

Project Final Report for Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (“PASS”)

1. Project Details

1.1 Project Reference No.	: PS183012
1.2 Project Title	: Paving the Way for and Achieving Excellence in Evidence-informed Health Care in the Belt and Road Regions
1.3 Grantee	: The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
1.4 Collaborating Organisation(s)	: Cochrane Collaboration
1.5 Implementation Agent(s)	: Individual Event Planner: Ms. YU Lei-king
1.6 Sponsoring Organisation(s)	: The S. H. Ho Foundation Limited
1.7 Consultant(s)	: N.A.
1.8 Project Co-ordinator	: (Name) CHIEN Wai-tong (Post title) Director and Professor
1.9 Deputy Project Co-ordinator	: (Name) CHAU Pak-chun, Janita (Post title) Professor
1.10 Project Period (duration)	: from 01/04/2019 to 31/12/2019 (9 months)
1.11 Major Beneficiary Sector(s)	: Health-related services
1.12 Approved PASS Grant (HK\$)	: 924,000

2. Project Implementation

2.1 Project Summary

(Please give a summary of the project including objectives, deliverables and target professional service sectors within 100 words.)

In response to the growing demand for equipping healthcare professionals with evidence-based knowledge and competencies, a 2-day international symposium and a 2-day post-symposium workshop have been conducted for the project. The symposium facilitated exchange and co-operation among local and overseas medical, nursing and paramedical personnel and increased the publicity of Hong Kong as a leading role in coordinating co-operations in the development of evidence-informed healthcare practice, particularly in the Belt and Road (B&R) regions. More than 700 doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel from over 20 countries/regions attended the symposium. The workshop aimed to enhance the standards and external competitiveness of Hong Kong medical, nursing and paramedical personnel in evidence-informed healthcare practice. A total of 124 doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel—including students—participated in the workshop, of them 105 and 19 were from local and overseas, respectively.

2.2 Project Deliverables

(Please compare the actual results achieved with the agreed targets for each item.)

Agreed Targets		Actual Results Achieved <i>(Please submit copies of all relevant supporting materials, e.g. proceedings, attendance records.)</i>	
<i>Date / Deliverables (with quantity)</i>	<i>Beneficiaries (estimated no. of local / non-local participants)</i>	<i>Date / Deliverables (with actual quantity)</i>	<i>Beneficiaries (actual no. of local / non-local participants)</i>
01/05/2019 to 31/05/2019 One 2-day symposium	800 participants, including 600 Hong Kong doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel and 200 non-local professionals)	Completed 23/05/2019 to 24/05/2019 One 2-day symposium	712 participants, including 319 Hong Kong doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel, 233 Hong Kong medical, nursing and Paramedical students, and 160 non-local professionals and other participants) (For Hong Kong professionals: 53.2% of the target met) (For overall participation: 89.0% of the target met)
01/05/2019 to 31/05/2019 One 2-day post-symposium workshop	150 participants, including 90 Hong Kong doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel and 60 non-local professionals)	Completed 27/05/2019 to 28/05/2019 One 2-day post-symposium workshop	124 participants, including 81 Hong Kong doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel, 24 Hong Kong medical, nursing and Paramedical students, and 19 non-local professionals and other participants) (For Hong Kong professionals: 90.0% of the target met) (For overall participation: 82.7% of the target met)

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Date / Deliverables (with quantity)	Beneficiaries (estimated no. of local / non-local participants)	Date / Deliverables (with actual quantity)	Beneficiaries (actual no. of local / non-local participants)
01/06/2019 to 31/12/2019 One final report on project outcome	Browsers on the Internet	Completed 28/06/2019 One final report on project outcome	Browsers on the Internet

2.3 Project Promotion and Dissemination

(Please compare the actual means used / outcomes with the agreed activities for each item.)

Agreed Activities	Actual Means Used / Outcomes (Please submit copies of all relevant supporting materials, e.g. posters, leaflets, invitation letters, publications, website printouts, dissemination e-mails, newsletters, feedback surveys and analysis.)
(a) For Project Promotion:	
To publish electronic copies of the announcement booklet of the symposium and workshop and call for abstract	The announcement of the symposium and workshop in the form of electronic copies was released at the following websites: • http://1stcochranehksym.nur.cuhk.edu.hk • https://www.facebook.com/cuhkcochraneSYM/ They were also sent to 19 prestigious academic institutions in Mainland and overseas (US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Asia) who have established links with CUHK and the Affiliate / Associate centres of the Cochrane Collaboration, including those in the B&R region, to invite for oral or poster presentations.
To issue invitations and distribute promotion leaflets of the symposium and workshop to local, mainland and overseas institutions with linkage and connection	148 invitations were issued and electronic promotion leaflets of the symposium and workshop were distributed to 82 local, mainland and overseas institutions with linkage and connection
To invite press to the symposium and workshop	7 representatives from 5 media outlets attended the press conference with 3 broadcasts and 11 prints or online. Some examples are given below - Broadcast media – TVB and Phoenix TV Print and online media – CNA (中新社), 文匯, 明報, 中國新聞網, 香港 01
(b) For Dissemination of Project Deliverables:	
Conduct feedback survey at the end of the symposium and workshop for assessing the effectiveness	Feedback survey was conducted at the end of the symposium and workshop for assessing the effectiveness.
Report the project activities in the School's newsletters	The press release has been issued and uploaded to University and Faculty websites -

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	University website: (English) https://www.cpr.cuhk.edu.hk/en/press_detail.php?id=3056 (Chinese) https://www.cpr.cuhk.edu.hk/tc/press_detail.php?l=1&id=3056 Faculty website: (English) https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/press-releases/cuhk-nethersole-school-of-nursing-organises-the-first-cochrane-hong-kong-symposium-to-discuss-evidence-informed-health-care-in-the-belt-and-road-regions (Chinese) https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/tc/press-releases/cuhk-nethersole-school-of-nursing-organises-the-first-cochrane-hong-kong-symposium-to-discuss-evidence-informed-health-care-in-the-belt-and-road-regions News reports are found in the links below: 1. 文匯 http://news.wenweipo.com/2019/05/23/IN1905230038.htm 2. 中國新聞網 https://m.chinanews.com/wap/detail/zw/ga/2019/05-23/8844976.shtml
Produce the online final report of the project outcomes	Videos were produced as a report of the event which recaptured the joyful and memorable moments of the opening ceremony, keynote addresses, plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, round table discussion and cultural performance of the symposium with sharing from our guests and participants. https://1stcochranehksym.nur.cuhk.edu.hk/video/index.html The abstract book can be found in the link below: https://1stcochranehksym.nur.cuhk.edu.hk/abstract-submission-menu/abstract-book/
Notify 19 prestigious academic institutions in Mainland and overseas and the Affiliate/ Associate Centres of Cochrane Collaboration and participants about the release of the videos and final report.	Emails were sent to notify 19 prestigious academic institutions in Mainland and overseas (US, Canada, UK, Australia, Asia) that have established links with our School (http://www.nur.cuhk.edu.hk/internationalisation/partnerships/) as well as the Affiliates / Associate Centres and Centres of Cochrane Collaboration and participants about the release of the videos and final report.

3. Achievements and Grantee's Evaluation of the Project *(For Project Final Report only)*

3.1 Number of participants and eligible beneficiaries

Project Deliverables	Eligible Number of Beneficiaries (if known)
(i) Two-day symposium	319 Hong Kong doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel
(ii) Two-day post-symposium workshop	81 Hong Kong doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel
(iii) Final report on project outcome	Browsers on the internet

3.2 Feedback from participants / users / professional services sectors

Two-day symposium

The feedback of participants was highly positive.

(a) In particular, there was a 100% “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” response rate for the following areas:

- The symposium achieved its objective to facilitate opportunities for networking, collaboration and exchange of ideas with internationally renowned leaders and experts in evidence-based practice and education.
- The symposium achieved its objective to share new initiatives, strategies and challenges in achieving improved global health protection, better patient outcomes, and greater satisfaction among health care workers.
- The symposium achieved its objective to examine and discuss the role of systematic reviews in supporting health care and service delivery.
- The symposium achieved its objective to explore and discuss challenges and opportunities in the new era for health care innovation and evidence-informed health care and policy formulation.

(b) 97.8% of the respondents were satisfied with the organisation of the symposium programme.

Two-day post-symposium workshop

The feedback of participants was generally positive.

(a) In particular, there was a 95% or above “Strongly Agree” or “Agree” response rate for the following areas:

- The workshop achieved its objectives in enabling participants to understand and interpret systematic reviews and use Cochrane Reviews.
- The workshop achieved its objectives to equip participants with knowledge and skills in conducting systematic reviews.
- The keynote, plenary and roundtable speakers are experienced in the topic areas.

(b) 87.5% of the respondents thought that the workshop could meet their expectations.

3.3 Dissemination of project deliverables to relevant professionals

The report of the event can be found in the link below:

<https://hongkong.cochrane.org/first-cochrane-hong-kong-symposium-2019>.

<https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/press-releases/cuhk-nethersole-school-of-nursing-organises-the-first-cochrane-hong-kong-symposium-to-discuss-evidence-informed-health-care-in-the-belt-and-road-regions>

<https://1stcochranehksym.nur.cuhk.edu.hk/abstract-submission-menu/abstract-book/>

<https://1stcochranehksym.nur.cuhk.edu.hk/video/index.html>

3.4 PASS and other objectives reached (May choose more than one)

- ☒ Increasing the exchanges and co-operation of Hong Kong's professional services with their counterparts in external markets
- ☐ Promoting relevant publicity activities
- ☒ Enhancing the standards and external competitiveness of Hong Kong's professional services
- ☐ Others

Please elaborate on how the objective(s) was/were met:

The symposium and the post-symposium workshop have strengthened regional and international collaborative work to expand the scope and impact of using high-quality evidence to inform health care practice across disciplines. It has attracted a total of 400 local doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel and 257 Hong Kong medical, nursing and Paramedical students.

The participants have been provided with a good international multidisciplinary platform for discussion and debate among health care providers, policy makers, academics, and researchers on contemporary strategies and issues in evidence-informed health care and policy formulation, leading knowledge translation activities in the B&R region, improving global health protection and better patient outcomes.

3.5 Overall achievements of the project

The symposium facilitated exchange and co-operation among local and overseas medical, nursing and paramedical personnel and increased the publicity of Hong Kong as a leading role in coordinating co-operation in the development of evidence-informed healthcare practice, particularly in the B&R region. Hong Kong, as a gateway to the Chinese Mainland, is expected to play a strategic role in supporting the B&R Initiative in the aspect of promoting international healthcare cooperation.

Besides, with the establishment of Cochrane Hong Kong under The Nethersole School of Nursing, as part of the Cochrane global network, our School would be able to work with Cochrane centres around the world to invite Cochrane experts, and renowned scholars and healthcare professionals as speakers, and to promote the symposium to target participants in the B&R region for future exchanges and collaborations in evidence-informed healthcare practice.

The Project Final Report is prepared by the Grantee.