

城大職員推廣法國文化獲 法國政府嘉獎 CityU staff member receives French national awards



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香港城市大學（城大）教育發展處高級教育發展主任桑戴維先生，獲法國政府教育部頒發「法國一級教育榮譽騎士勳章」，並在法國國會及外交部合辦的一項比賽中獲選為全球六名「最優秀海外法國人」之一。

桑戴維致力推廣法國語言與文化，貢獻卓越，因此獲得法國政府嘉獎。「能夠獲得這兩個獎項，我深感榮幸。這是對我多年來推廣法國文化的一種認同，」桑戴維說。這些獎項同時印證，城大教職員具有世界級質素。

桑戴維於1993年抵港，並在2000年入職城大。他最初於城大專上學院語文學部教授法文，後加入城大教育發展處負責教員培訓工作。桑戴維現正籌辦工作坊，與教職員及學生分享成功經驗。

多年來，桑戴維致力研究利用不同的教學方法，改善學生溝通技巧和語文水平。他更經常參與製作不同的電視與電台節目，藉以推廣法國語言及文化。

「我十分喜歡在城大、尤其是在教育發展處工作。校內同事均能接受新的觀念，同時鼓勵我們開展不同教育發展工作。他們的鼓勵激發我的創意和促動我構思新的計劃，」桑戴維說。

桑戴維對教育的貢獻有目共睹，2004年曾獲得城大頒發傑出教學獎，2005年在美國獲頒創新教學、學習與科技獎。

「法國一級教育獎」於1808年由拿破崙設立，以表彰對教學充滿熱忱及富有成就人士。獎項於1955年獲法國政府升格為勳銜，頒發給全球致力推廣法國語言、文化及教育活動的法國公民及其他人士。

首次「最優秀海外法國人」比賽旨在表彰對法國文化或經濟發展作出貢獻的法國人，評審委員會從全球350名法國參賽者中選出六位得獎者。

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Mr David Santandreu Calonge, Senior Education Development Officer of the Education Development Office of City University of Hong Kong (CityU), has been appointed as a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques ("Knight in the Order of Academic Palms") by the French Minister of National Education. He is also one of only six French nationals to be awarded the "Trophées Sénat de la présence française à l'étranger" (International Trophies of the French Abroad), a competition jointly organised by the French Parliament (Senate) and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

David received the prestigious awards in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the spread of French language and culture around the world. "I am truly honoured and pleased to receive these two awards. This is recognition of my efforts during all these years in promoting the culture of France," David said. The award further reflected the world-class standard of the University's staff.

David arrived in Hong Kong in 1993 and joined CityU in 2000. He first worked for Community College of City University and taught French in the Division of Language Studies. He then became a member of the Education Development Office and contributed mainly towards staff development. David is now organising a workshop to share his pattern of success with students and staff. He hopes both students and staff may benefit from his experience.

Over the years, David has worked hard on developing different teaching methods to improve students'

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communication and language skills. He has also been featured in television and radio programmes promoting the language and culture of France.

"I enjoy working at CityU, especially in the Education Development Office. All the staff welcomes new ideas and encourage us to work on different projects. The staff's encouragement inspires my creativity and motivates me to develop new projects," David said.

His dedication to education is further highlighted by his winning CityU's Teaching Excellence Award in 2004 and the Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology in the US in 2005.

Established in 1808, the Palmes Académiques (Academic Palms) was created by Napoleon Bonaparte as a reward for devotion and accomplishment in the realm of teaching. It was raised to the status of an order in 1955 and is awarded worldwide to both French citizens and foreigners. The order rewards teachers and non-teachers who devote their lives to promoting French language, culture, extracurricular and educational activities.

The panel of the first edition of "Trophées Sénat de la présence française à l'étranger" has selected six winners from 350 candidates around the world. It aims to distinguish six outstanding French individuals who contributed to the cultural or economic development of France.