Learning Science is Fun

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Why learning science is NOT fun?

Boring... → Interest-driven

Irrelevant to me...

→ Science in daily life

Impractical...

- → STEM Education at EdU
- → Learning by teaching

Abstract...

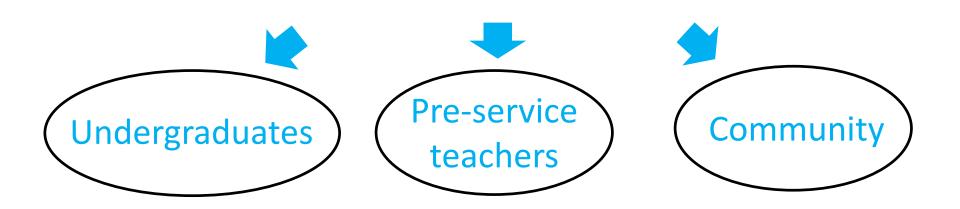
- → Constructivism
- → Visualization

Difficult...

→ Science-for-all

Ways to make it fun?

- 1. Interest-driven learning of science
- 2. Make science simple, achieving science-for-all
- Allow students to construct science from daily-life (constructivism)
- 4. To integrate **STEM education** in our lessons
- 5. To learn by teaching



Learning from Action Movies (1)

Jacky Chan, Who am I?

Learning from Action Movies (2)

James Bond movie

Issue-based courses

For science-based courses:

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Students' positive feedbacks:

- Many movie clips can inspire me to think about the scientific principles in my daily life
- Many videos can inspire my interest
- The videos are interesting, etc.

Constructivism – Constructing Science from Daily Life

MTR experiment Can we measure the speed of MTR inside the train?

Optical fiber

experiment



Magnetic toy
Why it levitates?

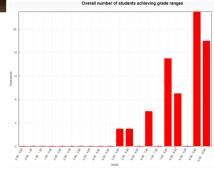
Constructivism – In-class quiz with experiments





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Open-notes and open discussion, students discuss the questions



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[Experimental question]

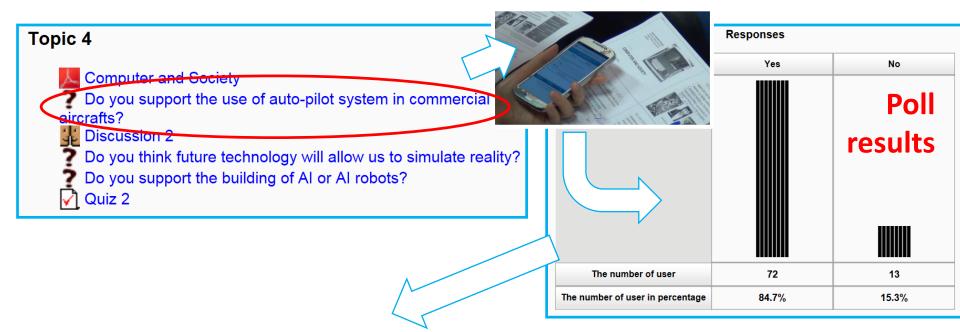
Given (1) a pile of A4 paper, (2) a wooden block with a rough surface, (3) a scale balance, (4) a protractor, estimate the maximum static friction between the pile of A4 paper and the rough surface of the wooden block.

[Assume gravitational acceleration is 10m/s^2 , and express your answer in Newton (N). Only numerical value of the answer has to be input into the answer box, unit can be omitted.]

Answer:

Experimentalquestions in Quiz

Moodle Poll & Discussion forum





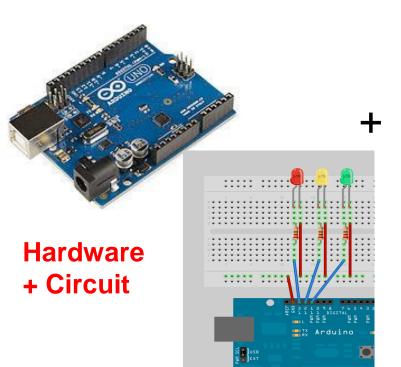
STEM for EdU students

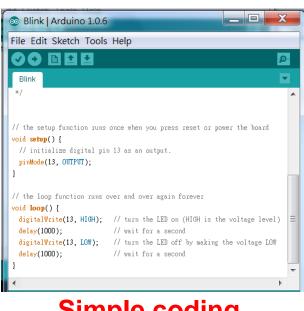


- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
 education integrate multi-disciplinary knowledge and
 apply it
- A recent focus in primary and secondary schools, raising students' interests in STEM subjects
- STEM education can be a useful pedagogy for our EdU students too, especially for non-science students
- It raises their interests, and makes science practical
- This also prepares pre-service teachers for their future teaching

STEM lesson (1) - Building traffic light system

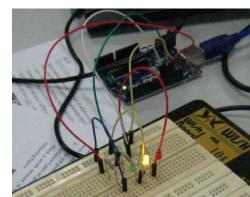
- Background: many students do not have science background, or any prior knowledge on coding and software, or do not understand the principle of automation
- The activity: circuit + micro-controller board + simple programming \rightarrow putting knowledge into applications





Simple coding





STEM lesson (2) – building Lego balance

Pre-service teachers

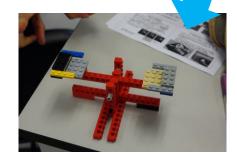


















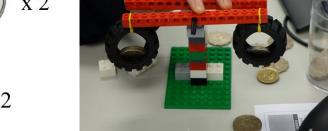


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STEM@EdU - STEM Inventor Scheme



1. Writing an invention proposal...

• Motivation, invention design, budget, etc....., similar to what scientists did for getting a research grant

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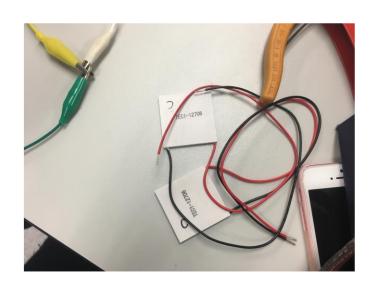
Total budget required =

1. Writing an invention proposal

- Many of them do not have a science background, they applied simple science to develop innovative ideas
- Some ideas may be too ambitious, infeasible, but they will sort it out in the invention process (an important essence of the STEM process)

2. Testing, problem solving, improving...

Full support, no pressure, just fun ©



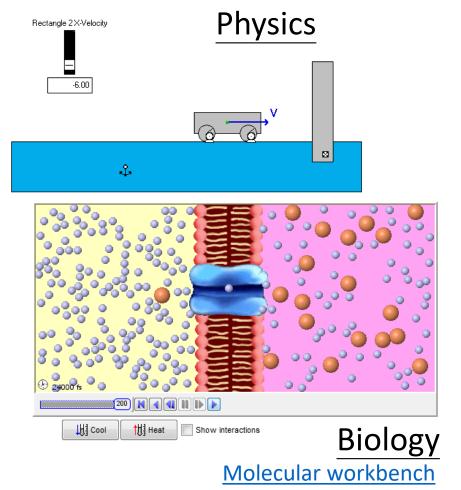


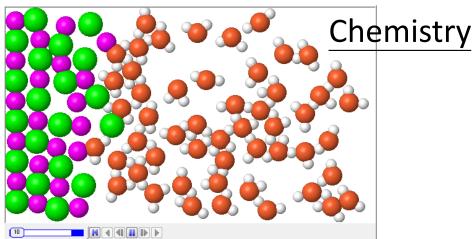
3. Dissemination of their inventions

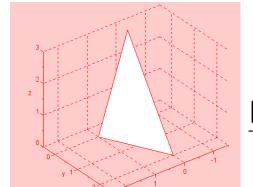


Learning through simulated experiments

 Develop higher-order skills, e.g. critical thinking, analyses, problem-solving, creativity, etc







Mathematics

Learning by teaching

Little Scientist and Smart Scientist Program (小小科學家 與 科學智叻星)

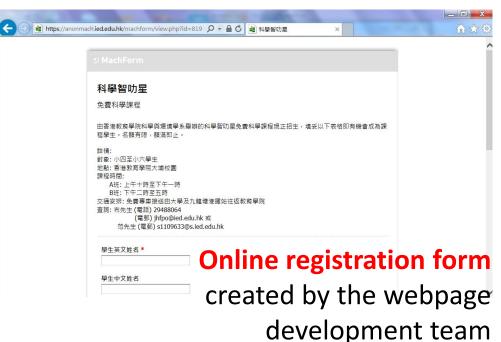
- Objectives: To let student teachers
- develop curriculum and teaching materials from simple science, some of them use a STEM approach
- 2. cooperate, coordinate, manage and execute the programme
- 3. bridge theory and practice
- 4. observe and learn from peers -- KT among students of different majors and years
- Participants:
- Over 60 undergraduate students from year 2 year 4 and different programmes and faculty
- Over 200 primary school students participated over the years

Acknowledgement: Smart Scientist Program co-supervised by Dr Irene Cheng, supported by: Teaching Development Grant

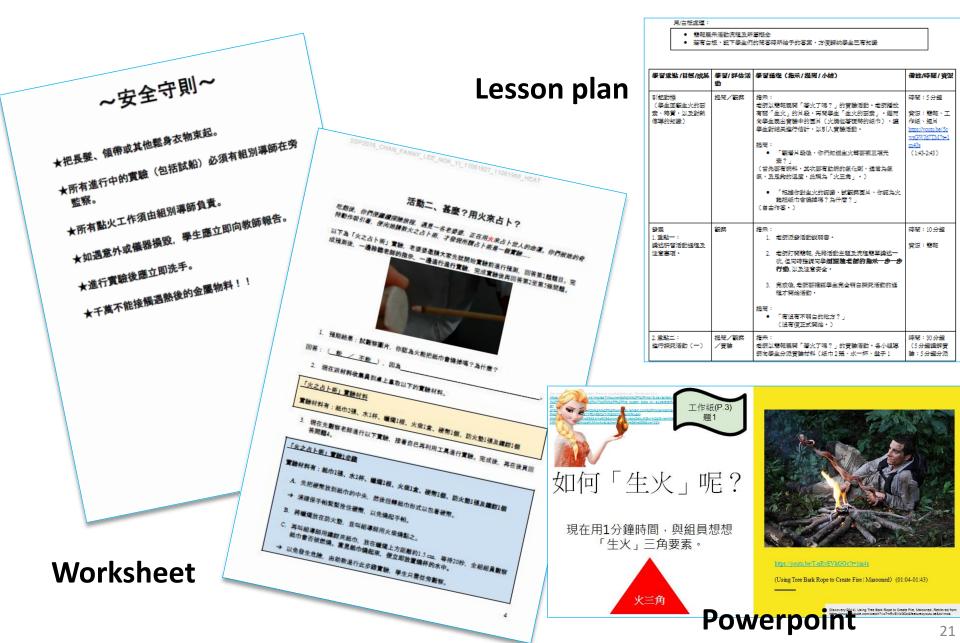
1. Promotion & admission (by students)



	Class A	Class B	
	(10am – 1pm)	(2pm – 5pm)	
7 th May	Force and	Food and	
	Newton's third law	Health	
14 th May	Food Science 1	Food Science 2	
21 st May	Water treatment	Heat	
28 th May	Electromagnetism	Aquaponics	
4 th June	Optics	No class	
11 th June	No class	Air quality	

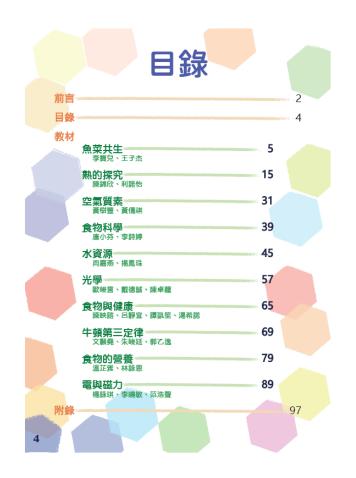


2. Teaching material development



4. Dissemination as a teaching module book





 The student participants gathered all their teaching materials and print it as a booklet

Elderly Science Day (長者科學體驗日)





不久前發生的尼泊爾地震,成為城中熱話。事件除引發大眾對地震的關注外,亦令大家 察覺這些自然現象原來跟生活息息相關。不要以為科學只有青少年才有興趣探索,銀髮 老友記也一樣有求知探真的精神、早前香港教育學院舉辦「長者科學體驗日」、以各種 有趣實驗讓老友記親自揭開科學的神秘而鈔,名額火速爆滿。前天文台助理台長梁榮武 亦認為、認識科學「有心唔怕遲」、更為各位推介幾本人門科普書、讓大家輕鬆成為 文:梁淑英 圖:胡景禧、資料圖片

藏科學的課程 体林總總。 们转要一族欲認識科學作 往缺乏門路。香港教育學院 科學與環境學業及可持續發 展教育中心早前攀掛一場專爲長

者而設的科學假驗日。員費人兼級院科 學與環境學系講師標志豪 (團)表示反 瓜提高長者們的聚保直接,課程安排他 应非索執形、30個名語迅速爆落。後 例學習有關可再生像原的科學知識、何 加者之一陳先生表示、報名參與是四瓜 括太陽但及風力發電的原理。導師安排

外,我們亦有大量小組實驗活 動·適每位長者可從活動中自 己發拓科學知識・反而由認有 所理論的部分會較少一

看中「餘驗」二字:「這次提移張捌騰 使們到數位校園內不同的地方測試太陽 女士也投入



作者: 林起英 出版社: 快樂書房 自律人特一て答辩化出版人采集本款

他亦推介以下科普人門書:

在天文台任職了30年的前天文台助理台長梁榮武退休

後、仍出席各大小公衆科書講座、又在兩問大學擔任業任

教師・繼續推動科警。同爲退休人士・他認爲退休正是學

習新事物的黄金時機;「退休不只是吃喝玩樂。認識新事

物如科學可令生活更充實。」不少人認為科學是遙不可

36、但學學就與舊科學學生活息自相關:「何如日來云氣

變化、食物安全當中涉及不少科學領議。 | 他建議有機維 認識科學的退休人士。可參加公衆講座或申請成爲香港科 學館的義務導責員,這便可接受有系統的科學知識培訓。

然理象的疑問,例如天空看起來為什 度會是藍色?當中亦滲入作者對自然 及人生的觀察,以及一些哲學性的討 瑜如宇宙是物理現象速是生命現象等。 旅讀者可以更多角度了解科學這門學



Opportunities for our students to communicate with elderly and apply their pedagogy

Elderly enjoy the science experiments very much

Summary

- Learning science can be fun by
- 1. Interest-driven pedagogy; science-for-all
- Encouraging students to construct science in daily life
- Adopting a STEM approach during lessons and in extra-curricular activities
- 4. Learning by teaching