

Teacher Consent Form

Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2019 in Hong Kong

Dear Teacher,

Hong Kong is participating in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2019. TIMSS 2019 is an important educational research project on student achievement in mathematics and science in over sixty educational systems around the world. It is designed to measure and interpret differences in national educational systems in order to help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science worldwide and in the local context.

Since 1995, Hong Kong has been participating in the study and I, Professor Frederick Leung, have been the Principal Investigator of this research and the National Research Coordinator of Hong Kong. It has been conducted by the Hong Kong Centre for IEA Studies under the Faculty of Education of the University of Hong Kong. For this cycle, the study is conducted in collaboration with Policy 21 Limited. The analysis of trends will contribute to evaluating the effectiveness of the education reforms undertaken in recent years.

Your school is one of the sampled schools and has agreed to participate in TIMSS 2019. This questionnaire is addressed to teachers of Primary 4 students, and seeks information about teachers' academic and professional backgrounds, classroom resources, instructional practices, and attitudes toward teaching. Since your class has been selected as part of a nationwide sample, your responses are very important in helping to describe primary education in Hong Kong. It is estimated that you will need approximately 20 minutes to complete this questionnaire.

Participation is voluntary and you may choose to stop at any time without negative consequences. The collected data will be used for research purposes only. The TIMSS results will be kept confidentially and will not be reported for individual teacher or school. Your name will not appear in any of the publications. All the participating schools and teachers will have unique IDs, and the data files will not contain any names of the participants. Linkage information will be only known to the research team. The computer files containing the information will be encrypted and password protected. They will be kept by the Hong Kong Centre of IEA Studies indefinitely. Printed lists and instruments will be kept under lock for five years at the Faculty of Education of the University of Hong Kong after the publication of the first paper.

We are writing to inform you about the study. We appreciate the time and effort that this takes and thank you for your cooperation and contribution. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to your school or our Project Manager, Miss Connie Leung, at 3917-5055. For more information about the rights as a research participant, please contact the Human Research Ethics Committee, the University of Hong Kong (2241-5267).

If you understand the contents described above and agree participate in this research, please sign below. Your help is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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