

Project Title : A Telecollaborative E-Learning Project on Foreign Language Learning

Leading University : Hong Kong Baptist University

Participating UGC-funded University(ies) : The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The University of Hong Kong

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The teaching & learning project will connect foreign language classes of higher education institutions in Hong Kong & the European Union (EU) on an internet platform, and introduce initiatives to students on healthy living practices at government and citizen levels. The project will encourage students to collaborate with each other on community actions and evaluate their own communities in the target languages: German, French, Italian & Spanish. The project will broaden participants' global vision by encouraging students to look at different practices in Hong Kong and Europe and will enhance their communicative skills in the respective target language that they are learning. Each project cycle of approximately 12 weeks will consist of three phases: (1) Knowledge Gathering; (2) Research Tasks; and (3) Group Community Project. To successfully complete each phase, the students on both sides would have to work in intercultural groups and collaborate with each other throughout the duration of the project cycle. The students will create a portfolio for the phases 1 and 2 and a PowerPoint/video documentation of the Group Community Project. Each participating institution would be responsible for developing the materials for one of the language according to the priorities and needs of the institution. The entire project will be hosted on one common platform and students in Hong Kong and Europe would be free to register for the language of their choice.