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Research Output/Impact Prize for the Dean’s Research Fund 2016-17

Brief Introduction of Awardee’s
Research Publication/Study and Future Research Development

Awardee (Dept): Dr. He Jingwei Alex, Associate Professor (APS)
Publication Title: China’s Health Care Reform

A. Briefly introduce your research publication/study for which you have received the prize.

The awardee’s series of publications on China’s health care reform have generated high impact in both the academia and the policy-making community. In a newly released report jointly published by leading international organizations (The World Bank, Washington, D.C., and the World Health Organization) in collaboration by the Chinese Government, titled “Healthy China: Deepening Health Reform in China, Building High-Quality and Value-Based Service Delivery”, six of Dr He’s research works were extensively cited, making him one of very few international scholars recognized in such a high-profile document.

This high-profile two-year study aims to draw comprehensive lessons from China’s ongoing national health care reform and inform the central policy-makers on the way forward. In their joint foreword, Jim Yong Kim (President of The World Bank), Margaret Chan (former Director-General of the WHO) and three Ministers of the central government of China laud this 204-page consultation report as a strategic reference for moving forward the ambitious health reform of the most populous country of the world. The value of this report is also highly appreciated by the Chinese Government. “The report’s recommendations, built on robust, comprehensive research and close collaboration by five agencies representing three partners, will contribute positively to the formation of the 13th Five-Year Plan on health reform. We look forward to carefully studying and applying the report’s findings, so it will help us push ahead on health reform” said Liu Yandong, Vice Prime Minister of China. The fact that many of the nominee’s research outputs are cited in this study serves as a strong testament of the impact of his research.

The awardee also actively participates in policy advocacy and knowledge transfer, endeavoring to maximize the impact of his research. He has been invited by prominent think-tanks in Beijing that provide policy advice to the central government, including the National Academy of Development and Strategy (Renmin University of China) and the Central Translation and Compilation Bureau. One of his policy memos that analyze Hong Kong’s health care reform and its lessons for the Mainland was submitted to State Council leaders for reference via a think-tank.

The awardee’s opinion articles appeared in leading regional as well as national newspapers, including China Daily, South China Morning Post, Hong Kong Economic Journal, Ming Pao and Singtao Daily. He was interviewed by the Phoenix TV, Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), ATV, China Radio International, Voice of America (VOA) and CBS News in the US on various health policy issues.
B. How you used/will use your prize and perhaps its usefulness to your research development?

This prize grants me with high recognition and honor. I have signed a book contract with Edward Elgar, one of the leading academic publishers in the world. Titled *East Asian Health Policy Reform: A Comparative Perspective*, this book will be built on my past research and will provide a comprehensive account for health care reforms in China, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan in the past decades. The prize allows me to hire student assistants and perform fieldwork, which is very valuable for this book project.

C. Expected research outcomes/outputs/impacts arising from this prize.

-East Asian Health Policy Reform: A Comparative Perspective* (Edward Elgar), under preparation

Other research articles to be published in recognized international journals.