

**The Administration was requested to provide information, where practicable, on how the competency level of skilled labour of various trades/industries in Hong Kong compare with that of other jurisdictions such as Singapore.**

The Administration does not have any systematic or comprehensive information on the comparison on the competency level of Hong Kong's skilled labour of various trades/industries with that of other jurisdictions.

In February 2004, the Executive Council approved the establishment of a Qualifications Framework (QF), which aims to provide a platform to facilitate lifelong learning. QF encompasses qualifications in the academic, vocational and continuing education sectors. In respect of the vocational sector, the Education and Manpower Bureau has been assisting individual industries to develop Specifications of Competency Standards (SCSs) which set out the competency standards required of the industries at various levels under the QF. Reference has been made to the relevant competency standards adopted overseas during the formulation of the SCSs. The competency standards developed by individual industries under the QF are used to design education and training programmes that suit the needs of the industries and to help workers upgrade their skills and knowledge.