

## FSD and Education University of Hong Kong sign MOU to nurture young generations (with photos)

The Fire Services Department (FSD) and the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today (October 2) to establish a collaborative partnership in organising a training module on the fundamentals of emergency care and critical response by the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy (FASA) and the Department of Health and Physical Education of the EdUHK.

The module will equip students with the skills and knowledge of fire safety measures and emergency evacuation procedures, as well as the application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillators (AEDs). The aim is to further enhance the awareness of community emergency preparedness in a bid to elevate the efficiency of life-saving treatments.

The FSD has long been formulating and implementing strategies on community emergency preparedness, while the Department of Health and Physical Education of the EdUHK has been pursuing excellence on nurturing local physical education teachers and talent in the fields of sports and health. The collaboration will help the FSD to further promote the "three basic skills on emergency preparedness" (namely Extinguish and Prevent Fire, Self-help and Help Others, and Escape and Evacuate) in the community and also cultivate a culture of "self-help and help others" in the wider community.

Witnessed by the Commandant of FASA, Mr Yiu Men-yeung, and the Associate Vice President (Quality Assurance) of the EdUHK, Professor Susanna Yeung, the MOU was signed by the Deputy Commandant (Ambulance Services Training) of FASA, Mr Terry Wu, and the Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences of the EdUHK, Professor Li Wai-keung.

Mr Yiu said that the training module would enhance students' competence and confidence in saving patients from cardiac arrest to strengthen the support for local patients in the community to receive rescue services in a timely manner, thus increasing their chances of survival. The MOU also signifies a key step in maintaining sustainable co-operation of both sides to provide diversified trainings in different aspects for young generations in Hong Kong.

Professor Yeung thanked the FSD for its unwavering support for the collaboration. She expressed that the training module would enable students to integrate their subject knowledge with the awareness of emergency preparedness and safety, thereby enhancing their vigilance and problem-solving abilities, and cultivating a spirit of mutual assistance and care among them.

The collaborative training module will be included as a core module in the curriculum of the Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Physical Education) programme and the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sports Science and Coaching programme. Students who have completed the module will become members of the Resuscitation Alliance who pledge to give a helping hand in cardiac arrest cases.

