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Appointment of Deputy Executive Director (VPET)

The Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) announced today (24 July) its appointment of Dr Chiu Sau-mee as the Deputy Executive Director (VPET) with effect from 1 September 2020.

Dr Chiu is a seasoned senior executive with profound experience and knowledge in strategic planning and strategy formulation, talent development and management, vocational and professional education and training (VPET) provisions, teaching and learning pedagogies. In addition, she is well versed with governance and public administration, legal matters, clinical psychology, counselling practice, and social work profession. Dr Chiu is a member in a wide range of professional bodies which cover areas in clinical psychology, counseling, play therapy, social work.

Dr Chiu had held senior management positions in government departments. Concurrently, she had held part-time teaching positions in disciplines such as clinical psychology, counseling, public policy and administration in universities and non-government organisation. In recent years, she has been devoting her personal time to public services relating to mental wellness, psychotherapy, psychodiagnostic assessment, persons with intellectual impairment. Dr Chiu was most recently the Deputy Director of Hong Kong Police College, with main responsibilities in strategic development and in-house training plans. In her previous work portfolios, she steered the training and development policy and action plan for psychological competency training, and possessed substantive exposure in policy coordination, legislative review, compliance of international laws and obligations.

With substantive experience and insight in VPET development and quality assurance, Dr Chiu is well recognised in the local education and training communities and will be a valuable addition to our senior management team. As DED (VPET), Dr Chiu will work closely with the HKCAAVQ Council and the senior management team in developing and implementing the Council's approved strategic objectives, policies and initiatives including in particular those related to VPET sector. Dr Chiu will be providing strategic advice and support to the Executive Director in all Council policies and practices. Dr Chiu will, among a number of responsibilities, be overseeing the accreditation and assessment of institutions and programmes in VPET, the development and management of the Qualifications Register (QR), as well as the exchange and collaborations with Mainland China.

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