



The Joint HKIOA-POLYU Seminar Prevention of Voice Disorders: Good Practices for Healthy and Effective Voice Use

Speaker: Dr. Estella MA (Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong)
Venue: Room Y301, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom.
Date: 27 November, 2015 (Friday)
Time: 18:30 to 20:00 (reception start at 18:00)

Programme Highlights:

This seminar will discuss the good practices for healthy and effective use of voice to prevent voice disorders from a speech therapist's perspective by Dr. Estella MA. It covers the following areas:-

- 1) Who are the "high-risk" groups for voice disorders?
- 2) How long can a man talk continuously?
- 3) How can we talk loudly with less strength?
- 4) How can I know if I have a voice problem?

Speaker:

Dr. Estella Ma has started voice, speech & hearing research in 2003. Dr Ma's primary research interest is clinical voice science and disorders. The majority of research has taken a functional perspective and is framed by the health classification scheme of the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). Her long-term goal is to develop theory-driven voice assessment and treatment protocols to enhance patient's functional voice communication and hence quality of life. Her key research areas include: voice problems in children; application of motor learning theory in vocal skills acquisition; functional communication disorders; and instrumental (acoustic and physiological) voice analysis. She has made a number of conference and journal papers on these subjects and has received awards from academics for her outstanding teaching and research works.

Registration:

For registration, please fill in and submit the form by 25 November 2015 at the following website:-
http://www.wal.hk/hkioa/hearing_and_voice.html

The seminar is free of charge for members of HKIOA and PolyU students in first-come first-served based (HK\$100/person will be charged for non-members and other interested parties). A certificate of attendance will be awarded to participants. This seminar may be considered to meet in part of the Continual Professional Development (CPD) requirements of the HKIOA.

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