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COVER STORY

Redesignation of World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services

The School was redesignated as a WHO Collaborating Centre (WHO CC) for Community Health Services, effective from 13 December 2015 to 13 December 2019. Our Head of School, Prof. Alex Molasiotis continues to act as the Director of this collaborating centre. The centre will develop a series of working plans of the collaborative research projects with collaborators in other countries.

Global Network of WHO CCs for Nursing and Midwifery General Meeting

The General Meeting of the Global Network World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GN WHO CCs) was held on 30 July at Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, Scotland. This meeting was held alongside with the 11th Biennial WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Conference Strategic Conversations: The Nursing and Midwifery Contribution towards Global Health 2030, 27-29 July.

Seventy representatives from 29 WHO Collaborating Centres (WHO CCs) attended the meeting. Reports were given from six WHO regions of the world (34 WHO CCs registered for the meeting but five were unable to attend due to visa and travel issues).

The Secretary General of the GN WHO CCs, Prof. John Daly, (Dean, Faculty of Health, the University of Technology Sydney) opened the meeting and welcomed members.

Senior representatives from WHO Geneva and WHO regional and country offices, GN WHO CCs partner organisations, International Council of Nurses, International Confederation of Midwives, and Sigma Theta Tau International also attended the meeting.



International Community Health Conference Cum 3rd Biennial Regional School Health Congress

The International Community Health Conference Cum 3rd Biennial Regional School Health Congress 2016 was held in Zhengzhou, Mainland China from 20 to 22 May. This international congress was jointly organised by the School of Nursing, Zhengzhou University, Hong Kong School Nurses Association, Hong Kong College of Paediatric Nursing, Hong Kong Paediatric Nurses Association, and the School's WHO CC.

The congress brought together about 300 worldwide talents, academics and professionals in community health care, elderly health care, and school health care; school principals, teachers;



nurses, pediatricians and pediatric nurses to address crucial issues in multi-disciplinary angles by integrating child, adolescent and elderly health care into communities.

The congress themes included: health promotion and disease prevention in the community, continuum of care from hospital to the community, evidence-based community health initiatives, advanced practice in child, adolescent and elderly care in the community, and intersectoral collaboration on child, adolescent and elderly care.

The conference provided an excellent platform for sharing knowledge and best practices in community care services for children, adolescents and the elderly.



By implementing the WHO's mandate, the Centre has played a proactive role in strengthening evidence-based community health services and improving the health outcomes of local, regional and global populations since the designation in 2007. In December 2015, the School of Nursing of PolyU was re-designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Health Services with the following terms of reference:

- To develop and pilot-testing of minimum standards to promote psychosocial aspects of adolescent health in school setting in collaboration with eight WHO CCs in the WHO Western Pacific Region (WPRO) and South-East Asia Regional Office (SERO). The research outcome will support the regional action plans both for the maternal child and adolescent health, and mental health.
- To improve health outcomes by developing and testing effective psychosocial services delivery model/ programme via community-based interventions for people across the life span in Asian countries. The research outcome will support the regional action plans for the non-communicable diseases, psychosocial problems and mental health illness.
- To contribute and influence WHO member states' policies and programmes in matters relating to health service provision through policy, research programmes and education related to WHO CC's activities.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHT

WHO delegate visits the Centre & delivers a workshop and seminar

Dr Jason Ligot, the WHO delegate from the Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO), Manila, visited the Centre on 28 April.

Dr Ligot is an expert on mental health and school health. He comes from the Communications and Mental Health Promotion Division of NCD and Health through the Life-Course World Health Organization, in the Western Pacific Region.

Dr Ligot delivered a workshop entitled "Planning and Implementing Public Health Communication or Advocacy Programmes/Campaigns" on 17 May for 15 healthcare professionals. He also gave a seminar entitled "A Second Chance in the Second Decade: A Public Health Perspective on Adolescent Mental Health" on the same day. A total of 67 participants attended the seminar, including the mental health team from the Department of Health.



Service learning students on exchange

Thirty-one university students studying the SN's service-learning subject *Mentoring Health Ambassador in the School Communities* (SN2S04) went on a summer exchange to promote adolescent health in Zhengzhou, Mainland China, from 19 to 30 June. They were funded by the Ten Thousand People Scheme in Zhengzhou.



The exchange programme, funded by the Education Department's Ten Thousand People Scheme, was a collaboration between the School's WHO CC and the School of Nursing of Zhengzhou University. Nursing students from PolyU and Zhengzhou University trained 32 primary school students to become health ambassadors.

The health ambassadors were equipped with health knowledge and skills to plan and implement school health promotion activities to promote health to their peers and parents.



Happy Bear Hospital

The Happy Bear Hospital 2016 was organised by the Playright Children's Play Association on 6 March at Hong Kong Sports Institute. It was the seventh year that the Centre supported this activity as a supporting and sponsoring organisation.



SN students take part in the Happy Bear Hospital 2016

The activity aimed to teach children about different medical tests and treatments through simulated medical procedures, and raise fund for play service in hospitals. It was also considered as a primary health care project that provided community service learning opportunity for our students. Over 100 students from the School participated in this annual charity event as volunteers.



Ms Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, Chief Secretary for Administration of HK Government, is the Guest of Honour for the Happy Bear Hospital 2016

OTHER ACTIVITIES



July 2016
Seminar at Edinburgh Napier University, the UK



27-28 February 2016
Effect of Economic Growth on Child Health in Chinese Speaking Communities, Guangzhou, Mainland China



4 February 2016
Internal & Affiliate Faculty Member's Meeting



September - December 2015
'Nutrition and Exercise' for Overweight School Children, Hong Kong



July 2015
Visiting the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and WHO CC Sydney

23-24 April 2016
Adolescent Health Ambassador in School Setting, Hong Kong



February - March 2016
Ideal BMI Disease Prevention Project, Hong Kong



5 & 12 December 2015
Provision of Services for a Programme for Personnel in Special Schools: How to Support Children with Medical Complexity Seminar and Workshops, Hong Kong



19 September 2015
Paediatric Joint Annual Scientific Meeting 2015, Hong Kong



August 2015
The 6th International Conference on Community Health Nursing Research, Seoul

