**Lifelong Learning Access Policy**

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**Overview**

The UNESCO has put great emphasis on embracing a culture of lifelong learning globally. In the report published by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in 2020, Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) concurs the view that:

> *"Lifelong learning fosters people's capacity to deal with change and to build the future they want. Lifelong learning also improves employability and entrepreneurship through skills development and creativity, enhances public health and well-being, and builds more cohesive and resilient communities."*

LIFE is committed to providing high quality continuing education and professional training to individuals as to enhance their skills and knowledge for professional careers and unleash their potential for realising the goals. We are offering a wide spectrum of lifelong learning activities to learners of all ages regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability or gender.

**Courses/Programmes**

The learning opportunities allow for planned or spontaneous, individual or collective learning. Aligning with vision and mission of Lingnan University, LIFE has strived its excellence to offer learning programmes to the community including language enhancement, industry skills upgrade for professional development and recognition. Some of the key programmes are listed as follows:

a. The LingnanU Elder Academy, which provides opportunities for the elderly to learn and interact with the younger generation through the sit-in of bachelor's degree programme and other learning activities.

b. Collaboration with industry partners to offer practical and professional training in health, insurance, languages, mediation and facilities management, to enhance knowledge and skills for societal development and career advancement.

We also support the Continuing Education Fund (CEF) which was first launched by the government in 2002 with a view to encouraging local workers to pursue further

education by providing adults keen on further education with subsidies for continuing education and training. Therefore, most of our programmes with Qualifications Framework Level offered are CEF reimbursable courses.

**Quality Assurance**

LIFE has established a robust quality assurance mechanism to ensure that the programme quality is well in place. Each new course/programme is initiated and considered by the Programme Team, endorsed and approved by relevant quality assurance committees. This is particularly important for continuous education in vocational training as to ensure the professionalism and competitiveness of manpower with quality assurance.