Social Innovation: Reaching out to the community

At the dawn of the twenty-first century, social innovation is on a critical path, bringing together classic notions of social responsibility and modern conceptions of dynamic engagement with social issues. In many ways of life, engaging in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors has become a responsibility. This is based on the recognition of the need for deep and substantial improvement with the goal of building a more just and sustainable society. Social innovation is a critical component of all contributions to the betterment of our community.

Social innovation embraces respect for others, recognition of our built-in interdependence, and a spirit of widening and widening the world, and fulfillment of a calling. A calling is a sense of self-control and self-responsibility, social awareness, as well as the capability of actually doing something for example, by developing a global communication, generating a new vision, and broadening the scope of active and political participation while also enhancing the role of the community in the society.

As an institution that values social innovation, the Faculty of Social Sciences has been designed and designed to contribute to the betterment of Hong Kong, such as nurturing the current social awareness of students, enhancing social awareness consciousness, and offering policy advice to the community. In addition, it has observed new initiatives to tackle social problems. One of the main reasons for the Faculty is to provide graduates with a sense of social responsibility and commitment to serve society. Current staff member and Chair of the Department of Sociology, Dr. Peter S. K. Wong, has been involved in various projects and initiatives throughout the region, dedicated to helping students gain meaningful experiences in various fields such as community development, education, and social work.

Reaching our hands to our younger generation

Learning is one of the most important tasks of children, but some children are faced with problems or challenges. They often experience difficulties in accomplishing even basic tasks. Professor Cecilia Leung Ho-fun of the Department of Psychology is committed to helping students with specific learning difficulties. With funding from the University Grants Committee, the Department of Psychology, and other organizations, the Centre on Learning Disabilities will be established in 2012. This Centre will provide comprehensive services to children with learning difficulties, including assessment, training, and psychological support.

Caring for those with health problems

Medical professionals play a vitally important role in caring for those with health problems. Alongside their professional responsibilities, medical professionals are often expected to play a role in helping to provide care to patients. The need for professional care and social support is essential. Professor Cecilia Leung Ho-fun, the Chair of the Centre on Learning Disabilities, will work with the Centre to provide medical education and training, and her team are dedicated to offering comprehensive care services. Uniting the Body Mind Spirit approach, the Centre will develop innovative holistic health solutions for patients in recent years.

Polishing the golden outlook of our senior generation

Our care also extends to the elderly. Dr. Thomas Chan's research on the social aspects of aging and well-being has been pivotal in this regard. He has worked extensively on the relationship between social interaction and well-being among the elderly. His research has helped to improve the lives of many older people across Hong Kong and beyond.

Breaking taboos and caring for the dying, the dead and the bereaved

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Ripping effects

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Strengthening civil society and governance

Civil society is key to the individual level, but broad institutional reform is needed at the macro level. The Centre for Civil Society and Governance was established by Professor Joseph C. K. Chan and his colleagues. It is a research center that focuses on the role of civil society in governance. The Centre aims to contribute to the development of a more transparent, accountable, and participatory governance system in Hong Kong and other parts of the world. It has been active in research, education, and policy development, and it has contributed to the development of a more open, democratic, and participatory governance system in Hong Kong.

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