The University of Hong Kong CEDARS Buddy Scheme for Newly Students with a Disability

Role of Buddy

- To assist the newly admitted students with a disability to adjust to the university life.
- Most of all, be their companion and accompany them in their ups and downs in the university life.
- All buddies are required to commit themselves for the first semester (minimum requirement). Buddies are required to maintain regular contacts with their peer students.

Role of Volunteer

Volunteers - for those who are not able to commit for one semester, they may choose to serve as volunteer. They can render volunteering services to students with a disability upon request.

Areas in which you can help

- Help them in the registration process (including helping /guiding students with visual impairments to complete the registration)
- Orienteering for students with visual impairments
- Familiarsing them with facilities and services on the campus
- Assist them in service application such as note taking service with class teachers, checking accessible routes on the campus, liaising with the faculty office, library and hall office etc,
- Attend class and take notes for them
- Search books and borrow books from the Library
- To scan books in bulk volume
- Apply for ebook service

Requirements

- Compassionate to the needs of others
- Committed and dependable
- Prior experiences of serving persons with disability are preferred

Training

CEDARS will offer training session in August. Evaluation session will be conducted in midterm and end of the term.

Application procedure

If you are interested, please return the completed <u>application form</u> to CEDARS at <u>cedars</u><u>accessibility@hku.hk</u> on or before Monday, July 25, 2011. Shortlisted candidates for the buddy scheme will be invited to attend an interview.

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