Integrating teaching and research via CityU’s Discovery-enriched Curriculum

Discovery-enriched Curriculum (DEC) at City University of Hong Kong (CityU) is the harbinger for a transformative campus culture for the 21st century. Under the DEC, CityU students have the chance to make an original contribution to their field of study as an integral part of their professional education.

Four CityU students with different strengths developed an online platform called “Ricepon” through the Student Early Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (SEEDS). Transforming their knowledge into a social service, they hope to link up benefactors and recipients, encourage the public to make donations, and benefit the needy. Currently in the pilot stage, their project has received CityU sponsorship and may become a sustainable social enterprise. Their endeavour exemplifies how the DEC enables students to develop their imagination and creativity using their own knowledge.

Interdisciplinary collaboration
Restaurants and stores wishing to help the needy can submit their plans via Ricepon, stating the amount of funding required. Citizens can donate after learning more about the plans through the online platform. When the target amount has been reached, “Ricepon” forwards the funds to the relevant restaurants or stores.

“Ricepon is a collaborative achievement across disciplines. I am responsible for the business model and operation, Yun-ki and Ka-man focus on webpage design and management, and Lok-tung contacts the people we need with her extensive social network. We learn from each other when we work together,” Chun-yip said.

During the development stage, students may encounter all sorts of problems. To help them, CityU’s Innovation Commons offers a one-stop consultation service.

“As Ricepon requires monetary transactions, we may encounter legal problems. Innovation Commons has helped us contact legal experts and offered us advice. We are now testing out Ricepon and will soon launch it in the market,” Yun-ki said.

Exploring new knowledge
All four students said CityU’s DEC has enabled them to learn knowledge outside the classroom and facilitated their whole-person development. They believe the market today requires young people to know how to create new knowledge, and to cultivate, curate and communicate that knowledge for the well-being of society.

Under the DEC, CityU faculty reviewed and revised all courses and major programmes prior to the launch of the four-year undergraduate curriculum. The objective is to ensure that our courses help students generate innovative ideas, acquire the skills necessary to realise those ideas, and establish appropriate channels for them to showcase their original achievements.

CityU Scholarships for Hong Kong Talents
The “CityU Scholarships for Hong Kong Talents” target students applying for government-funded undergraduate programmes through JUPAS and non-JUPAS. The scholarship awards will cover up to four years of study and up to more than the full tuition cost of attending CityU in value. Scholarship recipients will also be eligible for a scholarship worth $25,000 to cover a semester-based outbound exchange study.

QS Ranking
In a recent QS survey, CityU was ranked as the 7th best university in Asia, and we are currently ranked 55th in the QS ranking of universities worldwide. Additionally, CityU was named the 4th best university in the world less than 50 years of age.

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