

Project Title : Hong Kong Continuing Professional Development Hub (HKCPD Hub)

Leading University : The University of Hong Kong

Participating UGC-funded University(ies) : City University of Hong Kong, The Education University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

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This proposal is for a collaborative project among five English Language Centres in Hong Kong universities to develop a Hong Kong Continuing Professional Development Hub (HKCPD Hub) to strengthen English teaching efforts and improve student learning outcomes. The HKCPD Hub will provide a framework for English teachers in the Hong Kong tertiary sector to engage in communities of practice and professional learning, to collaborate and share expertise. The HKCPD Hub will organize and encourage continuing professional development activities including seminars, forums, workshops, symposia and an international conference. Local scholars and international experts will be invited to conduct workshops and lead seminars on innovation in English teaching and research. Colleagues from different English Language Centres will also share best practices and research findings in English teaching and learning.

A HKCPD Hub dedicated website will be created to provide an online community to support English Language Centre colleagues' continuing professional development needs and interests. The website will showcase best practices and innovative projects as well as share resources. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in key areas of English language teaching and learning will be formed to offer collaborative communities of

practice for colleagues to share insights and best practices, exchange ideas and knowledge, solicit professional development support and work on projects together to explore innovation in English teaching and learning.

This project is important because it will provide a systematic and supportive framework for continuing professional development that fosters active participation of English Language Centre colleagues across institutions in learning, discussion, sharing, collaboration and contribution for the advancement of English teaching and learning in Hong Kong universities.