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Scrabble Championship 2017*



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### INTRODUCTION OF HEADSTART GROUP

Headstart Group Ltd. is Hong Kong's and Macau's pre-eminent English educational institution. We are dynamic, driven and a market leader in the industry. We provide bespoke English curriculum development, in-class and after-school English programmes, UK study tours, teacher training and native-speaking English teacher (NET) recruitment services for our clients. We serve more than 250 schools and universities, and are well-known for our superior quality of services all round.

### COOPERATE WITH SCRABBLE

Headstart Group is most pleased to be hosting “Headstart Cup” Hong Kong Inter-Secondary School Scrabble Championship 2017 with the Hong Kong Scrabble Players Association.

This event is the largest Scrabble championship for the year. It aims to provide a platform for secondary school Scrabble players to play competitively and to foster friendship through playing this meaningful and famous word game. This game can also enhance students' language skills and spelling ability. “Headstart Cup” is specially created to recognise students' outstanding achievement and to celebrate Headstart Group's 10th anniversary.



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# TRIP TO LILLE – HONG KONG SCRABBLE TEAM 2016

In late August, the Hong Kong Scrabble Team went to Lille, France to join the 11th World Youth Scrabble Championship from August 27th to 29th. Some of the team members also participated in the MSI World Scrabble Championships.

The team left Hong Kong on August 24th. The 3-day WYSC took place in the Lille Grand Palais. Calvin Ma from Methodist College was the best player in the Hong Kong Team, ranking 16th out of 107 players from around the world. This ranking is the highest ever achieved by a Hong Kong youth player.

There were two side tournaments held in parallel with the WYSC. Douglas Tsang, awardee of the Second Best Performing Player at last year's WYSC Side Tournament A and Rebecca Lew were the representatives for Hong Kong in the 2-day Side Tournament A and both players performed creditably against experienced Pakistani players, finishing 7th and 8th respectively. Douglas also participated in the Side Tournament B on the third day of the WYSC. He was given the Best Performing Player award in the Side Tournament B.

After the WYSC, 6 youth players in the Hong Kong Team stayed for a few more days to join the MSI World Scrabble Championships. Except Jason Tsang who was invited to participate in Division A, the others played in Division B. Jason got 8 wins and ranked 68th out of 72 top players in the world while Boris Chung from CCC Mong Man Wai College got 9 wins and ranked 52th out of 66 players in the Division B and also received a Best Performing Player award.

All in all, the results achieved in these tournaments demonstrated a major step forward in the development of Scrabble in Hong Kong, and showed the benefits of the focused training for the youth players, as well as the very generous support of some overseas Scrabble experts. The HKSPA looks forward to continuing this progress in the coming year's tournaments.





# HONG KONG YOUTH SCRABBLE CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT 2016

On 24th September 2016, HKSPA organised the Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Champions tournament 2016 for players born on or after 1/1/1999. 50 players from 9 schools participated in the tournament, fighting for the Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Champion. A 6-game format is used in the competition, with chew pairing applied throughout the whole competition and KOTH applied in the last round.

In the end, the Best Performing Secondary School went to CCC Mong Man Wai College, while Methodist School got the Best Performing Primary School. Leo Yeung Chi Hang from Queen's College got the High Word by placing REMOVALS/YUM, scoring 100 points in one move. Brian Po from Methodist College got the High Game with 571 points.

After all 6 rounds, Calvin Ma from Methodist College became the Hong Kong Youth Scrabble Champion 2016, who is also the winner of Best Under-16 Player award. Boris Chung from CCC Mong Man Wai College got the 1st-runner up and Ho Chun Hung from CCC Mong Man Wai College got the 2nd-runner up.

A side tournament was also held alongside the main competition. In the end, Edwin Chan got the champion, Felix Kwok came second and Douglas Tsang came third.

The complete winner list can be viewed on  
<http://hkscrabble.org/hong-kong-youth-scrabble-champions-tournament-2016/>.

We hope to see the young players in future competitions again!



## 2 HONG KONG PLAYERS COMPETED IN THE SEPTEMBER ILFORD OPEN TOURNAMENT IN UK

Two Hong Kong players, Jason Tsang Wai Yin and Kwun Shing Lau (Chris), competed in the Ilford Open Tournament on 25 September 2016 in England. The tournament was ABSP-rated.

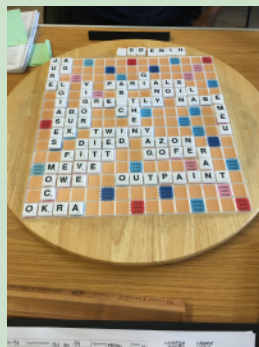
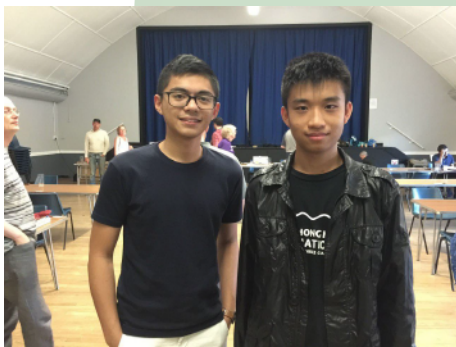
Jason Tsang, who competed in the World Youth Scrabble Championship and World Scrabble Championship 2016 in France a while ago, played in the top division, competing with other top Scrabble players. He played Harshan Lamabadusuriya, the ABSP National Scrabble Champion 2003 and the winner of that day. He finished with 3 wins out of 8, a remarkable result for a youth in the top division.

Chris Lau, our WESPA Liaison Officer, competed in the second division and finished with 3 wins out of 8.

The full results of the tournament can be viewed here:  
<http://www.centrestar.co.uk/tsh/16IlfordSep/html/index.html>

As a side note, Carson Ip, the Hong Kong Scrabble Champion 2016, competed in the Ilford tournament back in March this year and got the 1st Place in Division F.

We will continue to report news about Hong Kong players competing overseas!



## 2 HONG KONG PLAYERS TO COMPETE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Douglas Tsang and Edwin Chan are going to join the Causeway Scrabble Challenge 2016 in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 30 November to 4 December 2016. Douglas Tsang will also join the Singapore Open in mid-November. We wish these Hong Kong players good luck in the mentioned events!



*Douglas Tsang (left),  
Edwin Chan (right)*



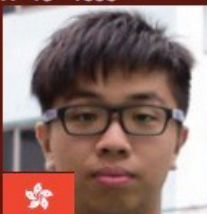





# THE 31ST BRAND'S CROSSWORD GAME KING'S CUP 2016

3 Hong Kong players, Yip Tsz Hin (Owen), Cheung Wing Lam (Pinky) and Kwok Ka Yee (Elizabeth) competed in the 31st Brand's Crossword Game King's Cup 2016 in Nonthaburi, Thailand from 30 June to 3 July. They competed with 70 other players from Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Pakistan, Thailand, etc.

Owen, Elizabeth and Pinky were all come from South Tuen Mun Government Secondary School. This is the first time Hong Kong players join this world famous Scrabble event. The tournament took place in the Central Plaza Westgate, which is the largest shopping mall in Southeast Asia. On the 3rd day of the tournament, all players joined the "Parade" to greet the Princess Royal of Thailand, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

After 29 games in 4 days, our president Owen Yip got 11 wins and ranked 68th, while Elizabeth got 9 wins and 1 tie, Pinky got 9 wins. They finally won 13000 bahts of prize money in total.

Owen is the 4th Hong Kong player to get a WESPA ranking. "It is an unforgettable memory for every participants in King's Cup. I hope that more Hong Kong players will join the event next year," said Owen.

<p>68th was HP 67th 34 11-18 -1653</p>  <p>Yip (#73/E) Tsz Hin 800=604 +196</p>	<p>Last: 336-345=-9 1st @33 vs.</p>  <p>Rhys McGuckin LBLLWLLWL 2-1212121 WLLWLLWL 2-2221212 LWLLWLLWL 12112121</p>
<p>71st was HP 72nd 31 9%-19% -1253</p>  <p>Kwok (#75/E) Ka Yee 794=0 +794</p>	<p>Last: 384-325=+59 2nd @36 vs.</p>  <p>Michael Hardlyanto LMBLLWLLWL 22-1121211 LWLLWLLWL 2211212121 LWLLWLLWL 21212222</p>
<p>72nd was HP 71st 30 9-20 -1397</p>  <p>Cheung (#74/E) Wing Lam 687=537 +150</p>	<p>Last: 339-342=-3 1st @35 vs.</p>  <p>Isao Takemura LLWLWLLBL 2121212-2 LWLWLLWL 1211221212 LWLWLLWL 121122211</p>



Before Parade.



Elizabeth playing.



Photo with the World No.1,  
Nigel Richards from New Zealand



# SCRABULARY TV PRESENTS SCRABBLE TRAVELLER



Three Hong Kong players, Yip Tsz Hin (Owen), Cheung Wing Lam (Pinky) and Kwok Ka Yee (Elizabeth), travelled to Thailand for the 31st Brand's Cross-word Game King's Cup from 30 June to 3 July. In the 4 episodes of "Scrabble Traveller", the 3 players are going to show us how "Scrabble" combines perfectly with "travel", and also share with us how they feel after the trip of meeting many world-class Scrabble players.

Note: the videos are mainly in Cantonese with no English subtitles.



## EPISODE 1



## EPISODE 2



## EPISODE 3



## FINALE



## HKSPA RATINGS ONLY THE TOP TEN RANKED PLAYERS ARE SHOWN

Most recent tournament: 02-10-2016 Trafalgar Sunday Tournament

	Name	Rating	Games	Last Played
1.	Felix KWOK	2286	82	02-10-2016
2.	Carson IP	2265	136	22-08-2016
3.	Jason TSANG Wai Yin	2157	123	22-08-2016
4.	Euclid HUI	2109	69	22-08-2016
5.	Calvin MA	2062	110	24-09-2016
6.	HO Chun Hung	2060	116	24-09-2016
7.	Wesley CHOY Wing Chi	1975	56	24-09-2016
8.	Edwin CHAN	1966	204	24-09-2016
9.	Boris CHUNG	1935	123	02-10-2016
10.	Paul CHRISTENSEN	1902	220	02-10-2016

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