

## Quality Education Fund Thematic Networks – Tertiary Institutes (2023/24)

### Project Title:

### Gearing Up Schools and Parents – Supporting Non-Chinese Speaking Kindergarten Students in Learning Chinese

#### 1. Objectives

The project aims to provide school-based support services to kindergartens in enhancing the effectiveness of learning Chinese of non-Chinese speaking (NCS) children

#### 2. Foci of Support

- To support kindergartens in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the school-based curriculum and learning–teaching–assessment strategies with reference to the *Kindergarten Education Curriculum Guide* (2017)
- To enhance teachers’ professional capacity in teaching Chinese to children with multicultural backgrounds by organising professional development activities
- To facilitate professional exchange across kindergartens on themes relating to NCS children’s learning of Chinese through setting up a teacher learning community
- To promote exchanges among parents, assist them in understanding the difficulties of their children in learning Chinese and explore strategies to help their children by establishing a parent learning community

#### 3. Modes of Support

- To provide at least 8 intensive on-site support services to develop and optimise participating kindergartens’ school curriculum through collaborative lesson planning meetings, lesson observations, and post-lesson discussions with teachers, according to the needs of the kindergartens
- To organise professional development activities, such as teacher workshops and cross-school exchange sessions, for teachers
- To establish a teacher learning community to promote professional exchange among teachers
- To establish a parent learning community to promote exchange among parents and their understanding of the difficulties of their children in learning Chinese
- To conduct territory-wide seminars for teachers to share and exchange practices generated from the project

#### 4. Points to note

- The duration of the support services normally lasts for one year
- Participating kindergartens form a core project team of at least 2 teachers and appoint a coordinator (e.g. a member from the kindergarten management team, senior teacher or teacher-in-charge to liaise with the support team and the related Curriculum Development Officer to coordinate project-related matters
- Participating kindergartens arrange regular timeslots for teachers concerned to attend meetings and participate in various professional

development activities, e.g. collaborative lesson planning, peer lesson observations, and post-lesson discussions

- Participating kindergartens nominate teachers of the core project team to attend professional development activities, to encourage them to implement the strategies in lessons and to encourage other teachers to attend the courses and try out the practices learnt
- Teachers of the core project team and/or curriculum leaders participate in the teacher learning community
- Teachers of the core project team assist in data collection to facilitate the analysis of children's learning effectiveness (e.g. children's assignments, assessment materials, videos of lessons and questionnaires)
- Teachers of the core project team attend professional exchange activities, such as sharing sessions or workshops, and to share school-based experiences
- Participating kindergartens encourage parents to participate in the parent learning community
- Participating kindergartens attend two Executive Committee (EC) meetings and an annual dissemination seminar to share the good practices generated and effective ways to cope with challenges encountered
- Participating teachers share with other teachers their experiences in school curriculum development and the materials and resources they develop, e.g. work plans, learning and teaching materials, research reports and children work. (The copyright of these materials will be owned by the Quality Education Fund.)
- Participating kindergartens should comply with relevant laws, such as compliance with the Copyright Ordinance in developing school-based learning and teaching materials
- (For QTN–T) Please visit the QEF website (<https://qcr.qef.org.hk/en/fund/activity.php?cate=7>) for details
- To step up the support for kindergartens admitting NCS children, kindergartens may **additionally apply for “recommended services” item** including support services on Chinese for kindergartens admitting NCS children

##### **5. Support Service Coordinator**

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