



Committee on Professional Development of Teachers and Principals

## Professional Standards for Teachers of Hong Kong



Nurture Learners Today and Leaders Tomorrow

## T-standard<sup>+</sup>

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## Guiding Principles

### 1. Adopting a student-centred approach

Facilitating the professional growth of principals and teachers and equipping them for promoting students' all-round development and lifelong learning

### 2. Moving towards a core competence approach

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## Core Belief

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- Whole-person wellness
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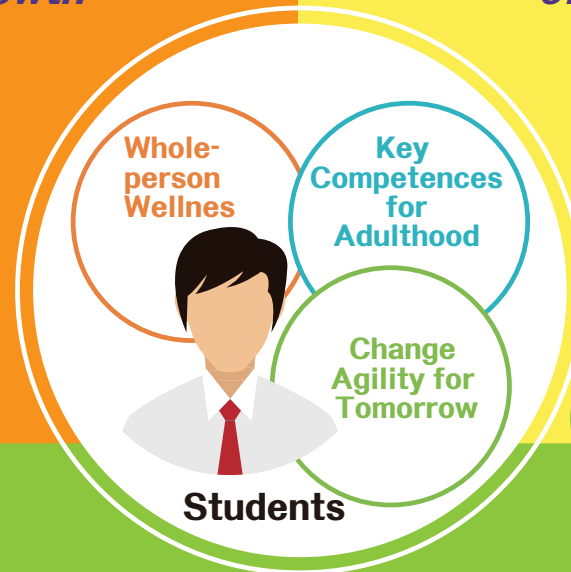




## The Three Professional Roles of Teachers and Stages of Professional Growth

**Caring Cultivators**  
*of All-round Growth*

**Inspirational Co-Constructors**  
*of Knowledge*



**Committed Role Models**  
*of Professionalism*

Under each role is a set of Stage Descriptors portraying the visions and missions of that role at three different stages of professional growth.

**Threshold**

**Competent**

**Distinguished**



## “When teachers grow, so do learners”

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