

HONG KONG-EUROPEAN UNION SCHOOL E-LEARNING PROJECT “GREEN LIVING AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY”

1. AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

- Connect school classes in Hong Kong & the European Union (EU), and introduce initiatives to students on green living and sustainability on government and citizen levels
- Encourage students to collaborate with each other on environmental actions and evaluate their own communities in terms of sustainability
- Promote importance of sustainable living practices with themes on Plastics & Recycling, Fashion & Toxic Issues, City and Food
- Broaden participants’ global vision by encouraging students to look at different practices in HK and Europe
- Enhance people-to-people exchange between HK and European countries
- Establish long-term partnerships between HK and European schools
- Increase awareness of HK as an international city to European students

- **TIMESCALE:** 9th March 2015 – 31st May 2015

- **TARGET STUDENTS:** Age 14-18

- **KEY LEARNING SUBJECTS:** Liberal Studies, Geography, Biology, Humanities

2. COVERAGE:

- 21 schools (9 in HK and 12 in EU), total participants around 220
- 8 cities across 4 EU countries:

➤ **Germany:** Berlin, Hamburg, Koblenz, Oldenburg

➤ **Netherlands:** The Hague, Enschede

➤ **Belgium:** Brugge

➤ **Spain:** Barcelona

3. FEATURES:

- A pilot telecollaborative e-learning project, first of its kind between secondary schools in EU and HK
- Runs on an online learning platform “BlackBoard”, where the EUAP provides a variety of audio-visual, reading resources and learning materials in English

4. OUTCOME:

- Learning process in three stages: 1) Knowledge Gathering, 2) Research Tasks, 3) Collaborative group community project. Students will present their green living community project in the form of a blog and a multimedia presentation. All outcomes will be displayed online and in an exhibition
- A professional panel of judges will be invited to select the most successful project in terms of idea and implementation (“Best Sustainable Community Project”), and the European project winners will be invited to HK to visit green facilities and their partner school
- There will also be other prizes for both sides, including “Best Group Community Project”, “Best Research Team”, “Best school”, “Best Portfolios”, “Highly Commended Students” and “Commended Students”
- A prize-giving ceremony will be held in mid-July at the HK Baptist University

5. ORGANISERS:

- Organised by the European Union Academic Programme Hong Kong (EUAP) & the European Studies Programme of Hong Kong Baptist University
- Co-organised by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices Brussels, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices Berlin, and supported by the Institute of English Studies, Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany