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To whom it may Concern,

We are a group of clinical psychologists working in the Correctional Services Department (CSD). We understand that the HKPS-DCP has put forward a proposal for the Accredited Register (AR) Scheme for CPs. We strongly believe that this AR Scheme is of paramount importance for the protection of the safety and public interest of the Hong Kong citizens. Against this background, we are writing to support.

We support the AR draft proposal put forth by HKPS-DCP to uphold high level of professional standard in the accreditation criteria because we believe that there should be no concession in the protection of the public. Although we are aware of the shortage of clinical psychologists in Hong Kong, any attempts to increase supply by compromising the accreditation criteria are unacceptable as it would in turn pose significant risk to the service recipients. We support on-site supervision being an indispensable part of clinical training. Speaking from our experience of working with prisoners, a population which often presents with complex problems related to physical and sexual violence, drug abuse, anti-social behaviours, and even self-harm behaviours, we trust that an on-site supervisor who is a qualified clinical psychologist is crucial to ensure the quality of the training as well as the welfare of our clients. We believe that the current draft proposal has already struck a good balance between upholding professional standard and inclusiveness. We urge relevant parties to implement the AR Scheme for clinical psychologists as soon as possible.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards,

A group of clinical psychologists working in the CSD

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