In this issue, I am very much delighted to share with you some of the latest developments of HKCAAVQ.

The past few months were busy and fulfilling. In addition to attending international conferences of Going Global and ENIC-NARIC network etc., we also co-organised the Conference on Developing Higher Education for Next Decade with our long-term strategic partner, the Federation for Self-financing Tertiary Education (FSTE). Alongside, we are honored to have received a delegation from Korean Skills Quality Authority (KSQA); and by invitation have spoken on a number of official functions hosted by other governmental organisations and QA agencies. These open up new collaboration opportunities with our peers and strategic partners from other jurisdictions.

With Hong Kong as the base, we look forward to extending our footprints to other regions. Speaking of which, when we work with strategic partners locally for accreditation, we are also mindful of a bigger picture of collaborative approaches in higher education and VPET as well as quality assurance. We are actively seeking opportunities for establishing mutual recognition relationships from credible QA partners in other jurisdictions. We believe these are beneficial not only to operators and, mostly importantly, to learners.

Being an established QA agency, HKCAAVQ’s ultimate aim is to facilitate our operators’ pursuit of quality enhancement and even excellence as they desire. To this end, and coupled with the technological advancement, we envisage a more extensive use of big data analysis in our accreditation and assessment services in the coming years. We hope we would soon be able to share with our stakeholders meaningful findings from these studies and analysis.

In this era, the nature and forms of work are increasingly being disrupted by new mindsets and technologies. New initiatives and ideas are essential in order to respond to all these changes. As we face these new challenges, higher education institutions also need to rethink their positions in response to vision and mission and hence strategic planning, strengths, risks and resources.

Regarding the Council’s business, I am excited to announce that, on 1 October 2019, the new 4-year strategic plan as approved by HKCAAVQ Council came into effect. This plan marks another milestone in the history of HKCAAVQ. Our strategic planning task force is keen to gauge the feedback from key stakeholders and in the process some 80 key stakeholders were invited to comment and make suggestions on the draft plan. Among the responding organisations are local higher education institutions and their continuing education units, VPET operators as well as overseas QA agencies. Their responsiveness and generous feedback gave us much encouragement. I hope that the new strategic plan, which is built on the progress made over the past years, can take HKCAAVQ’s work to another level in the coming years.

As 2020 is fast approaching, we are also delighted to announce that HKCAAVQ will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next year. There will be a number of initiatives and events to be staged and you are advised to stay tuned with the announcements made from time to time, or contact our Engagement team.

We look forward to your support for HKCAAVQ’s work.
HKCAAVQ co-organised FSTE Conference 2019 with the theme of “Developing Higher Education for Next Decade” on 20 June 2019, also in celebration of FSTE 25th anniversary this year.

The Conference marked its opening by the speeches of Professor Peter Yuen, the then Chairman of FSTE, and Mr Albert Chow, Executive Director of HKCAAVQ.

Professor Bjørn Stensaker, Director of the Center for Learning Innovation and Academic Development (LINK), the University of Oslo, also Council Member of HKCAAVQ, was invited to deliver the keynote speech. Themed “Making educational innovation work – preparing for future teaching and learning modes”, Professor Stensaker shared his insights into the various possibilities for the future of higher education and different pitfalls under the transformation of the higher education sector. He also discussed in his keynote pathways preparing the higher education institutions for future teaching and learning modes.

The then Chairman of FSTE, Professor Peter Yuen, then presented on technology advancement of curriculum design and programme delivery and the impacts on higher education.

Following the keynote speech, the Discussion Forum, which carried the theme of “Manpower Needs For Next Decade From Employers’ Perspectives”, was jointly presented by a number of key figures in different industries including Ms Margaret Cheng, Human Resources Director of MTR Corporation Limited, also Council Member of HKCAAVQ.

The event was well attended by over 200 attending guests. View event details here.

HKCAAVQ Executive Director interviewed by Macao Higher Education Magazine

Executive Director Mr Albert Chow was, upon invitation, interviewed by the Macao Higher Education Magazine to share his views and insights into the future developments and trends of higher education provision in Macau and the Greater Bay Area.

In the interview, Mr Chow pointed out that Hong Kong and Macau should collaborate to nurture new talents proactively, work towards complementary developments and win-win collaborations. He highly regarded the Macao Higher Education Bureau’s development and implementation of the new quality assurance framework which would bring the quality of higher education in Macau to a new height. He is confident that the close communications and mutual trust between the Higher Education Bureau and the higher education institutions could help the concerned parties in meeting any short-term challenges in the process.

Amid the backdrop of the Greater Bay Area initiative, Mr Chow envisions that closer ties and collaboration between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau is beneficial to all parties and he looks forward to HKCAAVQ’s making more contributions to the Greater Bay Area initiative. View the interview in Chinese here.
KSQA meets HKCAAVQ and key operators in Hong Kong

A delegation from the Korean Skills Quality Authority (KSQA) visited Hong Kong on 27–28 March 2019, following an initial meeting conducted in Seoul, South Korea in December 2018. Led by Dr Moonsu Lee, President of KSQA, the delegation met with HKCAAVQ Executive Director Mr Albert Chow and his colleagues. Both KSQA and HKCAAVQ exchanged ideas on various aspects regarding accreditation models and approaches, monitoring of quality and continuous improvement of vocational and professional education and training (VPET) in both jurisdictions, as well as the engagement of specialists in accreditation work.

During the 2-day period, the KSQA delegation also visited the Qualifications Framework Secretariat (QFS) and Employees Retraining Board (ERB). In addition, the delegation took the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Hong Kong Police College and MTR Academy to gain thorough understanding of structures and features of the Hong Kong QF, upskilling of local workforce, design and delivery of professional training and related accreditation, as well as formulation and implementation of competencies specification in various industries. View details here.
Forum on QF collaborations in Greater Bay Area

Representatives of HKCAAVQ attended a forum on qualifications framework development in the Greater Bay Area hosted by the Department of Education of Guangdong, on 25–26 June 2019 in Zhuhai.

At the beginning of the Forum, the Department of Education of Guangdong Province and the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) signed the Letter of Intent on Qualifications Framework (QF) Cooperation, to strengthen collaboration on QF between the two places.

During the Forum, topics including the establishment of QF in the Greater Bay Area and underpinning quality assurance framework and competencies of training programmes in various industries were presented and discussed. Executive Director Mr Albert Chow was invited to give a presentation about the HKCAAVQ’s work, accreditation approach and standards, as well as our deep experience of accrediting academic, vocational, and non-local learning programmes and insights into future developments of the sector in and outside Hong Kong. General Manager of the Qualifications Framework Secretariat, Mr Steve Lai, also introduced the experience with the establishment of Hong Kong Qualifications Framework and its developments over the years at the forum. View details here.

HKCAAVQ pays courtesy visit to QA agencies and education institution in Beijing

Led by Executive Director Mr Albert Chow, HKCAAVQ’s delegation conducted a 3-day duty visit to Beijing during 6–8 March 2019, to meet with education and training organisations, quality assurance agencies and relevant government departments, to exchange ideas and share experience in terms of quality assurance in the higher education sector, non-local courses and qualifications assessment.

During the visit, the HKCAAVQ delegation met with representatives of the China Academic Degrees and Graduate Education Development Center (CDGDC), the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE), to touch base on possible collaborations in areas of mutual interest. The HKCAAVQ delegation also visited the regulatory body of Chinese-foreign cooperation in running schools, and Sino-French Engineer School, Beihang University, to understand more about development opportunities and possible challenges regarding collaboration of courses/programmes between Mainland China and other places. View details here.
HKCAAVQ speaks at Chartered Management Institute Roundtable

Executive Director Mr Albert Chow was invited as one of the guest speakers at the Roundtable for Companions and seasoned Fellows of the Chartered Management Institute Hong Kong (CMI) by the CMI. Kicked off by Dr. John Cho-chak Chan, GBS CBE LVO JP CCMi, Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of Transport International Holdings Limited, the Roundtable, which was themed “21st Century Leaders: Building Employability Through Higher Education - An Asia Pacific Perspective”, concluded with positive feedback on 11 April 2019 at Happy Valley Racecourse of Hong Kong.

The Roundtable was attended by leading figures from various business sectors and higher education institutions, who seized the opportunity to exchange views about the employers’ and institutions’ perspectives on employability and the possible way forward. View details here.

ENIC-NARIC network annual meeting in Cologne, Germany

The 26th Annual Joint Meeting of the European Network of Information Centres in the European Region - National Academic Recognition Information Centres in the European Union (ENIC-NARIC) Networks was held in Cologne, Germany, from 16-18 June 2019. The annual meeting is an opportunity for the national ENIC-NARIC agencies from across Europe and beyond to convene and discuss matters related to qualification recognition, to formulate agreements and collaborative arrangements, and to exchange views and good practices.

At the 26th ENIC-NARIC annual meeting, HKCAAVQ representative joined the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework Secretariat (QFS) delegation to present an overview of the work undertaken in accomplishing the outcomes of two separate projects on framework-to-framework comparison, which were completed by the Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI), the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework Secretariat (QFS) and New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). View details here.
In celebration of the UK chartered bodies’ contributions to the professional standards and innovation within their respective industries in the UK and other places such as Hong Kong, the Department for International Trade of the British Consulate-General organised the UK Chartered Mission Reception on 12 April 2019. The event in Hong Kong also marked the first leg of the UK Chartered Mission, which was then followed by the legs in Shenzhen and Beijing.

Executive Director Mr Albert Chow was invited to address the gathering as the Guest of Honour. During his speech, he praised the relentless efforts and many contributions made by the UK chartered bodies over the past decades, which were significant and remarkable to the development of various professions around the world. He also updated attending guests and professionals on HKCAAVQ’s latest development including the launch of online learning programme accreditation, accreditation of assessment agencies for professional qualifications and what potential impacts these kinds of services could bring to chartered bodies in the days to come. View details here.

HKCAAVQ speaks at UK Chartered Mission Reception

Executive Director Mr Albert Chow and the then Deputy Executive Director (Academic) attended the Annual Conference of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA), United Kingdom (UK), which took place in Liverpool, UK on 7-8 May 2019.

The Conference, themed “Successful Partnership”, outlined some of the key challenges faced in the sector and focused on some excellent examples of successful collaborations in action in both local and non-local higher education delivery. At one of the plenary sessions, HKCAAVQ and QAA also shared a case study from the joint exercise of a transnational education (TNE) review in Hong Kong from the perspective of collaborative quality assurance.

QAA Annual Conference
HKCAAVQ Forum on Strategic Planning Framework and Process – Experience Sharing by HSUHK

Professor Simon Ho, President of the Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, was invited to share his insights into strategic planning process of a higher education institution on 2 May 2019 at HKCAAVQ office. During the forum, Professor Ho gave an overview on the approach and framework for the strategic planning process, formulation process and setting of Key Profile Indicators (KPIs) etc. in the context of a self-financing higher education institution. He also summarised the former Hang Seng Management College (HSMC)'s experience of working towards becoming a private university in Hong Kong as part of its strategic planning.

The forum, also the question-and-answer session at the end of Professor Ho's sharing, was well-participated by over 80 representatives from self-financing post-secondary institutions and training institutes, as well as professional staff of HKCAAVQ.

The HSMC is the first self-financing post-secondary education institution to have acquired a university title after the Government’s publication of the Revised Roadmap of Criteria for Acquiring University Title for Post-secondary Colleges registered under Cap. 320 in 2015. The HSMC acquired the university title in October 2018 after an Institutional Review conducted by HKCAAVQ in 2017 and approval by the Chief Executive-in-Council. View details here.

HKCAAVQ Workshop on Academic Governance

HKCAAVQ delivered a workshop on the topic “Academic Governance in Higher Education” at HKCAAVQ office on 2-3 September 2019.

Academic governance is one of the topics receiving increased attention from the education and training sector. In the workshop, Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester, HKCAAVQ Specialist, identified relationships between corporate governance, academic governance and executive management, as well as factors in the effectiveness of academic boards. Over 50 representatives from operators attended the insightful session, which strengthened their understanding on academic governance and relevant issues in the higher education world. View details here.

HKCAAVQ’s Student Internship Programme

In line with the HKCAAVQ Strategic Plan, we have been engaging student representatives from self-financing education institutions accredited by HKCAAVQ in our briefings, focused group meetings and workshops in years 2018/19 and 2019/20.

With a long-term goal to strengthen student engagement in quality assurance work, HKCAAVQ recruited from these student representatives suitable candidates to serve as our student interns in the summers of 2018 and 2019.

At the close of this summer, five of the student representatives have completed their Internship Programme in various business units of HKCAAVQ. Taking these opportunities, student interns were inducted and guided through real-life scenarios and issues facing a quality assurance agency in its provision of quality assurance, assessment and related corporate services. From the feedback of participating student interns, they valued these learning opportunities at HKCAAVQ, where they could gain more practical knowledge about the scope of work of HKCAAVQ.
Fond farewell from immediate past HKCAAVQ Council Vice-chairman

Although I come from an accounting background, I was a member of the Quality Assurance Council of the University Grants Committee when I was appointed by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Government to HKCAAVQ Council back in 2013. I was later appointed as the Council Vice-chairman in 2015. During my six years of service on the HKCAAVQ Council, I have always been impressed by my fellow Council Members’ commitment to the goals of the Council, demonstrated through their dedication, professionalism and conscientiousness. The most important aspect of HKCAAVQ is the quality of work it performs and over the years I have seen a continuous strive for excellence in that regard.

Each member of HKCAAVQ Council, brings their professional expertise and experience to the Council and are committed to making contributions to the education and training sector in Hong Kong. Over the past six years, with the support of Finance Committee members, I have been involved in a number of new initiatives, including but not limited to:

◊ Improving the quality of the Finance Unit to better support the Council;
◊ Financial controls and analysis;
◊ Investment strategies and policies;
◊ Risk management; and
◊ Financial sustainability.

Council Members and staff members of HKCAAVQ have often attributed VQ’s improved balance sheet to my accomplishments. I think it’s the other way round. The continued strive for quality in all aspects of the work of HKCAAVQ has created among our stakeholders a trust in the work of HKCAAVQ. With enhanced trust, stakeholders come to us for our value-added services of accreditation and assessment. As a result, income has grown.

I have met many wonderful people at HKCAAVQ and found it enjoyable working with them, not the least of whom is Council Chair Alex who has led the Council in making a number of great moves. He increased the number of Council meetings from two to three a year, enabling HKCAAVQ to respond in a more timely manner to market developments and various stakeholders’ demands. He chaired the last strategic planning task force and created a very good platform for the development of HKCAAVQ, which he then subsequently led. When I took up chairing the task force to formulate the Strategic Plan 2019-2023, the Council was already in great shape and it was indeed a blessing for us to not only reflect on what had been accomplished over the past four years, but also to envision where we should be heading and to plan for it. Leading the strategic planning task force for 2019-2023 was a wonderful experience and I am confident that the Council will be able to achieve everything that is set out in the plan.
During my tenure as Council Vice-chair, I was involved in the recruitment of two Executive Directors and each, in their own way, has enormous strengths which have been very positive for the HKCAAVQ. I praise the dedication they brought to their work, which has contributed to the Council in many positive ways.

I was involved in Joint Quality Review Committee (JQRC) before joining UGC’s QAC and HKCAAVQ. There had been many discussions since the report by the University Grants Committee (UGC) on Aspirations for the Higher Education System in Hong Kong was published in 2010. I am glad to see that the remit of JQRC is now subsumed under the Quality Assurance Council of UGC. In terms of the development of the Hong Kong higher education system, it is natural to move towards uniform standards to be applied to all the higher education institutions even if this is not achieved through a single quality assurance body or regulatory regime.

One matter of particular significance in HKCAAVQ’s enhancement-led approach is their focus on the quality of the learning experience of students. Student engagement is attracting more and more attention in the quality assurance community around the world. In the higher education system of other developed countries, student engagement is relatively more established and student associations are part of the external quality assurance mechanism. I see this as one of the key directions that Hong Kong’s higher education sector has to work further on.

As my term of office closes, I would describe my years of service on HKCAAVQ Council as extremely enjoyable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Secretariat staff and other professionals that have supported the work of the Council. I recognize there is an enormous amount of quality in the work of HKCAAVQ, so keep up the excellent work that you’re doing. The Council is forward-looking and dynamic. As long as it continues to be so I am sure we are in safe hands.

Fond Farewell

While we bid farewell to the outgoing members Mr Roger Best, JP; Professor Hau Kit-tai, BBS, MH, JP and Professor Paul Lam Kwan-sing, SBS, JP, we highly appreciate and hereby offer our heartfelt gratitude for their dedication, support and wise counsel to HKCAAVQ over the past six years.
Implementation of QF Credit for Learning Programmes at QF Levels 5 to 7 on QR

In support of the use of QF credit on the QR for learning programmes at QF Levels 5 to 7 as implemented by the Education Bureau (EDB), HKCAAVQ earlier on announced the implementation timeframe about the indication of QF credit on the QR for programmes at QF Levels 5 to 7. View details here.

EDB, QFS jointly host seminar on Use of QF Credit and Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)

Organised by the Qualifications Framework Secretariat and the Education Bureau, and co-organised by HKCAAVQ, the Seminar on Use of QF Credit and Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) under QF took place on 10 October 2019 at the Education Bureau Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, Kowloon.

The Seminar provided the updates on the indication of CAT information on the Qualifications Register (QR), good practices in the use of QF credit in CAT arrangement as well as benefits brought about by the indication of CAT information on the QR from the learners’ perspective and operators’ perspective. Among the invited speakers are education and training institutions’ representatives, student representative and HKCAAVQ’s Executive Director Mr Albert Chow. The Seminar was well attended by over 150 representatives from higher education institutions, training organisations, corporate academies, and industries.

Launch of Infographics on QR

To enhance the functionalities and presentation of the information on the QR, a range of infographics will be gradually implemented on the QR from November 2019 onwards. The range of infographics has been developed taking into account the user feedback and focused discussions with major stakeholder groups during the planning and developmental stages. With the new initiative launched, HKCAAVQ would continue to monitor the service delivery and gauge the user feedback in regard to the information on quality assured qualifications listed in the QR.

New term of HKCAAVQ Liaison Panels

Established in 2016, the two Liaison Panels, namely Liaison Panel for Academic Accreditation and Liaison Panel for Accreditation of Vocational and Professional Education and Training, serve as a platform for dialogue between HKCAAVQ and its key stakeholders. Approved by the HKCAAVQ Council, the membership of the two Liaison Panels for the new term took effect on 30 June 2019 and can be viewed here.

HKCAAVQ also takes this opportunity to extend our gratitude to the immediate past members of the Liaison Panels for their support and contributions made over the years.

Accreditation of collaborative programmes

Starting from October 2019, HKCAAVQ accepts applications for accreditation of locally delivered joint awards under the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework (QF). The Revised Accreditation Standards for Initial Evaluation (IE), Learning Programme Accreditation (LPA) and Re-accreditation (re-LPA) under the Four-stage Quality Assurance Process are applied.

The accreditation service is for joint programmes leading to awards which are jointly conferred and delivered in Hong Kong by two institutions as award granting bodies and Operators. View details here.

HKCAAVQ Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Following the consultation on Draft HKCAAVQ Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023 in July 2019, 12 out of 85 key stakeholders responded to the consultation document, of which the majority was from higher education institutions, their continuing education units, vocational operators as well as overseas quality assurance agencies. The HKCAAVQ Task Force considered all the stakeholders’ feedback. The HKCAAVQ Council accepted the Task Force’s recommendations and the approved Strategic Plan came into effect on 1 October 2019.

The HKCAAVQ Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023 is available on HKCAAVQ's website.
ACCREDITATION SERVICES

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| **Non-local Academic Programmes** |                                  |
| Initial Evaluation               | 1 partnership                    |
| Learning Programme Accreditation | 5 programmes                     |
| Learning Programme Re-accreditation | 10 programmes            |

| **Vocational and Professional Accreditation** |                                  |
| Initial Evaluation                 | 13 operators                     |
| Learning Programme Accreditation   | 66 programmes                    |
| Learning Programme Re-accreditation | 76 programmes                 |
| Programme Area Accreditation       | 2 operators & 1 programme area   |
| Accreditation of Assessment Agency | 1 assessment agency for 1 industry |

As of 30 September 2019, 1,071 summary accreditation reports have been uploaded on HKCAAVQ website. Click [here](#) to view Summary Accreditation Reports.

* Data collected from 2018.12.01 to 2019.07.31
**TRAINING SERVICES**

**HKCAAVQ's Capacity Building Activities**

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**ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

**434** cases of assessment of non-local courses completed
- New applications (44)
- Annual returns (287)
- Course changes (103)

**444** cases of assessment of CPD programmes for the Insurance Authority completed
- New applications (120)
- Re-assessment (215)
- Course changes (109)

**1,995** cases of assessment of CEF reimbursable courses completed
- New applications/registrations (1,634)
- Amendments (312)
- Audit Visits (49)

**3,017** cases of assessment of individual qualifications completed

*Data collected from 2018.12.01 to 2019.07.31*
Qualifications Register

Number of Current Qualifications on QR by Provider Type and Quality Assurance Status (October 2019)

50.5% 4,018
From HKCAAVQ-accredited operators

40.3% 3,204
From self-accrediting institutions (UGC-funded sector includes CityU, CUHK, EdUHK, HKBU, HKU, HKUST, LU & PolyU; and OUHK)

734
From Assessment Agencies (including Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Appointed Assessment Agencies and Professional Qualification (PQ) Assessment Agencies)

7,956 qualifications have been registered on the QR (as of 2019.10.11)

3,142 CAT programmes on the QR (as of 2019.10.11)

Number of Current Qualifications on QR by Level (October 2019)

Level 1: 1,216
Level 2: 1,445
Level 3: 1,066
Level 4: 1,852
Level 5: 999
Level 6: 1,152
Level 7: 226
ASQA’s strategic review into international education

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) released its report on strategic review into international education. The latest report is obtainable from ASQA’s website.

QAA Chief Executive appointed to ENQA Board

QAA’s Chief Executive, Douglas Blackstock, has been appointed to join the Board of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), the representative body for European quality assurance agencies, on 17 October 2019. View details here.

QAA renewed listing on EQAR

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) of the United Kingdom (UK) had been granted continued listing in the European Quality Assurance Register (EQAR) until 2023. View details here.

MUST scholar receives Fok Ying-tung Prize – The World Outstanding Chinese Doctor Award

Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), Prof. Manson Fok received the 2019 Fok Ying-Tung Prize The World Outstanding Chinese Doctor Award at the 2019 Annual Conference of the World Association of Chinese Doctors and China Smart Health Summit, Click here for details.

Top Greater Bay Area companies offer 2,000 jobs at career fair at University of Macau

Over 100 well-known enterprises in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Grater Bay Area (GBA) provided over 2,000 job vacancies for university students in Macao, as the first Career and Internship Fair for University Students in Macao took place at the University of Macau in September 2019. It was believed that the career fair will encourage more Macao students to consider working in the GBA, as one of the initiatives of the University.

TEQSA released first report on Key Risk Findings on Australia’s Higher Education Sector

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) released the first issue of its Key Risk Findings Report after TEQSA’s annual risk assessments. Click here to view the report.

Revised CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures came into effect from January 2019

The revised CHEA Recognition of Accrediting Organizations Policy and Procedures, as approved by the CHEA Board of Directors on 23-24 September 2018, came into effect on 1 January 2019. The policy and procedures are available online.

New Irish Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) (Amendment) Bill 2018 passed

The Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) (Amendment) Bill 2018 was passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas on 11 July 2019 and signed into law by the President. View details here.
Hong Kong Jockey Club launched Membership Hospitality Academy

The Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) launched in July the Hong Kong Jockey Club Membership Hospitality Academy, the first of its kind in Hong Kong to operate in collaboration with providers the hospitality programmes at QF Level 5 after accreditation by HKCAAVQ. View event details here.

Task Force on Promotion of VPET conducted consultation on preliminary recommendations

The Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) earlier released a consultation document to solicit views from members of the public on its preliminary recommendations. Closed at July 2019, the consultation document is obtainable from here.

SSDDP extended to cover locally accredited sub-degree programmes from 2019/20 academic year

Announced by the Hong Kong SAR Government in March 2019, the scope of the Study Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSDDP) was expanded to include locally accredited sub-degree programmes for the cohort admitted in the 2019/20 academic year. Click here for details.

Guangdong and Hong Kong SAR signed Letter of Intent on cooperation in QF development


AETI conference at THEi Chai Wan new campus

The International Conference on Applied Education, Technology and Innovation (AETI 2019), hosted by the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEi), was held at THEi Chai Wan Campus from 16-18 April 2019. View event details here.

2019 Training Top 125 Award of the “Training Magazine” (U.S.)

Click here for details.

Global MIKE Award 2018 conferred in February 2019

The Hong Kong Police Force is crowned one of the Outstanding Winners of the Asian Global Most Innovative Knowledge Enterprise (MIKE) Award 2018. View here for more details.

Professor Ronald Chung elected as new Chairman of FSTE

Elected among Member Institutions in May 2019, Professor Ronald Chung of Hong Kong Baptist University, took up the Chairmanship of Federation for Self-financing Tertiary Education (FSTE) on 1 July 2019.

Corporate Tech Academy Network (CTAN) Opening Ceremony

The Corporate Tech Academy Network (CTAN), co-founded by six corporations, held its Opening Ceremony on 21 May 2019 at the HKPC Building. The key objectives of the CTAN are to promote synergies among member corporations, and to provide more information regarding access to Vocational and Professional Education and Training (VPET) or upskilling in respective areas. View event details here.
HKCAAVQ Annual Event 2019

HKCAAVQ will host its Annual Event on 12 November at Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel & Towers, Tsim Sha Tsui. This is one of the key events for Specialists of HKCAAVQ, representatives of Operators and professional staff of HKCAAVQ to exchange insights, new ideas and experiences in quality assurance. Participation is by invitation. Further details can be found here.

HKCAAVQ’s Professional Training Workshop 2020

The 2020 Professional Training Workshop of HKCAAVQ now opens for registration. Further details can be found here.

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