The Seventh United Nations, World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), 2 April 2014
Greater China Region – Guangdong、Hong Kong & Macau Project

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Date	Name of Events	Venue	Key Organizers
9.2013~11.2013	AHK China University Students WAAD Scholarship Scheme	China	AHK
9.2013~11.2013	HKIEd Students WAAD Scholarship Scheme	Hong Kong	HKIEd
9.2013~11.2013	〝Pearl River Delta Cities MTR〞 Stamp Design Competitition	HK	AHK
9.2013~11.2013	〝Pearl River Delta Cities MTR〞 Online Photo Competition	HK	AHK
9.2013~11.2013	Autism Apps Design Competition 2014 (IAAC 2014 Award)	HK	AHK, HKETA
10.2013~12.2013	Autism ICT Training Award	HK	AHK
22.11.2013	ACT and Autism Forum (Co-organized by Cyberport Hong Kong)	HK	AHK, HKETA, HKIEd
23.11.2013	Humanoid Robot & AI – Workshop	HK	AHK, HKETA, HKIEd
19-20.03.2014	Greater China Region Autism Conference 2014	GZ	GDKF, AHK, HKETA
21-23.03.2014	Hong Kong ASD Exchange Tour (for China pariticipants)	GZ / HK	GDKF / AHK / HKIEd
22.03.2014 (Sat.)	Hong Kong Autism Seminar 2014 Award Presentation for Stamp Design & Photo Competition Hong Kong Autism Book exhibition	HK	AHK / HKIEd
3/2014	Guangdong Blue Ribbon Campaign	Guangdong	GDKF
1~31.04.2014	〝Pearl River Delta Cities MTR〞 Arts Exhibition	HK	AHK
02.04.2014 (Wed.)	Guangzhou WAAD Exhibition	GZ	GDKF
02.04.2014 (Wed.)	Light it up blue – 2014 WAAD Action	GZ	GDKF

ARN = Autism Recovery Network; AHK = Autism Hong Kong; H.K.Educational Tech. Asso. = HKETA
GDKF: Guangdong Association of Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities ；HKIEd = CSENIE, HKIEd;
For updated events details please visit www.autism.hk ；Enquiry: waad2014@autism.hk/ autismhk@ymail.com/ 。

Organizers： Autism Hong Kong, The Centre for Special Educational Needs and Inclusive Education, Hong Kong Institute of Education, Autism Children Foundation, Hong Kong Autism Awareness Alliance, Guangdong Love Express Family Resource Centre, Autism Recovery Network, Guangdong Disabled Persons' Federation, Guangdong Association of Rehabilitation for People with Disabilities, Hong Kong Educational Technology Association, Guangdong Love Express Family Resource Center,

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About United Nations, World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)

On December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 62/139, tabled by the State of Qatar, which declares April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) in perpetuity. Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, Consort of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar, supported the campaign for a World Autism Awareness Day through the current 62nd UN General Assembly Session, garnering consensus support from all United Nations Member States.

This UN resolution declares WAAD as one of only four official health-specific United Nations Days and will bring the world's attention to autism, a pervasive disorder that affects tens of millions. The World Autism Awareness Day resolution encourages all Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to encourage early diagnosis and early intervention. It further expresses deep concern at the prevalence and high rate of autism in children in all regions of the world and the consequent developmental challenges.

World Autism Awareness Day shines a bright light on autism as a growing global health crisis. WAAD activities help to increase and develop world knowledge of the autism epidemic and impart information regarding the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention. Additionally, WAAD celebrates the unique talents and skills of persons with autism and is a day when individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe.

By bringing together autism organizations all around the world, we will give a voice to the millions of individuals worldwide who are undiagnosed, misunderstood and looking for help. Please join us in our effort to inspire compassion, empowerment and hope.

Sources: www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/waad/about-world-autism-awareness-day

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Brief Information of the Organizing Committee of the 7th United Nations "World Autism Awareness Day" Guangdong, Hong Kong & Macau Project (2nd April 2014).

The Committee was formed in 2008 with a number of organizations from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau. It aims at promoting the public awareness and concern toward autism in the region. Starting from 2009 till 2013, the Committee had organized five annual autism seminars in Hong Kong and Guangzhou, drawing competition, talent contest, stamp design competition, Hong Kong autism services study tour, China University Students Scholarship, and public gala.

In the coming year, the Committee would continue to organize a series of events in the region to promote public awareness and concern toward autism.

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