

My name is Alex Tsang, and I am the project coordinator for this School-based Support Scheme. My experience in this scheme was truly like a roller-coaster ride. The most difficult part was at the beginning which I had no clue from where to start, and I was afraid of not able to meet all the deadlines. In general, my tasks are twofold: 1) to facilitate the English student teachers to different schools to provide English services, 2) and to organize two English reading workshops.

I was overwhelmed by the difficulties in allocating the students to various schools due to their individual busy schedules. To provide the students a better understanding about their roles, we organized a training session conveying our expectations as well as enhancing their teaching knowledge. In this project, I experienced growth in coordination skills. However, I could have provided more support and encouragement to the student teachers because providing services in a new environment can be stressful. Moreover, if I could communicate with the student teachers in a more personal level, I could have minimized some of the confusion; in return, they would be better quality in the service.

There were also times when I was confused by my own role as a project coordinator. These following questions constantly occurred to me: Whether I should please the needs of the student teachers or the teachers and principals of the schools; and what are my actual roles and responsibilities in the project? In the end, I realized that I did not need to satisfy anybody. My main role is to organize the student teachers to the schools in order to provide the best quality of service for the new immigrant and cross-border students in learning English. However, I regretted for taking too long before understanding my role as a project coordinator.

I am glad that the Parent-child English Reading Workshop was a great success, and this is totally due to the hard work of all the colleagues. I admit that there are a lot of details I have failed to consider about the workshop, but other colleagues and members of our collaborative organizations have helped me tremendously in the success of the workshops. I have gained important experience from being a project coordinator, and this will definitely enable me to be more capable in handling future challenges

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