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Multiculturalism in Action Project

Intercultural Ambassador Program 2018-19

Intercultural Neighborhood Program – Art and Film

The Art and Film Group was formed by students and staff from IVE (Sha Tin) and CUHK. This ethnically diverse group includes local Chinese, mainland Chinese, Indian, Taiwanese, and Zimbabwean members. They organized three activities to promote the awareness of interculturalism and cultural diversity in Sha Tin.

This group hosted a booth at Xuesi Hall, New Asia College, CUHK, during the Xuesi Masterchef Vegan Version on 31 January 2019. The Intercultural Ambassadors introduced Zimbabwean *nhopi*, *pakor*as from South Asian region, and Chinese dumplings. Participants were invited to taste the food as well as to wrap dumplings with home-made fillings. The MIA intercultural cookbooks was distributed to hostel students for free. This activity allowed the participants to not only taste the food, but also to develop critical thinking on interculturalism through interacting with the Intercultural Ambassadors. Participants gained a deeper understanding on the cultural significance of food.

Another activity was an Intercultural Dance activity co-organized with the Department of Childcare, Elderly, and Community Services, IVE (Sha Tin), on 19 February 2019. The focus of this event was to promote the importance of interculturalism via hands-on experiences. Our Indian Intercultural Ambassador gave a brief introduction “Diversity in Harmony: India”, accompanied with short clips, to enhance students’ knowledge on India. Ms. Jackie Law performed *kuchipudi* dance and conducted a hands-on session on basic dance steps. The activity was full of fun and humor. It was a truly joyful occasion for students to get a taste of Indian culture.



Teachers and students learning Indian dance steps with Ms. Jackie Law

Last but not least, this group participated in the UNESCO 7th Peacemakers' Celebration on 23 February 2019. They organized a booth introducing the art of ethnic costumes to the general public. People of various age groups visited the booth and got an instant photo as souvenir. There were fruitful interactions with the visitors, as reported by the Intercultural Ambassadors.