

**Linguistic Society of Hong Kong**

**The 9th Workshop on Cantonese  
Representation and Standardization of Cantonese Sounds:  
Romanization and Standard Pronunciations**

**November 14, 2009**

Call for papers

First Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the Ninth Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-9) organized by the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong will be held at the University of Hong Kong Science and Technology on November 14, 2009 (Saturday). The theme of this workshop is "Representation and Standardization of Cantonese Sounds: Romanization and Standard Pronunciations". Potential questions to be addressed are:

1. The descriptive approach which emphasizes linguistic facts is adopted by phoneticians and phonologists when studying sound systems of different languages. However, when it comes to the issues of which dictionaries, institutions, scholars or groups of speakers should be taken as the standard of Cantonese romanization and pronunciations, the prescriptive approach which calls for authorities then becomes the norm. Are the two approaches meant to be in conflict with each other when it comes to the question of standardization?
2. Language teachers and educators work on correct writing and pronunciation. From their perspective, how do they see the Cantonese Romanization Jyut6ping3 and its applications?

Discussions are not restricted to the above two issues. Papers on the historical development, acquisition and other theoretical aspects of Cantonese sounds in relation to Jyut6ping3 or standardization are also welcome.

Abstracts are invited for 20-minute talks with 10 minutes for discussion. Language used at the Workshop can be Cantonese, English or Mandarin. Abstracts may be written in Chinese or English and should be limited to one A4 page with the name(s) of author(s), affiliation and e-mail address(es). Abstracts in DOC format should be sent to: [yyiu@ust.hk](mailto:yyiu@ust.hk). Please note the following important dates:

Deadline for submissions: **October 26, 2009**

Notification of acceptance: **November 2, 2009 (via e-mail)**

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