

## Centre for the Advancement of Information Technology in Education

In the past few months, the Centre for the Advancement of Information Technology in Education (CAITE) continued its contributions to the promotion of IT in Education to schools inside and outside Hong Kong, particularly in the following two areas.

### Inquiry Learning

CAITE has been actively promoting Inquiry Learning during the last months, by collaborating with partners from the commercial sector, and by co-organizing a conference for the global Chinese. A seminar entitled “21C Educators Academy” was co-facilitated by CAITE, Apple Inc., and Wiseman Education on 29–30 July 2010. More than 50 local teachers and school administrators attended the seminar and they shared the inspiring keynote speeches and practical digital lessons given by renowned practitioners and researchers.

In addition, CAITE has co-organized the Global Chinese Conference on Inquiry

Learning 2010, in collaboration with the Chinese Society for Inquiry Learning and the Guangzhou Education Bureau. The conference was successfully held on 24–26 August 2010 in Guangzhou. More than 300 participants from Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Chinese mainland were inspired by the keynote speeches of Prof. Bernie Dodge of San Diego State University, Prof. Chi-Syan Lin of University of Tainan, and Prof. Qingchao Ke of South China Normal University. As a satellite of the conference programme, three workshops related to the innovative use of IT in Inquiry Learning were conducted. The workshops were well-received by audience. To further extend its influence in the global Chinese communities, CAITE will host the conference in the campus of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2011.

### Game-based Collaborative Learning Platform

“Project-based Learning for Hong Kong–Taiwan School Pairs on a Game-based Collaborative Learning Platform” is a project launched by CAITE to enhance students’ interest in collaborative inquiry learning and to promote cultural exchange between students in Hong Kong and Taipei. With the support of the Department of Education of Taipei City Government, a group of Taipei students came to Hong Kong to meet their learning partners on 27–29 May 2010. Students from Taipei were impressed by the sharing sessions and welcome activities in their partner schools. Because of the great success, CAITE will continue the project in Taipei and extend it to Beijing this year.

*Students from Hong Kong and Taiwan were making a thermal bottle together during the visit in May 2010.*



*More than 50 local teachers and school administrators attended the “21C Educators Academy” seminar.*

*Principals, teachers, and students from Taipei visited Kwong Ming Ying Loi School in May 2010.*



*Teachers were having a workshop about inquiry learning.*