

Quality Enhancement Grant Scheme

Progress Report	Project No.
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Reporting Period: From October 2012 month/year) to March 2013 (month/year)

Part A

Project Title : China and Globalization: Liberal Studies Development and Support

Name of Grantee : Hong Kong Shue Yan University

Project Period : From October 2011 (month/year) to September 2013 (month/year)

Part B

Please use separate A4-size sheets to report the progress with regard to the following aspects:

1. Types and brief description of Project activities held/completed during the reporting period (*the information may be presented in the form of a table*).
2. The dates, time, venues and number of participants / beneficiaries of Project activities held, and resources (e.g. equipment, manpower) used for the implementation of Project activities.
3. Project milestone(s) and deliverables attained at the end of the reporting period and evidence showing the attainment of milestones and deliverables.
4. The percentage, in terms of keys tasks, of the Project completed at the end of each reporting period.
5. Project variation*, if any, during the reporting period, together with details and justifications.

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Name of Authorized Person: Dr. Law Yuk Fun

Name of Grantee Hong Kong

Organization: Shue Yan University

Position of Authorizes Person-in-charge of
Person: the Project

Date: 30 April 2013

* A separate written application should be submitted to the Grant for prior written approval.

1. Introduction

This two-year Quality Enhancement Grant Scheme Project, titled "China and Globalization: Liberal Studies Teaching Development and Support," aims at promoting student understanding of China's place in the irresistible trend of globalization by providing teaching and learning support for territory-wide post-secondary institutions and universities.

This progress report summarizes the implementation of the project between 1 October 2012 and 31 March 2013. Evidence for the achievement of each of the major milestones, required by the Terms of Agreement, is provided for verification. At the end of this report, there is an assessment of the completion rate for each of the scheduled key tasks, measured in terms of percentages.

2. Project activities held/completed during the reporting period:

Date, time and venue	Brief description of the activities held and resources employed	Number and type of participants (if applicable)
1 Oct - 30 Nov. 2012	Exploratory Courses in Hong Kong Shue Yan University and other institutes.	Project Team Members Course Tutors
10 Dec. 2012	Meeting with Course Tutors to discuss the results and experiences of the courses	Project Team Members Course Tutors
13 Dec. 2012 15:30 - 17:30	2 nd Public Talk – Globalization and Chinese Economy (Appendix 1)	Prof. Mo Shixiang 80 participants (Students)
4 Jan. 2013 10:30 – 12:30	Meeting with Caritas Institute of Higher Education (CIHE)	Project Team Members and CIHE staff
17 Jan. 2013 10:30 – 12:30	Meeting with Yew Chung Community College (YCCC)	Project Team Members and YCCC staff
6 Feb 2013 16:00 – 17:30	3 rd meeting with HKSYU History Department colleagues for organizing Exploratory Courses and Trials of Teaching	Project Team members and History Department colleagues
1 Mar. 2013 10:00 – 13:00	Fair Trade in China Workshop (Appendix 2)	Project Team Members 40 participants (Students)

14 Mar. 2013 15:00 – 17:00	3 rd Public Talk –Globalization and China's Social and Cultural Development (Appendix 3)	Prof. Gordon Mathews 120 participants (Students)
28 Mar. 2013 10:30 – 12:00	Meeting for organizing visits on 8 April and 16 April.	Project Team Members
28 Mar. 2013 14:00 – 16:00	1 st Meeting of the Editorial Board for the teaching package	Project Team Members & Course Developers

2.1 Liberal Studies Development and Support Centre:

The routine tasks of the centre and tasks completed between 1 October 2012 and 31 March 2013 are as follows:

	Routine tasks of the centre	Remarks
1.	Organizing the Second Public Talk: "Globalization and China's Economy, Environment and Resources"	Finished
2.	Organizing the Third Public Talk: "Globalization and China's Social and Cultural Development"	Finished
3.	Inviting other institutes participating in the project (2 nd round invitation started in October 2012)	Finished
4.	Evaluation of feedbacks from students of the Exploratory Courses and Trials of Teaching in the 1 st semester	Finished
5.	Keeping the connections with all non-UG-funded post-secondary institutes in HK and other departments in HKSAR	Continuing
6.	Collecting and purchasing resources for the project, e.g. news, reports, reference books, etc.	Continuing
7.	Organizing outings /visits 8 April 2013 (Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market) 16 April 2013 (The Commissioner's Office of China's Foreign Ministry in the Hong Kong S.A.R) 7 June 2013 (Crossroads Global Village) Mid-June (Chungking Mansions)	Continuing
8.	Organizing the seminars /workshops	Continuing
9.	Editing and preparing the materials for the teaching package and Trial of Teaching	Continuing
10.	Operating the project website, preparing the news analysis, student test banks, etc.	Continuing



2.2 Project Website

The project website is the chief instrument to serve the local community and it has started operation at the URL <http://www.globalizationandchina.net> .

Students must register with the website to access the latest news of the project. This enables students to enrich their knowledge about the interplay of China and Globalization. To date, the website has recorded 19,800 visitors between 1 October 2012 and 31 March 2012. The average of visiting rate of the website is 109 log-ins/day.

2.3 Exploratory Course and Trial of Teaching

After the second round recruitment of the institutes during the period of September and October 2012, 3 more institutes joined the project, they were Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Yew Chung Community College and Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Haking Wong). So, there are altogether 8 institutes participating in this project now.

During the reported period, the Project Team organized and scheduled a total of 19 classes of Exploratory Course for the ongoing semester from February to May 2013 in the co-operating institutes, 10 classes in 5 different institutes outside Hong Kong Shue Yan University (2 classes in Caritas Institute of Higher Education, 1 class in HKUSPACE Kowloon Bay Campus, and 1 class in Haking Wong IVE, 4 classes in Yew Chung Community College, 2 classes in The Community College at Lingnan University). Moreover, the Project Team organized 6 classes in Hong Kong Shue Yan University. Among these classes, 3 classes were linked up with the regular courses of Department of History for non-history major students and 6 classes scheduled outside the regular schedule for all interested students of Hong Kong Shue Yan University. The total students served are about 600. At the same time, a total of 16 sessions of Trial of Teaching were conducted and scheduled in Hong Kong Shue Yan University. (4 completed in March and 12 to be conducted in April and May 2013).

About 80 % the students were awarded "Certificate of Attendance," which was awarded to students with an attendance rate of 75% or above for the Exploratory Course.

2.4 Workshops and Seminars

The 2nd workshop was held on 1st March 2013, the topic is “Fair Trade in China” (《公平貿易在中國》). This workshop invited the Fair Trade Hong Kong Foundation and the Yisheng Organic to share their works and experience in promoting fair trade in China and the world.

The Fair Trade Hong Kong Foundation advocates fair trade in different sectors of the society. The foundation’s Fair Trade Partnership Programme encourages corporations, non-profit organizations, schools, individuals and students to join and work together to promote fair trade in Hong Kong. It has two standing committees, the School Committee and the Fair Trade Workplace Committee responsible for planning and organizing events in corporate, school and other sectors to increase the general public awareness on fair trade.

The Yisheng Organic is a pioneer of organic agriculture in China. It is one of the cooperating partners of the Fair Trade Hong Kong Foundation which practices fair trade in China. It has its own brand of tea product in the market.

2.5 Public Talks

The 2nd Public Talk on Globalization and Chinese Economy was held on 13th December 2012 at Hong Kong Shue Yan University. The speaker was Prof. Mo Shixiang. He specializes in China’s foreign economic and trade foreign relations with particular interest in the Special Economic Zones. The topic of the talk was “Looking into the ‘China Model’: The Rise of Chinese Economy and its Challenges in the Context of Globalization” (《透視“中國模式”——中國經濟在全球化中的崛起及其面臨的挑戰》).

The 3rd Public Talk on Globalization and China's Social and Cultural Development was held on 14th March 2013 at Hong Kong Shue Yan University. The speaker was Prof. Gordon Mathews. He is an expert on culture and identity, and global culture. The topic of the talk was “Chungking Mansions and Globalization” (《重慶大廈與全球化》).

3. The completion rate, in terms of percentages, for each key task of the project at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

Milestones scheduled for completion during the reporting period	% attained	Remarks
Hosting of the Third Public Talk: "Globalization and China's Social and cultural Development"	100%	N/A
Implementation of Exploratory Courses and trial of teaching	100%	N/A
Evaluation of the teaching materials	100%	N/A
Organization of seminars and outings/visits	100%	N/A

4. Project variation (prior written approval from the QEGS Secretariat sought by separate application)

Description of variations (e.g. change of the project scope or duration, deferral of completion date, relocation of an amount exceeding 10% between items of expenditure in the budget)	Date of approval by the QEGS Secretariat
NIL	NIL

5. Financial position as at the end date of the reporting period:

Expenditure items	Approved budget (a) (HK\$)	Committed or actual expenditure (b) (HK\$)	Balance [(a) - (b)] (HK\$)
a. Manpower	1,314,600	755,575	559,025
b. Equipment Facilities	50,000	49,791	209
c. Services	80,000	80,000	0
d. General expenses	280,320	76,380.93	203,939.07
e. Others	64,080	30,000	34,080
	1,789,000	991,746.93	797,253.07
Project Income (if any)			N/A
Total Balance			797,253.07