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Clerk to Subcommittee

Legislative Council Secretariat

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Criteria for Approved Assessors Assessing the
Degree of Productivity of a Person with a Disability

On behalf of the Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association Ltd, I would like to express our support to the proposed criteria for approved assessors as *"A registered physiotherapist who, in that capacity, possesses **not less than 3 years' experience** in the provision of vocational rehabilitation or other services in relation to the employment of persons with disabilities during the immediately **preceding 7 years;**"*

Physiotherapists are required to have their professional qualifications registered under the law before they can practise in Hong Kong. The Physiotherapists Board was established under the Supplementary Medical Professions Ordinance, Chapter 359, Laws of Hong Kong, in 1981. With the enactment of the Physiotherapist (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation, Chapter 359 subsidiary legislation J, Laws of Hong Kong, registration of the profession of physiotherapists commenced on 1 April 1997.

A person is eligible for registration under section 12(1)(b) of the SMP Ordinance if he or she -

(a) holds an entry-level degree in physiotherapy awarded by a tertiary institute recognized by the local physiotherapy governing body. The degree must follow a programme equivalent to full-time duration of no



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less than three years for undergraduate or two years for post-graduate courses. The programme curriculum should be recognized by the SMP Council which include at least 800 supervised clinical hours of physiotherapy practice;

(b) holds a current registration status with a physiotherapy governing body and with a current practising right in that jurisdiction; and*

(c) produces a recent letter of good standing from the academic institution or the employer or a professional body.

** The governing body is defined as Government or a professional licensing body.*

Details can be reviewed at the webpage of the Physiotherapists Board Hong Kong at

http://www.smp-council.org.hk/pt/english/index_message.htm

Thus, a physiotherapist has to undergo a structured registration procedure for their eligibility to practice. The practice of physiotherapist is governed by the Physiotherapists Board Hong Kong and guided by their Code of Practice. Physiotherapists with 7 years of experience and 3 years of provision of vocational rehabilitation or other related services would have equipped with adequate clinical exposure for the productivity assessment of a person with disability.

You are most welcomed to contact the undersigned for any further information to be provided if required.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Priscilla POON
