HKU 81 Inclusion Fund

Introduction

The University of Hong Kong Class 81 graduates decide to set up a fund in support of promoting equal opportunity and social inclusion for people with a disability as part of the Silver Jubilee Reunion Programme in 2006. The Organizing Committee chooses the theme of equal opportunity for people with a disability as an echo to 1981 being The International Year of Disabled Persons declared by The United Nations. Approximately, $1.4 million has been raised through a golf tournament held on October 4, a walkathon on October 22, and the reunion dinner on November 12, 2006. The HKU 81 Inclusion Fund is thus set up with the above sum as the seed money.

In response to the appeal, Mr. Henry Chan makes a donation of $1 million to The University of Hong Kong with a mandate to promote inclusive education for people with a disability. In recognition of the generosity of Mr. Henry Chan, a fund shall be set up entitled ‘Henry Chan Inclusive Education Fund. The present document describes the terms of reference of The HKU 81 Inclusion Fund. The Henry Chan Inclusive Education Fund will be covered by a separate terms of reference.

Terms of Reference

1. The Fund shall be called ‘HKU 81 Inclusion Fund’.

2. The purposes of The Fund shall be to promote equal opportunity and social inclusion in and outside Hong Kong through programmes organized by and/or for students of The University.

3. The Fund shall make grants to support programmes, activities, publications and researches conducted by students and/or staff of The University to promote equal opportunities and social inclusion for people with a disability.

3.1 Student societies or individual students in group or otherwise may apply for funding of projects for the above purposes in the following forms:
- Volunteer service;
- Publication or public education programmes;
- Research which leads to recommendations on attitude change, improvement to service delivery, corporate social responsibility, and public policy;
- Learning opportunities which meet the overall objective The Fund.

3.2 Staff may submit applications for projects with a significant participation by
3.3 Projects may take place inside or outside of Hong Kong.
3.4 Grants to each project may not exceed $50,000.
3.5 Funding level depends on the merits of the proposal and the available resources of the Fund.
3.6 Projects involving the participation of students and graduates will be given a priority.

Administration

1. The Fund shall be managed by a Steering Committee consisting of a class 81 graduate nominated by the Organizing Committee of Class 81 Reunion and staff and students from The University which include:
   - The Dean of Students or his representative;
   - A teaching staff nominated by the Disability Action Committee;
   - The Equal Opportunity Officer;
   - Any member co-opted by the Steering Committee;
   - A student representative nominated by the Hong Kong University Students’ Union.

2. The day-to-day administration of The Fund shall be the responsibility of the Centre of Development and Resources for Students.

3. The Steering Committee will consider applications.

4. Invitations for applications will be announced at the beginning of each semester.

5. The Committee shall amend the TOR as it sees fit or draw up guidelines and procedures on grant making.

6. The Fund shall be dispensed at less than HK$300,000 per annum with a view that The Fund will last until the centenary of The University. The Committee may exercise its discretion on the limit of annual grants without affecting the target of expiry at the Centennial celebration.

7. Class 81 graduates may decide to replenish The Fund from time to time. The Fund will terminate when the money is exhausted.

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