

Press Release

Note to Editors
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CADENZA Workshop Series Shares Evidence-based Elderly Services with Social and Healthcare Professionals

To promote quality services for care of older people, CADENZA: A Jockey Club Initiative for Seniors (CADENZA) in collaboration with The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) launches a series of 10 workshops on evidence-based elderly practices/services developed by CADENZA Fellows. The Workshop Series is to share these programmes with social and healthcare professionals and to promote uptake of the programmes to become part of their organizations' regular services. A Launching Ceremony and the first workshop were held today (28 January).

The ceremony was officiated by Dr the Hon Leong Che-hung GBM GBS JP, Chairman of Elderly Commission, Mr Douglas So, Executive Director, Charities of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Professor Jean Woo, CADENZA Project Director, and Ms Christine Fang BBS JP, Chief Executive of HKCSS.

In the welcoming address, Mr Douglas So, Executive Director, Charities of The Hong Kong Jockey Club said, CADENZA Fellowship Programme is one of the major components of CADENZA: A Jockey Club Initiative for Seniors funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club. The Programme aims to encourage academics to take an interest in gerontology and promote evidence-based practice in developing knowledge and skills in elderly services. It is hoped that the Programme can help CADENZA Fellows to collaborate with the service sector to develop some new programmes and to share their knowledge and experience with others. It is also hoped that the Programme can produce good leaders to champion the cause of older people, help shape future government policy and form a network of support to train the next generation of geriatric social and healthcare workers.

Ms Christine Fang in her opening address stressed that professionalism in elderly service sector comes from both theoretical models and practical experiences. In this respect, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service will continue to enlist support from elderly service organizations to promote professional service development and evidence-based practices.

Dr Leong Che-hung in his officiating address thanked CADENZA and HKCSS for their continual efforts to improve elderly services. He also highlighted that CADENZA Workshop Series jointly organized by CADENZA and HKCSS was able to increase frontline workers' knowledge and strengthen their skills in taking care of older people and to enhance quality of elderly services in various aspects.

More than 120 representatives from government units, non-governmental



organizations and academia joined the ceremony. The event was immediately followed by the first workshop. The followings are the details of the first 6 workshops:

Date	Topics	Speakers (CADENZA Fellows)
28 Jan	Insomnia treatment	Dr Doris Yu Associate Professor Nethersole School of Nursing, CUHK
17 Feb	Pain management	Dr Mimi Tse Assistant Professor School of Nursing, Poly U
14 Mar	Bereavement care	Dr Amy Chow Assistant Professor Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU
18 Apr	Diabetic care	Dr Angela Leung Assistant Professor School of Nursing, HKU
6 May	Art therapy for demented elderly	Dr Benise Mak Research Assistant Professor CADENZA, Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU
27 Jun	Retirement adjustment	Dr Ng Siu-man Assistant Professor Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU

Social and healthcare professionals are welcome to attend the CADENZA Workshops. For registration and enquiries, please contact HKCSS Institute at 2876 2470 or visit their website at: http://www.hkcss.org.hk/institute/10B/shortcourse/en_training_cadenza.html.

About CADENZA: A Jockey Club Initiative for Seniors

CADENZA: A Jockey Club Initiative for Seniors is a project launched by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust with a donation of HK\$380 million in 2006. The project aims at nurturing academic leadership in gerontology and changing the mindset and attitude of the general public through a range of training and public education programmes. Cross-sectional collaboration between organizations and the implementation of innovative elderly services and programmes are also encouraged in order to bring about a new mode of elderly care services to prepare for a rapidly ageing society.

About CADENZA Fellowship

In view of an ageing society and the lack of interest in gerontology in Hong Kong among the academic sector, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has established CADENZA Fellowship Programme which aims to produce good leaders to champion the cause of older people, help shape future government policy and form a



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network of support to train the next generation of geriatric social and healthcare workers. Since 2007, 30 CADENZA Fellows from different disciplines of various tertiary institutes who have an interest in further gerontological research and teaching have been trained. Their study areas include social work, nursing, allied health, rehabilitation engineering, psychology, optometry, and medicine.

Details of CADENZA and CADENZA Fellowship are available at <http://www.cadenza.hk>.

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