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Dear Ms Cheng,

Vocational Training Council (Amendment) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 15 December on the captioned subject.

The policy intention behind the CSA of section 6(4) is to set out clearly that no "subsidy" from public sources is provided to subsidize non-Hong Kong persons when the Vocational Training Council (VTC) carries out extra-territorial activities. The spirit is that any funds and property of the VTC originated from public sources cannot be used for providing any form of subsidy for non-Hong Kong persons.

As long as no "subsidy" from public sources is involved, the VTC may, however, make use of any of its funds and properties for carrying out extra-territorial activities which may involve non-Hong Kong persons. In other words, the VTC may use all funds and properties of the VTC covered by section 12 of the VTC Ordinance (VTCO) in carrying out extra-territorial activities on the condition that if public resources are involved, full costs are charged (i.e. no subsidy) to non-Hong Kong persons in enrolling in such activities.

Yours sincerely,

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