Press Invitation

Release of results of “An Effectiveness Study about E-learning Modes among Adults and Students with Visual Impairment” cum Introduction of services of “Jockey Club E-Learning For All (ELFA) Project”

For the students with print disabilities, information technology plays an important role in their learning experience and daily life. In 2017, with a sponsorship from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Hong Kong Blind Union cooperated with the Faculty of Education at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and conducted a two-year longitudinal study about the effectiveness of the use of information technology among adults and students with visual impairment in Hong Kong. A group of visually impaired students and a group of visually impaired adults were recruited in the study.

In addition to release of results of the study, two visually impaired users will share their learning experience on using information technology, particularly screen readers in the press conference. Services of “ELFA Project” will also be introduced in this event. Members of the media are welcome to cover the event. Details are as follows:

Date: August 27, 2019 (Tuesday)
Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Media registration starts at 2:45 pm)
Venue: Rooms 408-410, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU (Map)
Language: Cantonese

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About The Jockey Club E-Learning for All (ELFA) Project
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust supports the “ELFA Project” since 2013. The project aims to bridge the learning gap between students with and without disabilities by providing various kinds of supportive services for print disabled students so that they can make the best use of e-learning in their academic pursuit. Starting from April 2019, ELFA will continue to be supported by the Trust under The Hong Kong Jockey Club Community Project Grant.

About Hong Kong Blind Union
Hong Kong Blind Union was established in 1964. It is the first self-help group organised and managed by people with visual impairment. It aims at promoting the spirit of self-help and mutual-help as well as striving for equality, opportunities and independence for visually impaired persons.

About the Centre for Information Technology in Education (CITE), Faculty of Education, HKU
The Centre for Information Technology in Education (CITE) was established in June 1998 to provide intellectual leadership and support to promote the use of information and communication technology (ICT) for quality education in Hong Kong.

CITE supports several quality academic programmes coordinated by the Division of Information and Technology Studies of the Faculty of Education, HKU. These programmes are offered to teachers, educators and education-related professionals to meet their increasing needs and interests in furthering their studies and to equip them with the necessary academic and professional knowledge about IT in education.

In addition, the Centre provides in-service professional development training to teachers and principals in the use of IT in teaching and learning. Besides, CITE is also committed to provide consultancy services to the community on various aspects of the development of the educational use of IT and to establish close connections with the education, technology and business sectors of the community at large.