabulary

pledge

(誓言,承諾 n./v.,保證n.) Thousands of people made pledges to the charity campaign.

(作出承諾/保證,抵押v.) We are asking people to pledge their support for our campaign.

• chronically (慢性地,長期地,持續地adv.)

He uses a standing desk at work to relieve his chronically aching back.

• **skewed**(傾斜的,失衡的,有偏差的,偏頗的adj.) Her smile is slightly skewed.

• scarcely (幾乎不,幾乎沒有,勉強,剛剛adv.)

I was scarcely able to move my arm after the accident.

• erroneous (錯誤的,不正確的adj.)

The presentation of correct forms immediately following the child's erroneous forms allows the child to contrast them with his/her own errors.

●sow(播種,散布(如謠言、恐懼)v.)

Now that you've sown doubts in my mind, I'll never be sure I can trust him.

• dampen (使減弱,使洩氣;使潮濕v.)

物理意義上(使潮濕):Rain had dampened the tent so we left it to dry in the afternoon sun.

抽象意義上(使洩氣):I didn't want to dampen his spirits. 我不想給他 潑冷水。

• epoch-making (劃時代的,開創新紀元的,開天闢地的adj.) Every scientist would like to accomplish such an epoch-making advance.

• trajectory (軌跡,彈道,(發展)路徑n.)

(雖然意義不同,但在寫作中可以用來代替「development」)

Previous events in a sequence influence outcomes and trajectories, but not necessarily by inducing further movement in the same direction.

• revamped(翻新,改造v./adj.;改進v.;翻新的,改造過的adj.)

We revamped the management system, but the business is doing no better than it was before.

● 片語

● Drawing a lesson from the bitter experience 痛定思痛

例句: It is hoped that the Government can learn from the bitter experience and make thorough—going improvements.

• Give/make pledge to 作出承諾

例句: All the candidates have given/made pledges not to raise taxes if they are elected.

● borne + responsibility 承擔責任

例句: The important responsibility borne by the members of the Council cannot be overstated.

長句講解

1 (For students in the Hong Kong SAR), 2 (ignorance of the Communist Party of China's development is not an option), 3 (nor can we overlook its core conviction: 4 [making national independence, national liberation, and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation its mission, and "serving the people" its guiding purpose.])

句子主體:2,3是由"nor"連接的並列句

結構 ①

介詞片語前置 "For students in the Hong Kong SAR",用於設定語境,修飾後面的陳述

結構 ②

"ignorance of the Communist Party of China's development is not an option"為第一個主句

結構 ③

"nor"引出第二個主句,與前一句為並列關係;

同時,nor 連接第二個否定分句時,引發助動詞 – 主語倒裝:can we,而非 we can,語氣上加強不可忽視的義務性。

結構 4

冒號引出同位語/說明內容,對「其核心信念」作具 體闡述。 The founding of the Communist Party of China was an epoch—making event that profoundly changed the course of modern Chinese development, profoundly reshaped the future and destiny of the Chinese people and nation, profoundly influenced global development trends and the international landscape, and profoundly changed Hong Kong's trajectory.

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知識點1: 為什麼這裏用的是profoundly而非deeply? – Deeply並非錯誤用法,只是對於「社會評論」的語體更加合適。

關於「深」的表達一覽:

profound	強調「深刻而重大的影響」,常指具有廣泛、長期、結構性後果的變化,語氣正式、 學術/政策文風常用。		
deep	物理深度	deep最直觀的用法,指從頂部到底部或從表面到內部有很長距離。"a deep well"	
	聲音低沉	指音調低沉、渾厚。"deep voice"	
	思想的深刻與複雜	可以形容抽象事物,表示其複雜、深刻、難以理解。"a deep connection"	

知識點2

改變的不同表達,以及他們意思上的分別:

	改變的程度 較大	Change	更通用的詞彙,涵蓋範圍更廣,任何類型的改變."change of life","change of weather"
		Alter	指對某物的外觀做出的改變,例如"alter the design"
	改變程度較小	Modify	對一個整體的局部修改 "modify the car"- 車的內飾修改; "modify the plan"- 整體計劃的局部修改
		adjust	小幅調整以更合適
			"We must adjust to the situation"
	社會結構、 政策、制度 的改變	Transform	徹底、全面的結構性變革與重塑
			"The reorganization will transform the industry."
		Evolve	漸進的、持續的社會變遷
			"The company has evolved over the years into a multi–million dollar organization."
		Reform	對現有制度的改良和改善
			"Some reforms of/to the system will be necessary."
	強調一物對 另一事物施 加改變	Influence	傾向間接、透過觀念/偏好/結構「塑造」,不一定立即可見。
			"What influenced you to choose the career?"
		Affect	直接改變某物的狀態或表現
			"The divorce affected every aspect of her life."
		Impact	常暗示強烈、可觀的後果或「衝擊」,有時帶突然性或重大性。
			"Falling export rates have impacted (on) the country's economy quite considerably."

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