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**High Skills, Low Trust: why relational expertise is important in education and the workplace**

**Speaker: Anne Edwards, Professor Emerita, University of Oxford Department of Education**

**Date: 14 June 2017 (Wed)**

**Time: 6:30-7:30pm**

**Venue: Yew Chung International School – Secondary (3 To Fuk Road, Kowloon Tong. MTR Exit D)**

**Abstract:** In this presentation Anne Edwards introduces the key idea of relational expertise, which emerged initially in her studies of how professionals collaborate on complex problems. She will then draw on recent studies where the idea has been used by researchers worldwide to explain the success of networks both virtual and face to face, in building citizenship, in community development, and in sustaining strong links between universities and users of research. These examples of how the idea has been used will be located within concerns about how high skills, high cost economies like Hong Kong and Singapore compete with other High Skills Low cost economies in South East Asia. The talk will therefore also address how relational expertise can be built and nurtured in education and in the workplace to offer an additional skill, which is of value globally.



**Speaker:**

Anne Edwards is Professor Emerita at the Oxford University Department of Education, a former Director of the Department and is currently President of the Oxford Education Society. She is a former President of the British Educational Research Association and holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Helsinki and Oslo in recognition of her long-standing research on inter-professional collaborations. She is currently a member of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Education and Humanities sub-panel and has long been involved in research assessment activities in a number of countries. She is currently collaborating with colleagues at the Singapore Institute of Adult Learning to develop a study of workplace learning. Her most recent book *Working relationally in and across practices* was published by Cambridge University Press in January 2017.

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