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Shunde Polytechnic Visit

From 5th to 11th August, 2013, to equip for the “Shunde Elderly Community Care System Research”, Shunde Polytechnic visited APIAS to receive a 7-day research training. Apart from classroom teaching, participants had also visited TWGHs Tai Tung Pui Social Service Building and the LinkAges Centre of Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association to acquire a better understanding of the elderly care community service system in Hong Kong, especially “Institution-oriented” and “Family-oriented” community support services.



Press Conference of “Views on Filial Piety among Youth in Hong Kong” Workshop

Earlier, Commission on Youth (COY) has commissioned APIAS to conduct a research entitled “Views on Filial Piety among Youth in

Hong Kong”. Research results have shown that teenagers in Hong Kong are still filial yet they yearn for more guidance from parents. In addition to the survey, the “Those were our Ways of Filial Piety Workshop” was held as a part of the research. Through activities like footbath and group discussion, it had succeeded in improving the filial attitudes of participants. As the outcomes of the aforementioned workshop were encouraging and were worth the promotion, on 7th April 2014, COY and APIAS jointly held a press

conference entitled “Views on Filial Piety among Youth in Hong Kong Workshop” at Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre.

In the conference, Chairman of COY, Mr. Bunny Chan Chung-bun, Convener of the Working Group on Youth Studies and Development Policy of COY, Mr. Lam Cheung-chi, Director of APIAS, Prof. Alfred Chan Cheung-ming and his research team, as well as the participants of workshops (including principal, teacher, parent and student) shared with the public the research findings and their feelings towards the workshop respectively, spreading the core family value of “Love And Respect Thy Elders” as upheld by the Family Council.



Service Development Study on Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Neighborhood Elderly Centers Completed

To cope with Hong Kong's population ageing, Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service (BOKSS) commissioned APIAS to conduct a service evaluation for their four Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs). The study had undergone three phases: Firstly, making use of the Active Ageing Framework, the existing resources, services and operations of the NECs were reviewed. Then, focus groups were conducted to identify the service effectiveness and service gaps of the NECs. Lastly, the organisation has developed a constant,

scientific self-evaluation mechanism under the supervision and guidance of APIAS to investigate and monitor their members' service usage patterns, needs and satisfaction periodically. The project was successfully completed in May, 2014. BOKSS has achieved a breakthrough with regard to the originally rigid positioning of NEC by strengthening their healthcare services, which gives important inspirations to anyone who wishes to improve the continuity and quality of elderly services.



Singaporean Government Officials Joint Delegation Visit

As a response to the prevalence of low-income family, Singaporean government officials from Ministry of Manpower, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Central Provident Fund Board formed a joint delegation to visit Hong Kong during the third week in May, 2014. On 19th May, 2014, the delegation visited Lingnan University to meet with Prof. Alfred Chan Cheung-ming, Director of APIAS and exchange views over the "Low-income Working Family Allowance" which has been introduced in Hong Kong recently. Foci of discussion included Hong Kong's experience in implementing relevant policies as well as how Singapore could take reference to it.

Prof. Alfred Chan commented that, subsidising low income family aims at, on one hand, encouraging citizens to work for

their own living so as to avoid them to fall into the safety net of social security, and on the other hand, taking care of children and teenagers from low income families so as to break the vicious cycle of cross-generation poverty. He added that, when compared with other countries globally, Singapore's social security structure is relatively more comprehensive, especially for the Central Provident Fund, which has achieved both a high coverage and replacement rates. Singapore citizens are more willing to take up the responsibilities of their own living, where the sense of self-reliance has deeply rooted in their society. Introducing the allowance aforementioned will help enhance the work intention of low income families who are not eligible to apply for social security.

