



DIVISION OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Hong Kong Psychological Society

香港心理學會臨床心理學組

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Dear DCP members,

Protection of Clinical Psychology Service Quality in Hong Kong

We write to encourage you to relay this letter and the enclosed employment guideline to the employer of your organization for the above-captioned.

2. In Hong Kong, most clinical psychologists are members of either or both the Hong Kong Psychological Society Division of Clinical Psychology (“DCP”) and the Hong Kong Clinical Psychologists Association (“HKCPA”). The DCP established in 1982, is an association of qualified clinical psychologists formed under the Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS) which is a professional and learned society. The HKCPA, established in 1980, is a registered trade union of qualified clinical psychologists working in the Government, the Hospital Authority, non-government organizations, and in private practice. Together, DCP and HKCPA have close to 400 full members constituting about 90 percent of all qualified clinical psychologists in Hong Kong. HKCPA and DCP share the same membership criteria.

3. As statutory registration of Clinical Psychologists (CP) is not in place, there is no law to define what a CP is or to regulate the practice of clinical psychology. With professional goodwill, DCP and HKCPA have since 30 years ago taken up the responsibility to protect the public and the profession of clinical psychology. **The DCP's membership criteria has been recognized as the benchmark of standard clinical psychology practice in Hong Kong over the past 30 years** with input from (1) the two local training providers (the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong), (2) the practicing CPs in Hospital Authority, Department of Health, Social Welfare Department, and other government departments, and (3) the professional society (i.e., DCP).

4. This benchmark of professional practice has not only been recognized by the two local training providers and our professional community, but also earned the eligibility of being a qualified user for the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children® - Fourth Edition (Hong Kong), which is an important assessment tool for children in Hong Kong. This decision has been independently made by the panel of the WISC IV (HK) (refer to <http://hk.king-may.com.cn/HK/Index.php/Index/register>).

5. To help safeguard the professional development and service quality of clinical psychology in Hong Kong, we would like to solicit your endorsement for employing a qualified CP with reference to our employment guideline in your future recruitment exercise. The guideline is now attached for your reference and downloadable in the following link: <http://www.hkcpa.org.hk/download/HKCPA%20CP%20Employers%27%20Guide%20%2813%20Feb%202014%29.pdf>

6. Should you have any inquiry pertinent to the issue, please feel free to contact us in the following email address: dcp@hkps.org.hk. Thank you for your attention!

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