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New teachers at Chinese University join workshop on teaching effectiveness

In a bid to enhance teaching effectiveness of new teachers, the Chinese University of Hong Kong's Teaching Development Unit has organized a one-and-a-half-day workshop this week to help prepare the teachers for the challenging tasks which they will face at the start of the academic year next month.

"Teaching is the most important aspect of our responsibilities. We are here to teach students so that they can serve the community well upon graduation," the University's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Charles Kao, told the 35 participants of the Workshop entitled "University Teaching: Challenges and Enjoyment" at the opening session.

Quality teaching is a professional and scholarly endeavour, and the University has been taking active measures to encourage and support quality teaching, he added.

In a candid sharing of his own personal experience as a teacher, Prof. Kao remarked that he was not as good a teacher as he wanted to be. "Video-recording had given me very good insight for improving my own teaching techniques. I found that I kept moving continuously – which had a hypnotizing effect on the students," he said.

"Techniques and awareness may help improve teaching effectiveness. But what is perhaps more important is the devotion and sense of responsibility of the teachers. If you are really devoted, the message will come through," he added.

Also speaking at the Opening Session, the University's Dean of Education, Dr. Leslie Lo, who heads the Teaching Development Unit, said the mission of his six-month-old unit is "not to teach colleagues how to teach, but to gather and disseminate information which will facilitate teaching as well as to assist colleagues to guide and enlighten their students".

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The workshop participants came from 23 academic departments of the seven Faculties. During a panel discussion, they shared the experience of veterans, Dr. Leslie Lo and Ms Lo Wai Luen of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, as well as Dr. Darius Chan of the Department of Psychology, and Dr. S.W. Chiu of the Department of Biology.

They also participated in a session of small group activities conducted by Dr. Lam Man Ping of the Department of Educational Psychology, which aimed to give them practical suggestions.

In order to familiarize the workshop participants with the University facilities and services, they also visited the University Library System and the Computer Services Centre. Mrs Sophie Lau, Director of Personnel, gave a brief introduction of the organization of the University and the functions of the Personnel Office.

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Note to Editors:

A photo of the workshop in session will be distributed via Government Information Service Press Boxes.

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