

Enforcing Intergenerational Solidarity Through Knowledge Transfer



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Agenda



- Background
- KT in Hong Kong Universities & its interpretation at Lingnan
- Theme, objectives and its theoretical base
- Elders as an agent of change, knowledge & skill transfer and examples
- Members of society have understanding of the process of ageing and specific needs of older persons
- Conclusion

About Lingnan University...



- **Background**
 - Founded in 1888 in Guangzhou and become Lingnan University in 1999

- **Area of Strength**
 - Liberal Arts Education
 - ✦ Academic mix: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- **Mission**
 - Whole Person Development Approach to Education
 - Education for Service as guiding motto

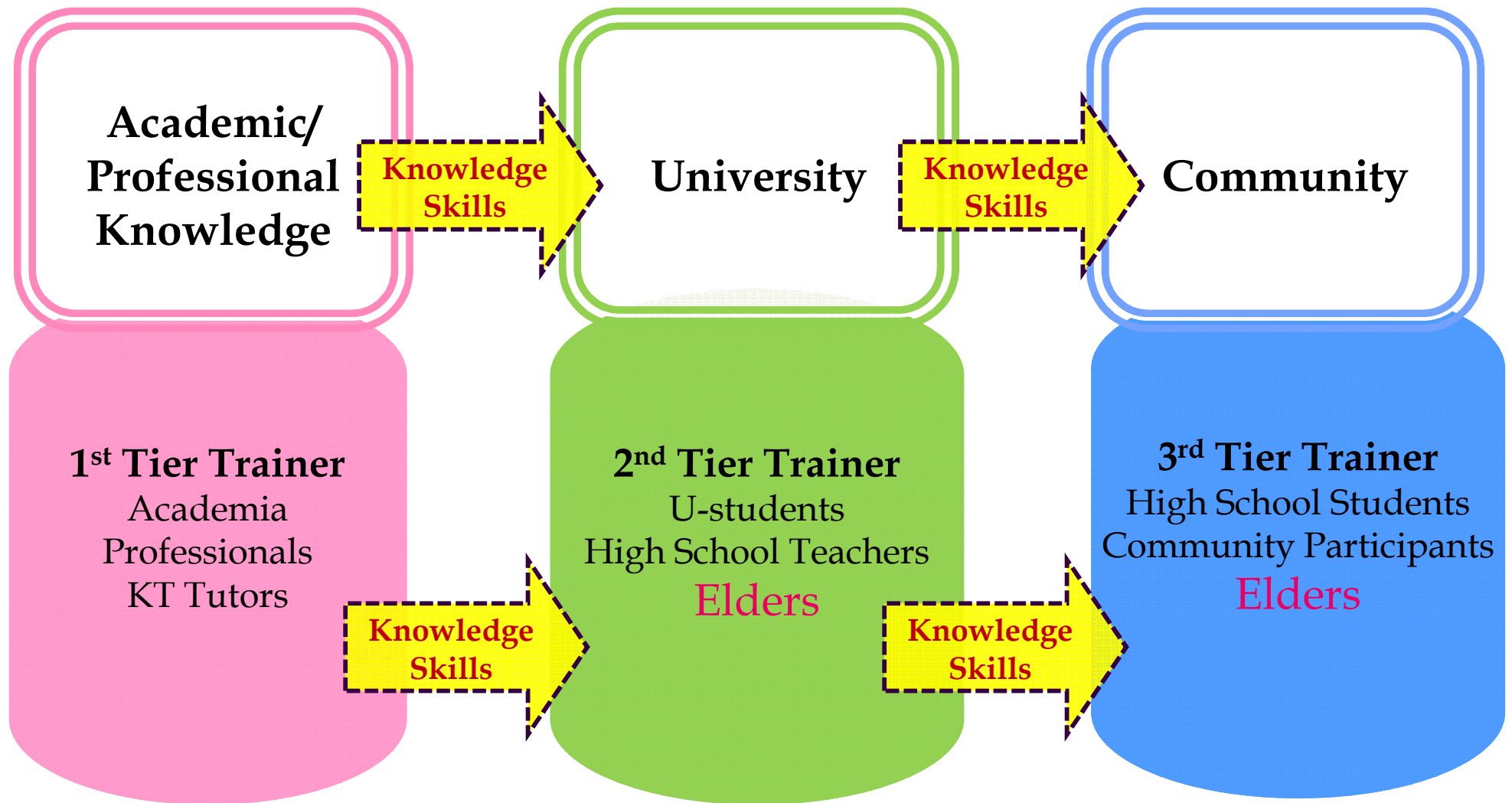
Knowledge Transfer in Lingnan



- The 3rd mission on top of “Teaching” and “Research”
 - Included in UGC’s mission statement in 2007
 - Triennium funding beginning from 2009
 - Lingnan at the second year of KT development
- Knowledge Transfer: Process-focused



Train-the-Trainer Approach



Knowledge Transfer in Lingnan



- Central Theme: **A Life Course Perspective to Ageing**
 - Response to the changes in society: Population ageing
 - ✦ Hong Kong: Aged 65+: 13% (2009) → 26% (2033)
 - ✦ More age groups in population, but relatively less people in each age group
 - Create a society for all ages → Promote **Intergenerational Solidarity**
 - ✦ Direction 1: Older persons remain an active role in the community through a lively participation in socio-cultural activities, including as agent of knowledge and skill transfer
 - ✦ Direction 2: Members of society have an understanding of the health conditions and specific needs of older persons
 - Age-friendly → Ageing-friendly

Knowledge Transfer Programs in a Nutshell



Content	YO (young-old)Partnership	Body Positive	Healthy Life! Healthy Mind!
Objective	To promote ageing from a life course perspective, create a society for all ages		
	Intergeneration Solidarity	Anti-ageism	NCD framework
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote cross generation integration through intergenerational activities. To enhance social harmony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote positive body image from social, culture and ageing perspectives. To enhance the social status of aged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote physical and mental well being through healthy lifestyle workshop To empower individual with health information
Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Social Gerontology Course for Ming Kei College 2) SOC324 Work and Occupation x Hand in Hand, Life to Life Project (Social Gerontology Course) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Are you beautiful? 2) What do you see when you look in the mirror 3) Girls with thousand faces 4) The secret recipes of skin products 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cooking Mama Series 1 2) Young-Old funky Dance Craze 3) SOC333 Health, Illness and Behavior x Health Frontier in Tuen Mun I 4) SOC327 Social Welfare and Problems in Hong Kong x Health Frontiers in Tuen Mun II

Direction 1: Older persons as agents of knowledge and skill transfer

Young-Old Drama on Healthy Ageing



Young-Old Drama

Promote Positive & Healthy Ageing in Community

- An young-old partnership in performance art, i.e. Drama
- 2009 batch: 10 elders + 12 students
- 8 performances: over 800 audiences
- Promote positive outlook and healthy ageing
- The pre-post-test results (t-test) show all participants, both young and old, have a more positive views on older persons after the program, such as:
 - Active, Independent, Updated, Flexible, Approachable and Cooperative
- Manual on Young-Old Drama



Direction 1: Older persons as an agent for knowledge and skill transfer

Cooking Mama Series on Healthy Cooking in Hostels



Cooking Mama Series

Promote Healthy Cooking in Hostels

Sept-Oct 2010



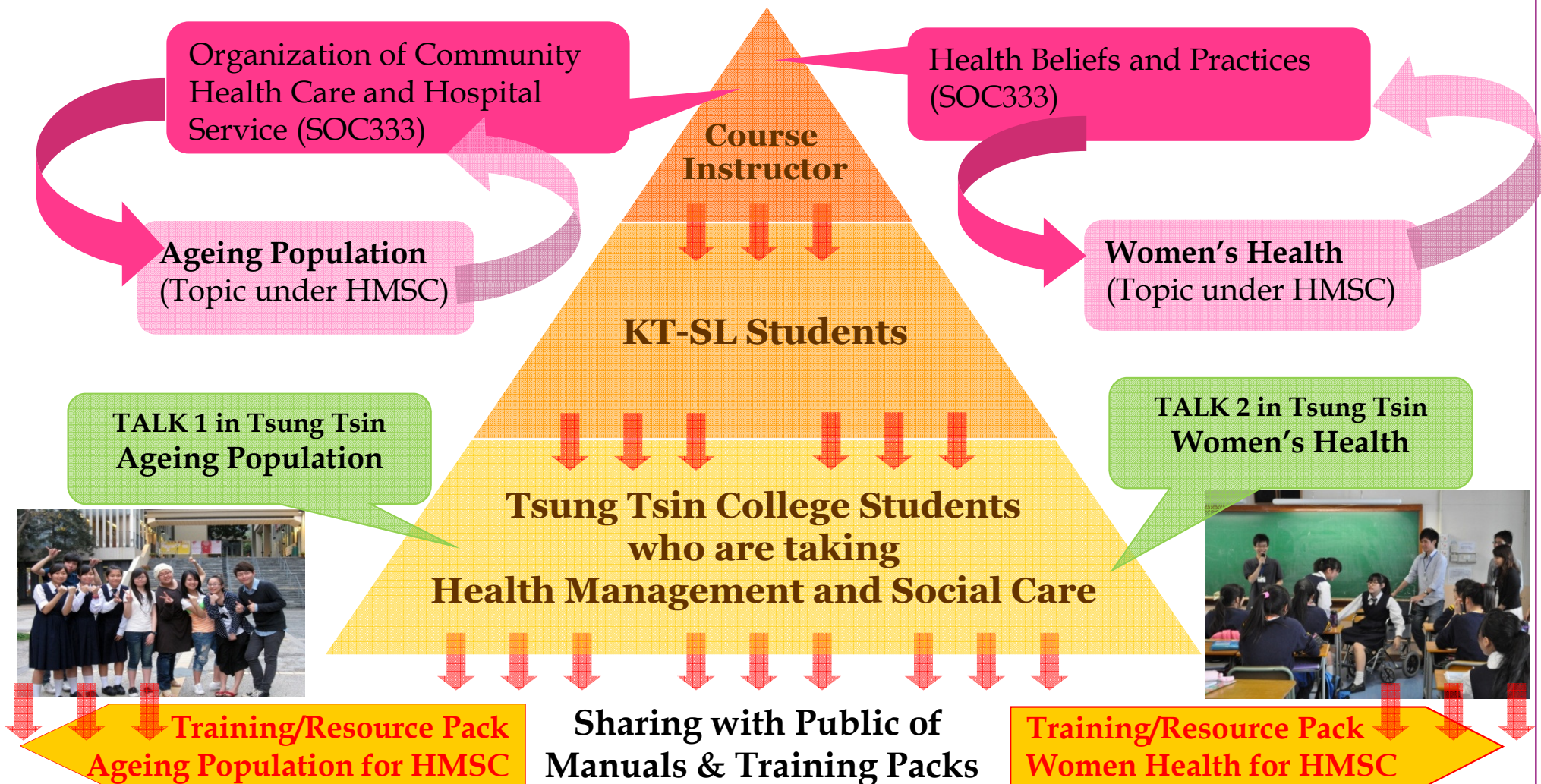
- Elders teamed up as “cooking mamas and papas” to promote healthy eating and cooking tips to hostel residence
- From foods to LOVE!
- 9 elders + 1 cook + 1 nutritionist
- 4 workshops: 83 students
- Pre-post test results show students learn more about maintaining health diet in hostels and making healthy foods is not impossible in hostels
- Cook book with stories told by elders behind the dishes will be published (March 2010)

Direction 2: Understand the health conditions of ageing and needs of older persons

Uni Gerontology Course x 334 New Senior Secondary Curriculum

SOC333 Health, Illness and Behavior

334 NSSC Health Mgt & Social Care



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Social Gerontology Course at Secondary Schools as Other Learning Experience



Social Gerontology Course

At Secondary Schools as Other Learning Experience

- 4-part training (6 hrs) + elderly services (at least 6 hrs)
 - Part 1: Hong Kong Demographical changes and its opportunities
 - Part 2: Hong Kong Ageing Policy and Services
 - Part 3: Ageing Services in (home district)
 - Part 4: Communication skills with older person
- The contact hours could be counted as “Other Learning Experience (OLE)”
- 2010-2011
 - 7 secondary schools in Tuen Mun
 - 1 secondary school in Mong Kok



Conclusion



- **KT bears the mission of creating a society for all ages**
 - Elders to actively participate in activities, as agents of knowledge and skills transfer
 - Public to understand the condition/process of ageing and the specific need of older persons
- **Push to public by linking up with stakeholders in the community**
 - Secondary schools, i.e. 334 NSS Curriculum & OLE
 - Teacher's community via Education Bureau
 - Social Welfare Department & NGOs partner
 - Elder Academy (2-tier trainer as teachers in EA)

Thank you!



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