

Generations as Partners in Education (GAPIE) – Gallant Ho Service Learning project

Dear all MBBS, BNurs, BChinMed, BPharm(ChinMed) and BPharm students,

LKS Faculty of Medicine and CEDARS are organizing a service learning project titled “Generations as Partners in Education (GAPIE)” *from October 2009 to February 2010*.

This project aims to develop students’ positive attitude towards older adults and to encourage students to learn about the values and contributions of older generations to the families and society.

Three key activities include:

- 1) An introductory workshop: 16 October 2009 (Friday), 1400 to 1800 at Medical Campus (room to be confirmed)
- 2) A 10-week interaction period: 18 Oct 2009 to 9 Jan 2010
- 3) An intergenerational sharing workshop: 9 Feb 2010 (Tue), 1700 to 1830 at Medical Campus (room to be confirmed)

During the 10-week period, you will be paired up with a community-dwelling older adult who will act as your partner in learning. Both of you could then design FIVE activities (one and half hour each) and participate in these activities together. The learning objectives include tackling ‘the ill-defined problems in the reality of aging’, ‘how your partner (older adult) manage daily life’, ‘how your partner contributes to the family and society’ and ‘how the family members respond to older adults’ contribution’.

Awards: A Certificate of participation will be issued at the end of the programme. You can apply for **PETSS points**, as appropriate. *TEN actively engaged participants will be selected and sponsored to attend a 3-day overseas study trip (visits to various health care settings in an Asian country / region) in summer in 2010.*

Remarks: This is a voluntary service programme and there is no linkage to any credit-bearing course. To assist the evaluation of the effectiveness of this service learning programme, you will be invited to complete 3 sets of questionnaires and some reflective journals throughout the period.

Don’t miss the chance to learn more about the reality of aging and improve your skills of communication with older generations.

If you are interested in this programme, please register through HKU Portal at http://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/ec_hdetail.aspx?ueid=12613. Should you have any queries, please feel free to call 2819 2614.

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With the generous donation of Mr. Gallant Ho (BA 1965), the Gallant Ho Service Learning Scheme – Family Values is set up to promote students' interest in service learning and family values. It aims to raise social harmony and build a better environment for social and economic development by educating young people about the positive values embedded in the Chinese culture.

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