THE EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Research Output/Impact/Knowledge Transfer Prize for the Dean's Research Fund 2018-19

Brief Introduction of Awardee's

Research/KT Publication/Study/Output and Future Research/KT Development

Awardee (Dept): Dr. Cheang Chi Chiu, Associate Professor (SES)

Dr. Li Wai Chin, Assistant Professor (SES)

Dr. Tsoi Kwok Ho, Adjunct Assistant Professor (SES) Dr. Yeung Chi Ho Bill, Associate Professor (SES)

Dr. Tsang Yiu Fai, Associate Professor (SES)

Publication Title/KT project: Impact of the Eco-Garden and its activities on knowledge

transfer in relation to environmental and sustainability

education

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

The Eco-Garden, established in 2016, is instrumental in realizing the multi-faceted strategy of the Department of SES in knowledge transfer. The idea of establishing an Eco-Garden, as an integrated KT facility, was conceived based on research evidence as well as our practical experiences in environmental studies, and environmental and sustainability education. As a physical base and a pedagogical tool to showcase sustainability and promote sustainability education, the Eco-Garden is well-positioned to contribute to achieving economic, social and environmental improvements in the unique setting of the EdUHK campus. Its overall design and component facilities are well placed to further empower our capacity and capital for knowledge transfer in the PAA of Environmental Studies to the wider educational community. The Eco-Garden has made possible the organization of an exceedingly wide range of educational activities for transferring knowledge from the EdUHK academia to its students, pre-service teachers, schoolteachers, students and the general public, with good potential for sustainable development. Knowledge transfer has been achieved through all the three forms of education, namely formal education, non-formal education and informal education.

B. How you used/will use your prize and perhaps its usefulness to your research/KT development?

The prize would be used to hire research assistant and/or student helpers to facilitate the educational and conversational work to be conducted in campus Ecogarden

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

One of our team members, Dr Brian Man, has already secured an external funding this year (2019) from Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for organizing KT activities in Ecogarden. Together with the support from this prize, more Ecogarden visits will be organized for local schools and publics.