

Project Summary

Project No: 0015-05

Project Title: The Mutli-Cultural Mutual Care Community (After school care project)

Name of Organization: Christian Action

Grant Approved: \$350,000.

◆ Project Highlights

Christian Action is going to collaborate with university students, Ethnic Minorities and Local parents to launch after school care project to children in a multi-cultural platform. The volunteers and parents will collaborate to form a Mutual Care After-School Care Service. It is expected to re-create an extended family environment, much needed for these children. The project provides a platform for cultural exchange and knowledge among different groups, such as parenting skills, language, and art and craft skills of different cultures. The self-actualized process increases parents' sense of achievement and competence and extends their personal network. Children joining the project will also be benefited by enriching their social experience. It is also expected that children will show improvement in both behavioral and academic performance.

◆ Brief Description of Programmes to be organized

There are 2 major elements involved in the project: After-school care and employment mentorship scheme.

After-school care: Making use of participants' knowledge and talents, training will be provided by different groups to participants in the network.

After-school tutorials will be launched according to the children's need.

Furthermore, a Social Service Programme and annual 2nd hand sales fair will be held with the joint effort of university students, local and EM parents.

This offers a golden chance for them to contribute their talents to other needy community groups. Business mentorship scheme will be launched to provide employment opportunities and job placement to the

unemployed EM. This opportunity provides EM with better knowledge on labor market and enhances their employability.

◆ Unique Feature of the Project

This project is unique in the sense that it involves multi-ethnic, taking on capacity building and mutual supporting approach, with joint efforts in addressing community needs; during the process, participants will be learning to appreciate and understand more each others; culture and undo any labeling that one may have on other; also it involves cross-sector collaboration with business get involved to provide mentorship and job opportunities which together enhance social and economic participation of participants.

◆ Project Duration

Pilot: May 2005 to April 2006, to be reviewed after 1st year's implementation

◆ Target Groups: University students, Local and Ethnic Minority Parents.

◆ Location of the Project : Yau Tsim Mong District

◆ Expected Outputs and Outcomes

In the first year of commencement, it is expected about 25 parents will become the after school tutors. They will be responsible for organizing second hand sales fair at third quarter of the year.

It is expected 25 volunteers tutors will be recruited from universities and colleges. They delivery after school care with the parent tutors.

70 deprived persons in community will be served by joint effort of parent tutors and volunteer tutors.

12 mentors from business sector will join the mentorship program and

offer 30 job placements. There will be 12 success job placement offered by the mentors to the parents in the project.

Expected changes to be achieved will include:

- Parent tutors – self-confidence enhanced and become more knowledgeable in parenting skills, some may be able to return to the job market;
- Students – academically improved; extended social network; resulted in some positive behavioural changes;
- Collaboration: extended partnership with schools, business and community groups; increasing joint-efforts to responding to community needs