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Panel of Health Services,  
The Legislative Council of the  
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
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Re: Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions

Members of the Panel of Health Services,

On behalf of Hong Kong Clinical Psychologists Association (HKCPA), I am taking the opportunity to express our support to the Proposal of the Accredited Register (AR) Scheme for Clinical Psychologists (CP) proposed by Division of Clinical Psychology (DCP), Hong Kong Psychological Society<sup>1</sup>. HKCPA, being the only trade union of practicing clinical psychologists in Hong Kong since its establishment in 1991 (and its predecessor “Association of Government Clinical Psychologists”, established in 1980), is glad to see this genuinely inclusive plan, with multiple pathways that allows practicing clinical psychologists to fulfill the requirements while protecting public interest at the same time, come into fruition.

In particular, I would like to emphasize several important areas highlighted in the proposal submitted by DCP below.

**Onsite Supervision by Clinical Psychologists as Training Standard**

It is essential that clinical psychologist trainees have exposure to various clinical contexts during their placement, such as clinical settings treating adult and children psychiatric conditions, which represent a wide enough scope of work

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1. Proposal of the Accredited Register (AR) Scheme for Clinical Psychologists (CP). Retrieved at [https://hkps-dcp.org.hk/images/downloads/ARSCPC/AR\\_consultation-Phase\\_2-Open-Forum-presentation-25.5.18.pdf](https://hkps-dcp.org.hk/images/downloads/ARSCPC/AR_consultation-Phase_2-Open-Forum-presentation-25.5.18.pdf)



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of clinical psychologists in Hong Kong. In addition, it is of utmost importance that these trainees are being supervised by clinical psychologists who are employed to work in these settings. This is not only for the appropriate training for trainees but also for the accountability and protection of patients' interest, to ensure the quality and continuation of clinical service that they receive.

### **Manpower and set-up for transitional arrangement**

In the proposal, we are also impressed by the multiple pathways that DCP delineates to ensure that practicing clinical psychologists have enough options to achieve a professional standard appropriate for registration. We are also aware of the remedial training, including clinical placement and supervised practice provided to those who need further support during the process. HKCPA, as the trade union in the industry, is committed to encourage our members and their employing agencies to provide placement opportunities to potential candidates during the transitional period.

### **Future collaboration with Hong Kong Institute of Clinical Psychologists**

According to the proposal, Hong Kong Institute of Clinical Psychologists (HKICP) will be set up as the accredited professional body for clinical psychologists in Hong Kong, with its main role of maintaining the CP register and setting professional and training standards. On the other hand, HKCPA has established its professional network and standing within the health, medical, and governmental sectors in Hong Kong over the years. HKCPA currently has professional relationships with the following organizations:

- I. Member, Allied Health Professions Staff Group Consultative Committee, Hospital Authority;
- II. Associate Member Society, Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong;
- III. Member Society, Joint Conference of Hong Kong Health Care Professional Organizations;
- IV. Alliance Association, Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Association;
- V. Affiliate Member, Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union; and



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VI. Alliance Association, Hong Kong Senior Government Officers Association.

HKCPA looks very much forward to work closely with HKICP to further enhance public awareness and knowledge of psychological well-being and to promote the profession of CP to the public.

Yours sincerely,

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