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Bills Committee on Accreditation of
Academic and Vocational Qualification Bill
Legislative Council Secretariat
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Central, Hong Kong

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[By Fax and E-mail]

Dear Sir / Madam,

Public Consultation on Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill

I would like to submit for your consideration the CPD Alliance's response to the Legislative Council of HKSAR Bills Committee on Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill.

1. We support the basic principle of building a life-long learning society, and welcome efforts in the clarification of training programs and qualifications in order to facilitate the individuals in mapping their own progression pathways.
2. We appreciate the opportunity of being consulted and would be happy to continue to be engaged in the scrutinizing process. As the Bill covers a rather comprehensive range of issues related to continuing professional development, we would like to emphasize the importance of further consultation with the major stakeholders and professional bodies. We trust that adequate time must be provided for consideration and feedback.
3. We would expect to see, apart from the accreditation authority and the self-accrediting operator, a more important role should be given to professional bodies in Hong Kong in setting and implementing the standards and mechanism for their specific professional training development as well as in assessing individuals according to their skills, knowledge or experience, especially their senior and fellow professionals.



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4. Most of the professional bodies in Hong Kong have established their competency models as well as professional recognized standards and mechanisms. Therefore it is very important for the government, before taking any further steps to establish the means of setting and implementing the qualification framework and competency assessment, to consult more thoroughly and to explain greater details on the establishment of well-recognized accreditation bodies in setting the benchmark criteria for developing, measuring and assessing the recognized standards.

We trust that these views will assist in your bill deliberations, and we would be interested in putting forth views in any future consultation on this important issue. Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely

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