

The Affiliated High School of SCNU

An Introduction

Hua Shi Fu Zhong (HSFZ), or The Affiliated High School of South China Normal University (SCNU), is a key provincial high school directly under the Guangdong Education Bureau and SCNU. The school's physical beauty and excellent facilities make it a very pleasant one in which to live and work. By adhering strictly to the Party's guidelines for education, HSFZ's curriculum has distinguished itself as an innovative high school. With many outstanding academic results, the school is among the first schools designated as "the A-Class School" by the Provincial Education Bureau.

HSFZ boasts an impressive number of faculty who have received provincial and national recognition. The former Vice Provincial Governor of Guangdong, renowned educationalist Wang Pingshan worked here and headed the school as Principal for two terms. The school is staffed with 12 masters' degrees and 151 bachelors' degrees, among 81 "Senior Teachers", 17 "Master teachers" and 4 with the title of "The Ace Teacher of the Province", providing a well balanced and outstanding staff profile.

The Leadership Team comprises Principal Wu Yingmin, Deputy Principals Yang Xiaocun and Zhu Ziping, Li Biliang.

Since the founding of the new high school by amalgamation of four former high schools in 1952, HSFZ has turned out a large number of talented graduates, among whom are four members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, three members of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, over two thousand professors, researchers and senior engineers, hundreds working as leaders in different units and thousands more being the backbones of various fields.

The Government has shown great concern for the school. In June 1990, Jiang Zemin, former General Secretary of the Communist Party, inspected the school. He highly praised the achievements of the school and left his inscription of encouragement, which reads, "Maintaining the correct educational orientation while training and bringing up builders and successors for the cause of socialist construction." Other state and provincial leaders who have inspected the school and given their praises are: former Vice Premier Li Lanqing, former Secretary of the Party Committee of Guangdong Li Changchun, former Minister of the Education Department Chen Zhili, former Vice Ministers Lu Fuyuan, Zhou Yuanqing and former Vice Chairman of the former State Education Commission Liu Bin. On April 30, 2003, Premier Wen Jiabao inspected the school, in the company of Zhang Dejiang, Secretary of the Party Committee of Guangdong and member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPC, and Huang huahua province chief leader of Guangdong

Over the past decade or so, more than forty students from the school have been chosen for national training courses of International Olympiads. By August 2004, in the International Olympiads, HSFZ students had won 7 gold medals, one silver and one bronze for mathematics, one gold each for physics and chemistry. One gold was won in the International Environmental Project Olympiad and also one gold for physics in Asian Olympiads, in

addition to 4 gold and 7 silvers for mathematics in the National Olympiads in Russia.

The School provides a broad and balanced curriculum for students, which includes all the subjects of the National Curriculum, combined with a wide range of school-developed optional courses and activities such as blazing new trails in science and technology, learning through researches. The curriculum is aimed at the development of the total personality of the child, and ensuring that all achieve their full potential.

For 15 times, the students from HSFZ have won the National Prizes of Scientific Essays and Invention for Youths. Among them was Lu Ying-hua, who so marvelously conquered two world-famous mathematics conjectures, and who for this brilliant achievement has been awarded the Mao Yi-sheng Prize of Sciences and Education, a high prize named after the renowned expert on engineering. And Guo Yanting, Chen Xin representing China, competed in Intel ISEF (Intel International Science and Engineering Fair).

According to rough estimates, in the past few years, for their excellent work of a research and innovation nature, thirty some students have won awards at the national level and over one hundred at the provincial level.

For the past twenty years, students attending the school have done well in national college entrance examinations. Each year over 98 percent of the students test into colleges and universities and 80 percent into key universities. Many of the “Number Ones” on Guangdong score list for entrance examination results are students from HSFZ. Each year about twenty students are enrolled in Qinghua University and Beijing University, the top two universities in China.

HSFZ has a proven record of academic success. In the fifties and sixties in the last century, HSFZ was honored “a pioneering flag” in the field of regular education in Guangdong. Since the 1980s, the school has won honors in various different respects. It received “School of National Distinction” Awards successively in the following categories: its “animated campus life”; its success in comprehensive implementation of the “Regulation on Physical Education in Schools” and “Regulation on Health Care in Schools”; achievements in turning out talented sporting candidates. In addition, the school has achieved 'Excellency in Performance' status in Guangdong schools.

Now, the school strives to write a new chapter in the development of the all-round quality education in the school, with a new reform concept, which is referred to as “Project 12468”, specifying the mission and aims of the school.

During the past few years in the reconstruction of the school curriculum, the syllabus has evolved into a new system, emphasizing individualized and personalized instruction, which is seen as a means of improving the comprehensive development of the students. Great importance is attached to teaching strategy, which focuses on teaching in accordance of the students’ aptitude. Bearing this in mind, the school policy is to offer a range of modernized and internationalized courses and activities, which is diversified and covers a broad spectrum. Flexible modular scheduling provides unprecedented opportunities for creating individualized approaches so that students of all levels will achieve their academic potential and independent growth.

As a result of the curriculum reform, exploring learning is already in full swing. After-school education is conducted through rich and colorful extracurricular activities organized in the light of the age and interests of the students, such as pioneering experiments

in sciences, extended study, high-tech handicraft making, exhibitions of small inventions and research project. In their research project, students are encouraged greatly to put forward their independent views and propositions.

The faculty and staff have dedicated themselves to a vision of excellence which advances with time. Modern teaching technologies are widely employed in different areas of their work. In this regard, many teachers have become masters.

Moral education is an important component of the school. With an enterprising staff and a complete yearly working procedure, moral education in the school has worked out extremely well, with striking features of its own. It has become a traditional routine for the school to send its first year students to factories for on-site skill training, the second year students to farms experiencing farm work, and the newly enrolled students, to army camps for military training.

Encouraged by the strategy of developing the province by relying on science and education put forward by Guangdong provincial government, the school is committed to satisfying the increasing needs for high-quality education. In collaboration with the local government and enterprises, the school has established three attached schools, Panyu School, New World School and Nanhai Experimental School. Thus, a new education complex has come into being.

HSFZ is determined to promote, at every opportunity, the school motto "turning out high quality graduates through a modern integrated educational system" while steadfastly carrying out the Party's guideline and the state's policy on quality education. HSFZ aims to build and maintain a modern high school well known both in China and worldwide, fostering the talent for China's socialist construction, who are qualified with active minds, moral integrity and who have a good grasp of the basic courses, innovative and willing to practice, the school is well on its way. And the goal will be accomplished!