# LASER THOUGHT

# Leadership and Creative Problem Solving

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THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Learn the art of generating innovative ideas and implementing successful business solutions

# **INTRODUCTION**

Successful leaders are identified by their ability to command respect and loyalty and their ability to motivate and energise other people. Innovation and creativity is the key to solving long standing problems and gaining a competitive advantage. The common myth is that creativity belongs only to the gifted – this course demystifies the creative process. You will learn the principles and strategies for leading dynamic and innovative teams.

This one day workshop teaches participants the core principals for leading creative teams. Emphasis will be placed on participation in a programme aimed to generate new ideas, manage innovative teams and profit from creativity. We are all familiar with the rational and deductive scientific approach to problem-solving. In teaching the Creative Method, this workshop draws on years of experience in world-class creative production and an internationally recognised record of innovative, effective training.

# **METHODOLOGY**

All Laser Thought™ Executive Programmes facilitated by Julian Simmonds utilize the renowned **Training in the Round™** *model.* The workshop uses a combination of learning activities which include interactive exercises, experiential presentations aroup improvisation. The workshop is in a laboratory atmosphere where participants will improve their are communication skills and encouraged to take risks in accomplishing a variety of tasks.

# **OBJECTIVES**

- Identify the essential skills for effective leaders
- Achieve intuitive insights and innovative approaches to problem solving
- Lead Creative and Innovative teams to reach real solutions
- Avoid common management mistakes that actually punish creativity
- Manage change and build trust

# **CONTENT**

# Developing you own communication strengths and resources

- Leadership and subordinate style theory
- Smarter ways to influence people
- · Motivation and team building
- · Effective decision-making
- Understanding preferred team roles
- Leading and delegating

# Linear and Lateral problem-solving techniques

- · Creative problem-solving skills
- · Barriers to creativity
- Creating inspirational ideas
- Goal-setting and goal-getting
- Communicating and getting acceptance
- Problem solving in teams

# The Creative Method Model

- **See** things differently free from judgement and preconceptions
- Play with new ideas and different ways of thinking
- · Reflect on the possibilities
- Focus on a compelling value proposition
- **Synthesise** and implement an innovative strategy

"The program provides what is essential for transforming

a group of project participants into a high performance project team."

Karen McCague - Senior Vice President of Operations DHA-Pangea Services Division

# Identifying opportunities for innovation

- Blue Ocean Strategy
- Mind-mapping
- The Fishbone technique
- Creative Genius:
   Dr. Yoshiro Nakamatsu

# SEMINAR LEADERS



**Julian Simmonds** is an international marketing and joint venture consultant. During the last 25 years, Julian has focused on strategic communications and international alliance strategies involving launch plans, media presentations, conference and event planning for both the public and private sector. He has worked extensively in the USA, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Japan, Vietnam and Australia.

Julian is Chairman of Palo Alto Media Group. The PAMG's Emmy Award-winning associates provide communications and media production, consulting and training services. As Chairman of the New Bristol Arts Centre, Julian was responsible for highly successful drama productions from 1981 to 1984. This role reflected his lifelong interest in the theatre, including writing, acting and directing.

The evolution and development of his experiential model, Training in the Round™ is based upon the power and energy found in the theatre. In 2006 Julian wrote and directed a theatre piece focusing on leadership and communication for an audience of entrepreneurs and academics at Oxford University. This included professional actors interacting with the audience incorporating music and singing which was filmed and projected live onto a split screen.

Julian is a specialist in running cross-cultural workshops on Leadership, Communication, Innovation and Creativity. Clients in 2007 include; Mazda, AON, Euroclear Bank, Teijin, Kuraray, Works Infrastructure, British Consulate-General and UK Trade & Investment. He is an adjunct professor at Stanford University, UC Santa Cruz, CSU East Bay, Oxford Brookes, Bristol University and the Hong Kong Management Association.

More information is available online at: www.LaserThought.com

# PAST PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

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# **DESIGNED FOR**

Executives, Managers, Trainers, Professional Coaches and Counselors

# **LANGUAGE MEDIUM**

**English** 

# **WORKSHOP MATERIALS**

You will receive a copy of the course manual.

"The conference facilitator, Julian Simmonds, ensured that all staff participated with CONFIDENCE and ENTHUSIASM

in group discussions and multiple presentations.

Energy levels were high throughout the day,

every voice was heard and

staff took ownership and responsibility for improving communication across

the region and networking as a team."

H E The Rt Hon Helen Liddell British High Commissioner Australia

# **DATE**

# **Leadership and Creative Problem Solving**

Wednesday, 28 May 2008

# **VENUE**

The Hong Kong Management Association 1-6/F First Commercial Building 33-35 Leighton Road Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Tel: 2574 2238

# TIME

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

# **FEES PER WORKSHOP**

HKMA Members: HK\$2,800
Non-members: HK\$3,000
Early Bird Discount: HK\$200 each

(For those who enrol and pay one month before

the course commencement date)
Group Discount: HK\$200 each

(For those companies which send a total of two OR more participants to this course and enrol at

the same time)

(Lunch is provided with compliments.)

# **REGISTRATION**

All interested parties are requested to complete the registration form and return it together with appropriate fee(s) to the Secretariat 10 days before the workshop. Reservations by fax (2365 1000) are welcome but are subject to confirmation by payment in full prior to programme commencement. For information on the workshop, please contact Ms Christine Choy or Mr S H So on 2774 8552/2774 8550. Successful applicants will be notified by telephone. No separate letter of acceptance will be issued. As space is limited, bookings will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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