

Submission from Dr Germaine FUNG

I write to support the Accredited Register (AR) scheme for Clinical Psychologists as proposed by HKPS-Division of Clinical Psychology.

Firstly, I see the paramount importance of having enough hours of on-site supervision because this is how the quality of work by trainees is assessed. As for the measurement of duration, i.e. "good-enough hours", I would agree to the standard as set by the UK/US.

Secondly, a significant aspect that marks one of the biggest differences between local training and other self-funded "CP training", would be areas of population covered in clinical placements. Training would be deemed insufficient if trainees are only allowed exposure in one or two areas, suggesting that their clinical experience may be very limited.

Lastly, I am excited to see the establishment of proper supervision system, e.g. laying out the foundations and qualifications for Accredited Clinical Supervisor, would certainly benefit the field and improve the quality of CP service in Hong Kong in the long run.

I believe the AR scheme as updated on the HKPS-DCP website is comprehensive and well-thought out. It encapsulated the core values and integrity of Clinical Psychologists while embracing inclusion (without sacrificing work of high ethical standards). After all, protecting the public interest is one of the main goals in the entire scheme.

Thanks for your attention.