

28th November 2018

The Panel on Health Services  
The Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex,  
1 Legislative Council Road,  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Sirs/Madams,

**Re. Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions**

I am writing to strongly support the Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Clinical Psychologists, which provides assurance to patients, their families, and the general public that high quality of mental healthcare services is a priority and can be properly governed in Hong Kong. While it is certainly true that there is a shortage of professionals to care for those with emotional issues and suffering from mental health disorders, the government should not compromise quality of the services, which certainly is no less important than any other health care.

Like any other professionals, psychologists should be properly trained, reviewed and qualified to serve the general public. I cannot agree more to the proposal set out by Hong Kong Psychological Society – Division of Clinical Psychology, a long established professional association in Hong Kong, that practitioners should fulfill certain standard requirements before they can be qualified and accredited. I would also strongly recommend continuing professional development for all registered members. This is to ensure practitioners and members enhance their skills and abilities once they have formally qualified, and that they will continued to be well trained and equipped in this fast changing and complex society.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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