

## FSD and Hong Kong Polytechnic University sign MoU to nurture young generations (with photos)

The Fire Services Department (FSD) and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today (June 7) to establish a collaborative partnership in jointly organising a training course on fundamentals of emergency care and critical response by the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy (FASA) and the School of Nursing of PolyU.

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

The FSD has long been formulating and implementing strategies on community emergency preparedness while the School of Nursing at PolyU has been pursuing academic excellence of practical value in nursing and healthcare services. 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 foster the culture of "self-help and help others" in the wider community.

Witnessed by the Director of Fire Services, Mr Andy Yeung, and the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences of PolyU, Professor David Shum, the MoU was signed by the Commandant of the FASA, Mr Yiu Men-yeung, and the Interim Head of the School of Nursing of PolyU, Professor Engle Angela Chan.

Mr Yeung hoped that the training course would enhance students' competence and confidence in saving patients from cardiac arrest, and strengthen the support for local patients with cardiac arrest to receive timely rescue in the community so as to increase their chances of survival. The MoU also signifies the sustainable co-operation of both sides in providing diversified learning opportunities in different aspects to nurture more outstanding young generations in Hong Kong.

Professor Shum thanked the FSD for its unwavering support for the training course. He said that the collaborative course will be included as a credit-bearing course in the curriculum of General Studies for all PolyU students in meeting the needs of the community. He wished that the course would also enhance students' vigilance and problem-solving abilities and cultivate a spirit of mutual assistance and care among them.

