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Season's greetings! December is the time we celebrate our anniversary, review our service-learning endeavours and look forward.

From Jan to Apr 2019, a few flagship projects were in shape, including a two-night concert organised by students of a Chinese lyrics class to celebrate unsung heroes with music and creative writing, and students of the Model European Union course serving as mentors to ethnic minority secondary school students in a stimulated international conference. How could we not remember this remark: "My bro is handsome, but on top of his look, I want to be like him: to enter university." These heartfelt responses warmed and melted our hearts. A group of AVA students collaborated with Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) in summer and took the shopfront of a recycled shop as their classroom. They studied the unwanted vintage waste and turned them into art creations. Instructors from ZHdK described this as the best exchange programme they have ever had in Hong Kong.

We unfolded the new academic year in Sept 2019 with 17 courses under the theme "We Are Everywhere". Despite the current social situation, students managed to complete a few remarkable projects. One of the highlights is a Film Academy course where students interviewed "kaifongs" and invited them to a free screening. "Having lived and worked in Yau Ma Tei for years, I've never even walked into the cinema. Thanks to HKBU students, I finally made it!"--proclaimed a food stall owner participant of the project. Another group of global marketing students worked in different Asian languages to promote Hong Kong culture to places like Thailand and Korea via a HK-styled unique keychain. They showed the world that HKBU--as well as Hong Kong--is a caring and loving place with lots of hidden gems to be (re)discovered.

We'd love to thank everyone--students, instructors, community partners, members of Committee on Innovative Service-Learning, the senior management, and donors--to make everything happen and reward us with an exceptionally productive year. In less than a month's time, we shall roll out another 23 courses with service-learning components and launch TriAngle which is our new co-working space located on 3/F Li Promenade. Our humble wish persists in 2020: extending caring and innovation from HKBU to the world.

We wish you a Merry X'mas and Happy New Year.

Best regards, Colleagues from Centre for Innovative Service-Learning



