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Dear Miss Yeung,

**Legislative Council Panel on Education  
Follow-up to Special Meeting held on 7 February 2015**

With reference to the concerns raised by Mr YIM Chi-wing and David CHU Wai-chung at the captioned meeting regarding the lack of articulation pathways at the Hong Kong College of Technology ("HKCT") and the recognition of HKCT's qualifications among post-secondary institutions for the purpose of articulation, the Education Bureau has consulted HKCT and the response is set out as follows.

Regarding the concern on the lack of articulation pathways for students who had completed the Diploma programmes at Qualifications Framework ("QF") Level 3 offered by HKCT (such as the Diploma for Tertiary Studies (Psychological Studies) programme) due to the institution's decision not to offer certain Higher Diploma programmes (such as the Higher Diploma in Applied Psychology programme) in the 2014/15 academic year,

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HKCT explained that they offer a wide range of locally-accredited programmes at Diploma (QF Level 3) and Higher Diploma (QF Level 4) levels. There are clear articulation pathways towards Higher Diploma programmes for students graduated from Diploma programmes at HKCT.

According to HKCT, it is the policy of the institution that the final decision of offering certain Higher Diploma programmes is subject to the number of student enrolment. For those programmes which cannot be offered due to insufficient enrolment, the institution will strive to provide alternative study pathways to applicants. In the present case, the Higher Diploma in Applied Psychology programme was not offered in the 2014/15 academic year due to its low enrolment. Nevertheless, the only graduate of HKCT's Diploma for Tertiary Studies (Psychological Studies) in 2014 who applied for internal articulation to the Higher Diploma in Applied Psychology programme as the first choice had been offered alternative articulation pathway and is now studying Higher Diploma in Public and Social Services with HKCT.

As for the issue on recognition of qualifications by other post-secondary institutions in respect of Diploma programmes at QF Level 3 offered by HKCT, HKCT responded that their Diploma programmes at QF Level 3 are accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications and registered under the Qualifications Register. According to the graduate surveys conducted by HKCT, their Diploma qualifications at QF Level 3 are widely accepted by different post-secondary institutions in Hong Kong for articulation purpose.

Yours sincerely,



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