

CBS, Third-time Recipient of the prestigious One Asia Foundation Grant

The Department of the Chinese & Bilingual Studies (CBS) in the Faculty of Humanities of PolyU is the third time recipient of the prestigious One Asia Foundation Grant. The grant goes towards the course “East Asia: Towards a Global Community with Cultural Diversity” (CBS1B03) which has been offered in PolyU for three years since 2012 and will be offered in September 2015. The One



Asia Foundation (OAF) financially supports universities around the world that offer courses that stimulate the values of a rich, peaceful and secure Asian community. PolyU is not only a third time recipient of this prestigious grant but also was the first in Hong Kong to be the beneficiary. The total value of the grant over the three years is close to one million Hong Kong dollars.

Same as the previous two years funded by OAF, the course “East Asia: Towards a Global Community with Cultural Diversity” (CBS1B03) will serve as an elective for Cluster Area Requirements (CAR), Minor in Korean and Minor in Japanese programmes. The course aims to enrich students’ understanding of East Asian culture and society by helping students to integrate China, Korea and Japan into one community while highlighting their individual cultural diversity. The course takes a thematic approach by discussing one specific topic each week by inviting experts in the field.



With the previous OAF grant in 2012 and 2013, the CBS1B03 course had a record of 19 local and overseas guest speakers from the USA, Australia, Korea and Japan to give lectures relating to society, history, language, education, religion, politics, and traditional and popular culture of China, Korea and Japan, and to offer five large-scale cultural activities. Students were provided a full learning experience, and the feedback on

the course was highly positive.

On top of the grants, seventeen students had been awarded an OAF scholarship of approximately HKD100,000 in total for outstanding performance in the course work thus far. The scholarship helps attract PolyU students to study in this very important area and will produce graduates with strong understanding of East Asia.

