

## Quality Enhancement Grant Scheme

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| <b>Progress Report</b> | <b>Project No.:</b> 30/QEGS/B-08-09 |
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Reporting Period: From Sept: 2010 (month/year) to February 2011 (month/year)

### Part A

**Project Title:** The Impact of the New "334" Academic Structure on the Self-financed Sub-degree Programmes Units (SSPUs) – Meeting the Challenges through Professional Exchange

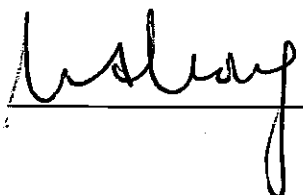
**Name of Grantee:** Joint Quality Review Committee

**Project Period:** From September 2009 (month/year) to August 2011 (month/year)

### Part B

Please refer to the attached progress report for details.

*For and on behalf of*  
Joint Quality Review Committee Limited

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**Name of Authorized Person:** Wong Wai Sum (Ms)

**Name of Grantee Organization:** Joint Quality Review Committee

**Position of Authorized Person:** Executive Director

**Date:** 31 March 2011

**Progress Report on the  
Impact of the New “334” Academic Structure on the  
Self-financed Sub-degree Programmes Units (SSPUs) –  
Meeting the Challenges through Professional Exchange**

(Reporting Period: from October 2010 to March 2011)

**Introduction**

1. The Project consists of two components: (1) seminar /sharing sessions which form the major component and (2) background research of the current practices and issues in the Self-financed Sub-degree (SFSD) programmes.

2. The Project includes the following personnel:

Project Director: Dr SO Kwok Sang (Deputy Chairman, JQRC)  
Deputy Project Director: Professor CHAN Tsang Sing (Immediate Past Chairman, JQRC)  
Deputy Project Director: Professor HAU Kit Tai (Member of Board of Directors, JQRC)  
Project Advisor: Professor HO Yan Ki, Richard (Former Member of Board of Directors, JQRC)  
Project Coordinator: Ms WONG Wai Sum (Executive Director, JQRC)

**Seminar / Sharing sessions**

3. The seminars/sharing sessions of the whole project include four sessions for heads and senior staff, four sessions for front-line staff and a concluding symposium for major stakeholders.
4. Four seminars had already been held during September 2009 to September 2010. During this reporting period, four more seminars, which again aim to prepare the senior management and front-line staff of the SFSD sector for the new academic structure, were held on 18 October 2010, 25 November 2010, 21 January 2011 and 25 March 2011 respectively. The information of these four seminars is summarized in the tables below:

**5th seminar:**

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| Title        | Impact of the New "334" Academic Structure on Self-financed Sub-degree Programme Units – Redesigning Programme Curriculum for 2012 and Articulation to Communication & Design Degrees   |
| Date         | 18 October 2010   |
| Venue        | Room 307, Caritas Bianchi College of Careers, 18 Chui Ling Road, Tseung Kwan O  |
| Descriptions | <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>Dr So Kwok Sang<br/>Project Director and Deputy Chairman, JQRC</p> <p><i>An Experience Sharing on Preparation of SFSD Programmes for 334: Redesigning Programme Curriculum for 2012</i></p> <p>Dr F T Chan<br/>College Vice Principal (Academic Affairs)<br/>HKU SPACE Community College</p> <p>Dr Edwin Wong<br/>Acting President<br/>The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College</p> <p><i>Q &amp; A session</i> chaired by Dr F T Chan and Dr Edwin Wong</p> <p><i>A Subject-based Experience Sharing on Articulation to New 4-year Degree Programmes in Journalism and Communication</i></p> <p>Professor Clement So<br/>Director<br/>School of Journalism and Communication<br/>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>A Subject-based Experience Sharing on Articulation to New 4-year Degree Programmes in Design</i></p> <p>Professor Yanta Lam<br/>School of Design, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> <p><i>Q &amp; A</i> chaired by Professor Clement So and Professor Yanta Lam</p> |
| Attendance   | 102 participants from 23 SSPUs / institutions / organizations   |

**6th seminar:**

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| <b>Title</b>        | Impact of the New "334" Academic Structure on Self-financed Sub-degree Programme Units (SSPUs) – Supply & Demand in 2011 & 2012; Outcome-based Education and Science & Information Systems Degrees  |
| <b>Date</b>         | 25 November 2010  |
| <b>Venue</b>        | Ngan Hei Keung Lecture Theatre 1, 2/F, HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Community College, 66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay   |
| <b>Descriptions</b> | <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>Professor Frank Fu, MH, JP<br/>Chairman, JQRC</p> <p><i>Impact of the 334 Academic Structure &amp; Degrees in Self-financed Institutions upon the SFSD Sectors: Supply and Demand in 2011 and 2012</i></p> <p>Ms Michelle Li, JP<br/>Deputy Secretary for Education<br/>Education Bureau</p> <p><i>Outcome-based Teaching, Learning and Assessment for 334</i></p> <p>Dr Jacqueline Chan<br/>Head, Department of Curriculum and Instruction<br/>The Hong Kong Institute of Education</p> <p><i>Outcome-based Education – PolyU Experience</i></p> <p>Dr Simon Leung<br/>Director<br/>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University - Hong Kong Community College</p> <p><i>A Subject-based Experience Sharing on Articulation to New 4-year Degree Programmes in Science</i></p> <p>Professor T K Ng<br/>Associate Dean of Science, School of Science<br/>The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</p> <p><i>A Subject-based Experience Sharing on Articulation to New 4-year Degree Programmes in Information Systems</i></p> <p>Dr Louis Ma<br/>Assistant Dean (Assurance of Learning), College of Business<br/>City University of Hong Kong</p> |

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|            | <i>Q &amp; A</i> chaired by Dr K S So, Deputy Chairman of JQRC |
| Attendance | 69 participants from 22 SSPUs / institutions / organizations   |

**7th seminar:**

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| Title        | Impact of the New "334" Academic Structure on Self-financed Sub-degree Programme Units (SSPUs) – Secondary Schools' Perspective on New Academic Structure; Admission in 2012 and Language Education   |
| Date         | 21 January 2011   |
| Venue        | Room 215, Community College of City University (Telford Annex), 33 Wai Yip Street, Kowloon Bay  |
| Descriptions | <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>Professor Frank Fu, MH, JP<br/>Chairman of JQRC</p> <p><i>Secondary Schools' Perspective on New Academic Structure</i></p> <p>Mr Liu Ah Chuen<br/>Chairman<br/>Hong Kong Subsidized Secondary Schools Council</p> <p><i>Admission Arrangement under the New 334 Academic Structure (Double Cohort in 2012)</i></p> <p>Dr Emily Cheng<br/>Director of Admission Office<br/>City University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Ms Margaret Cheung<br/>Head of Academic and Student Affairs<br/>School of Continuing and Professional Studies<br/>The Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A</i> chaired by Professor Richard Ho, Project Advisor, JQRC</p> <p><i>Language Education</i></p> <p>Mr Duncan Hunter<br/>Head of Division of Language Studies<br/>Community College of City University</p> <p>Dr Bruce Morrison<br/>Director of English Language Centre<br/>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> |

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|            | <i>Q&amp;A</i> chaired by Professor K T Hau, Deputy Project Director, JQRC |
| Attendance | 79 participants from 23 SSPUs / institutions / organizations               |

### 8<sup>th</sup> Seminar

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| Title        | Impact of the New "334" Academic Structure on Self-financed Sub-degree Programme Units (SSPUs) – Whole Person Development and Subject-based Experience Sharing on Articulation to New 4-year Degree Programmes in Arts  |
| Date         | 25 March 2011   |
| Venue        | Room 204, HKU SPACE Admiralty Learning Centre, 2/F, Admiralty Centre, 18 Harcourt Road, HK  |
| Descriptions | <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>Professor T. S. Chan<br/>Immediate Past Chairman and Deputy Project Director<br/>JQRC</p> <p><i>Whole Person Development</i></p> <p>Mr. Leung Yam Shing<br/>Senior Assistant Executive Director<br/>Vocational Training Council</p> <p>Professor Richard Tsang<br/>Dean of Students, Student Affairs Office<br/>The Hong Kong Institute of Education</p> <p><i>Q&amp;A</i> chaired by Professor Frank Fu, MH, JP, Chairman, JQRC</p> <p><i>Subject-based Experience Sharing on Articulation to the New 4-year Degree Programmes in Arts</i></p> <p>Panel Facilitator: Dr. Kwok Sang So, Project Director and Deputy Chairman, JQRC</p> <p>Dr. Agnes Lam Shun Ling<br/>Associate Dean (Undergraduates Student Affairs), Faculty of Arts<br/>The University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Dr Cheung Kwan Hin<br/>Associate Head, Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies<br/>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p> |

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|            | <p>Mr. Paul Li Wan Hay<br/>Head of Arts Programme<br/>The Community College at Lingnan University</p> <p>Dr Icy Lui<br/>Principal Lecturer, School of Continuing and Professional<br/>Education, The Hong Kong Institute Education</p> <p><i>Concluding Remarks: Dr K S So, Project Director, JQRC</i></p> |
| Attendance | 73 participants from 25 SSPUs / institutions / organizations   |

5. The following issues were identified by the speakers and participants:

- Different SSPUs have their own curriculum design for the generic content of the AD/HD programmes. Some SSPUs are exploring the possibility of working together to formulate a common framework for General Education (GE) for the sub-degree programmes.
- The provision of Pre-Associate Degree (PAD) programmes in 2012 is unclear. At least one sub-degree provider indicates that their institution would offer PAD in 2012. If both PAD and New Project Yi Jin (NPYJ) are offered in 2012, what would be their differences in particular regarding the admission requirements and progression pathways?
- Exemption granted to sub-degree graduates varies among Institutions. Continuous dialogue between SSPUs and degree institutions is encouraged.
- HKDSE and HKALE results will be released on different dates in the double cohort year 2012. SSPUs have to develop a recruitment strategy to ensure fairness to these two groups of prospective students.
- After the implementation of the new senior secondary curriculum, it is expected that the prospective sub-degree students (HKDSE graduates) would be quite different from the current students especially in the areas of academic competence and learning habits/attitudes. SSPUs have to prepare for having students with more diversified backgrounds.

6. A concluding symposium, tentatively to be held on 13 June 2011 for major stakeholders, is in the process of preparation.

7. To further promote the use of the seminars for professional exchange, all presentation materials (after getting the speakers' consent) have been uploaded on the JQRC website.

The information can be found at <http://www.jqrc.edu.hk>.

### **Background research of the current practices in the SFSD programmes**

8. JQRC has also been conducting research to obtain relevant statistics on AD / HD programmes of the 2010/11 academic year.

### **The way forward**

9. About 75% of the Project has been completed at the end of the reporting period.
10. The Project will continue to achieve the objective to facilitate professional exchanges among SSPUs and between the sub-degree and degree sectors.
11. The final evaluation report and financial report will be submitted by the end of November 2011.