

Bills Committee on
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill
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Dear Mr Lam,

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Thank you for your letter dated 1 March 2006.

The Vocational Training Council, as the main vocational education and training organisation in Hong Kong, will like to pledge its full support of the development of the Qualifications Framework (QF) which will promote and facilitate lifelong learning and further enhance the quality of the workforce in Hong Kong. We understand that the Bill will empower the Hong Kong Council of Academic Accreditation (HKCAA) as the agency responsible for the implementation of the quality assurance mechanism under the QF through the administration of the Qualifications Register. We are of the view that quality assurance and consistency in standards will be the key to the future success of the QF, and we agree that by expanding its ambit, the HKCAA will be well placed to assume this important role. However, the HKCAA should appreciate that its approach for tertiary academic institutions may not fit all and will need to be suitably adapted for the vocational and other sectors. As Hong Kong is breaking new grounds in this area, we urge the Government and the HKCAA, in drawing up the detailed implementation plan, to work closely with the industries and also the service providers to ensure that the system and process to be applied are practicable and affordable.

Yours sincerely,

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