

1. Speaker's Title

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Service Coordinator of Community Support Service, Methodist Centre; Member of the Hong Kong Mediation Accreditation Association Limited on Accreditation Standards; Member of the Eastern District Fight Crime Committee, Member of the Southern District Youth Programme Committee & School Manager of the Evangel College.

2. Profile

Mei May Lee has been a Victim-Offender Mediation (VOM) practitioner and trainer since 2007 when she has received formal governmental “Youth Justice Conferencing Training” at Queensland, Australia. Mei May is the Principal Trainer for the Methodist Centre of Project Concord : VOM Service and is responsible for the development and delivery of accredited Victim-Offender Mediator training. Project Concord: VOM Service is the only Project in Hong Kong which has received dual support from the Queensland Government and the Griffith University of Australia. In 2010, the Queensland Government even licensed the copy right to Methodist Centre for using her training materials. Project Concord is one of HK innovative VOM programs, having dealt with over 400 referrals.

Mei May is an engaging presenter. She has been invited by Beijing Haidian District People's Procuratorate, Sweden Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Taiwan Training Institute, numerous local universities and organizations to deliver VOM training to hundreds of mediators, prosecutors as well as lawyers, social workers, pastors, police, educators, students and other stakeholders in VOM practice. In 2010, she has also been invited by the Queensland Government to conduct Youth Justice Conferencing co-training at Brisbane.

Mei May has a Bachelor of Social Work and a Master of Social Science. She has over 20 years of experience on handling young offenders. Not until 2007, the tools of VOM has been instilled, she found the beauty shock and power of restoration among the people being affected by the offence. *“I must be regretted if I haven't joined this VOM. I can truly take a breath now!”* a young victim of an assault case exclaimed at the end of the mediation.

In 2012, Mei May and her colleagues have assisted the University of Hong Kong to conduct a research, named ‘Victim-Offender Mediation Impacts on Police

Superintendent Discretionary Scheme's Youngsters', in which all interviewed offenders, victims and their supporters suggested "Hong Kong needs the VOM service."