

Comments on the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill

Regarding the Qualifications Framework (QF) for Hong Kong, I (Mrs. Agnes MAK, J.P.) am in total support of and agreed with its implementation. I have been serving the Information and Communication Technology Industry for over 20 years and as a senior professional, I believe that QF will contribute to the society in three aspects.

1. QF has credibility

The implementation of QF will enhance the development of manpower and improve its quality in Hong Kong. It stimulates continuing manpower training, thereby raising the competitiveness and standards of the serving practitioners. As the Specifications for Competency Standards (SCS) under the QF is expected to be formulated by professionals in the Industry, I am confident that the SCS shall be able to meet the needs of the Industry with high level of credibility.

2. QF has quality assurance on training courses

With the multitude of training providers and courses available in the market, the quality of these training cannot be guaranteed. On the other hand, the quality assurance mechanism under QF can help to ensure the quality of the relevant courses. For this reason, I agree that HKCAA, as an independent authority, should be responsible for the quality assurance work. Furthermore, the courses recognized under QF will be uploaded to the Qualifications Register (QR) web page for serving practitioners to review and select. Making use of this venue, the students can avoid enrolling in sub-standard courses.

3. QF encourages lifelong learning

Lastly, QF can encourage lifelong learning for practitioners and provide them with a clear path of progression. They can plot their own road map for further study and develop their career accordingly.

In summary, the formulation, execution and governance of the QF must be quality assured to facilitate its promotion and to strengthen its credibility.

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