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Dear Sirs,

I have a few comments:

1. Since both DCP and HKADCP both applied to be the accredited profession body, it should only fair and logical that AA should form an panel consists of members from the two applicants plus international expert and reputable persons in HK.
2. As DCP was selected by AA to announce their proposal on the AR of psychologists, it is not surprise to note that the proposals are very much inclined to the members of DCP and set up a lot of barriers for non DCP members to get AR status.
3. There are a lot of psychologists not obtaining their psychologists status or educated in HKU or CU, they are educated, qualified and trained overseas and also carry their practice in private sectors, these according to the proposed AR will not be able to get AR and need to be retrained.
4. There is no reason to limit to recognize U.S. programs to only those accredited by the APA but excludes programs accredited by ASPPB/NR.
5. Hong Kong is an international and dynamic city, HKHA in 2011 estimated that 70,000 to 200,000 Hong Kongers would suffer from severe mental illness and the ratio of clinical psychologist to resident is 1:18,000 whereas in UK is 1:5000 and U.S. 1:3,000. Hong Kong needs more clinical psychologists badly. It is not the Government wish to see the proposed AR driving those already practicing in HK away.

Yours sincerely,

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DCP - Hong Kong Psychological Society - Division of Clinical Psychology
HKADCP - Hong Kong Association of Doctors in Clinical Psychology
AA - Accreditation Agent
APA - American Psychological Association
ASPPB - Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board
NR - National Register