

### CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This is the first Asia-Pacific regional conference on Service-Learning co-organized by two universities, namely Lingnan University and Sun Yat-sen University, which are both committed to serving the community and whole-person education. We are most happy to welcome distinguished guests to this year's conference to deliver keynote speeches and make presentations at panel sessions, interactive workshops, breakout sessions and poster sessions. Our presenters from all over the world will share their Service-Learning practices and research under the following categories: "Different Modes/Models of Service-Learning", "Building Effective Partnerships in Service-Learning", "Service-Learning as Civic Education", "Global Citizenship and International Service-Learning", "Program Evaluation and Assessment: Outcomes of Service-Learning and a Research Agenda", "Fostering Reflection/ Critical Thinking" and "Higher Education as a Force to Address Social Problems".

There are also several special events in this conference. In the Pre-conference Workshops (2nd-4th June) there are visits to three Hong Kong social enterprises which have successfully responded to different social needs, and also one to Crossroads Foundation, where there will be a simulation in which participants will step into the shoes of those in poverty. There are also two journal article writing skills workshops, one in English (4th June morning) and one in Mandarin (8th June morning). Also, we are excited to be giving out two awards for the first time, namely the "Education for Service" Faculty Award and the Service-Learning Award 2013, honouring a Lingnan faculty member and practitioners who have made a difference in society through Service-Learning. They will be honoured at the Opening Ceremony (5th June morning) and the WOW Night (5th June evening), an evening of fun and exchanges, respectively.

The Breakfast Thematic Discussions (6th June morning) will allow participants to share ideas regarding Service-Learning theory and practice under different topics. The Student Forum (6th June evening) is a session designed especially for university students to share experiences and ideas and to identify common concerns and goals related to Service-Learning. There will also be a visit to Shadong Jie Integrated Family Service Centre, a non-government organization in Guangzhou (8th June morning).

### 会议总览

本次会议是第一屆由兩間大學合作舉办的亞太地區服務研習會議，嶺南大學和中山大學一直以來都秉承服務社會與全人教育的辦學理念。在這次會議中，我們非常榮幸邀請到世界各地優秀的學者嘉賓參與豐富多彩的项目活動，當中包括主題演講，分組會議，海報匯報，互動工作坊，學生論壇等。演講者將會圍繞以下七個議題分享他們關於開展服務研習的心得和經驗：「不同的服務研習模式」、「在服務研習中建立有效的合作關係」、「服務研習作為公民教育」、「世界公民和國際化的服務研習」、「項目評價和評估方式：服務研習的成果和研究建議」、「培養反思/批判性思維」和「高等教育作為解決社會問題的新力量」。

除了學術研討之外，這次會議還有多項特別活動。在6月2日至4日的會議前工作坊中，各地代表將有機會參觀三間香港社會企業，了解它們如何成功地回應社會需求，在「國際十字路會生命體驗」參觀中，參加者也將體驗到貧窮人士的難處。我們也邀請了資深學術期刊編輯和學者舉辦兩場期刊論文书寫技巧工作坊，包括6月4日早上的英文工作坊和6月8日早上的中文（普通話）工作坊。此外，我們很高興嶺南大學首次頒發「作育英才—服務社會教學大獎」和「2013年服務研習大獎」，獲獎者是在開展服務研習活動中表現突出，貢獻卓越的嶺南教職人員及實踐者，頒獎典禮將分別在6月5日早上的會議開幕式和6月5日晚上的「WOW之夜」晚會中舉行。

6月6日早上的主題討論早餐會同樣提供參會者一個互相交流服務研習心得和經驗的平台。6月6日晚上的學生論壇是為參會大學生特別開設的活動，使得他們可以自由暢談有關服務研習的想法和體驗，並分享共同目標。6月8日早上也有參觀廣州沙東街家庭綜合服務中心，認識廣州的非政府組織。