

Social Workers Registration Board

Brief Reports of the Board, Committees and Working Group and Brief Financial Report of the Board for Annual Meeting with RSWs on 11 November 2016

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Brief Report on the Overall Work of the Board

(1) Brief report on the last Annual Meeting with RSWs held on 27 November 2015.

- (a) The last Annual Meeting with RSWs was held at 6:30 p.m. on 27 November 2015 at the lecture room of the Board Office.
- (b) The main theme of the Annual Meeting was “Revisiting Social Work: Macro vs Micro”. 57 participants attended the Annual Meeting and the following three speakers gave talks to the audience :
 - (i) Dr. CHU Chi Keung
 - (ii) Dr. KAM Ping Kwong
 - (iii) Professor LUM Yat Sang
 - (iv) Professor WONG Hung

(2) Election of Board Members of the term from 16 January 2016 to 15 January 2019

- (a) The tenure of Board Members of the last term was due to expire on 15 January 2016. Election of Board Members was conducted during the period from November to December 2015.
- (b) Vote counting was conducted on 12 December 2015. List of Board Members of the new term was gazetted in January 2016 and tenure of the term for three years commenced on 16 January 2016.

(3) Qualification recognition assessment / review exercises

- (a) In 2016, the Board completed two qualification recognition assessment exercises on qualifications led by two new social work programmes, and ten qualification recognition review exercises on qualifications led by the existing programmes.
- (b) One qualification assessment exercise on qualification led by a new social work programme have been conducted and the draft final reports are being prepared. Details are included in the report of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration.

(4) Promotion of functions of the Social Workers Registration Board and the Voluntary Continuing Professional Development Scheme for Registered Social Workers

- (a) Staff of the Board Office has visited tertiary institutes to deliver talks on the functions of the Social Workers Registration Board and the Voluntary Continuing Professional Development Scheme for Registered Social Workers.
- (b) Details are included in the reports of the Committee on Administration.

(5) Handling of Complaint Cases

- (a) Since the establishment of the Board on 16 January 1998, up to 27 October 2016, a total of 436 complaints against RSWs were received.
- (b) From 27 November 2015 to 27 October 2016, 30 cases were received.
- (c) From 1998 up to 27 October 2016, a total of 86 cases were referred to the Board for appointment of Disciplinary Committees to conduct disciplinary hearings.
- (d) From November 2015 to November 2016, 1 disciplinary inquiry was conducted.

(6) Participation in Social Work Day 2016

- (a) The Board joined the Social Work Day 2016 which was a function co-organized by social work organizations and tertiary institutes offering social work courses.
- (b) The Board would join Social Work Day 2017.

(7) Consultation on Exploration on Setting up a Voluntary Enrolment Scheme for Specialization in Social Work for Registered Social Workers

- (a) The Board conducted consultation in the social work field for the exploration on setting up a Voluntary Enrolment Scheme for Specialization in Social Work for Registered Social Workers in 2015.
- (b) After detailed consideration, the Board decided to shelve the related exploration.

(8) Personnel Change

The Registrar would leave the post at the end of November 2016. The new Registrar would take up the post with effect from 1 December 2016.

Financial Report Extract

Audited Accounts

Audited Accounts of the Social Workers Registration Board for the year from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

	HK Dollars(\$)
Turnover - Registration and Re-application fees	8,062,717
Other revenue	510,486
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Staff costs	(4,251,665)
Depreciation on property and equipment	(712,392)
Other operating expenses	(2,902,329)
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Surplus from operations	706,817
Finance cost	(6,140)
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Surplus for the year	<hr/> <hr/> 700,677

Brief Report of the Committee on Administration

(1) Composition of the Committee on Administration

The composition of Committee on Administration comprises:
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen (Convenor), Mr. CHUNG Wai-lung, Rivalino,
Mr. HUI Chung-shing, Herman, Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent,
Mr. LO Wa-kei, Roy, Mr. SHIU Ka-chun, Mr. TAN Tick-yee,
Mr. WONG Ka-ming

(2) Appointment of Disciplinary Committee Panel Members for the term from 16 January 2017 to 15 January 2020

- (a) The tenure of Disciplinary Committee Panel Members of the current term would expire on 15 January 2017.
- (b) In May 2016, an open nomination exercise was conducted to invite nomination of candidates for the Board's consideration for appointment of DC Panel Members for the term from 16 January 2017 to 15 January 2020.
- (c) In parallel, existing DC Panel Members were invited to take up appointment as DC Panel Members for another term.
- (d) The list of DC Panel Members for the term from 16 January 2017 to 15 January 2020 would be gazetted in January 2017.

(3) Promotion of functions of the Social Workers Registration Board

- (a) Staff of the Board Office has visited tertiary institutes to deliver talks on the functions of the Social Workers Registration Board to social work students.
- (b) From November 2015 to November 2016, a total of 24 talks for tertiary institutes have been organized. About 1,300 audiences participated in the above talks.

(4) Publication of Newsletter

The Committee had published a newsletter in April 2016 (Issue No.37).

(5) Visitors from China

For the current year up to November 2016, the Board received 7 groups of guests from different provinces and cities of China.

(6) Publishing of Agenda and Minutes of Meetings

With effect from this term, all agenda and minutes of meetings would be published except four categories of information, namely, personal information, qualification being assessed, business information and privileged information.

(7) Revamping of Website

- (a) The revamping of the Board's website is in progress. The new website will fulfill the requirements set out in the 2.0 AA Standards of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines in order to meet different needs of browsers.
- (b) The structure and design will be improved for different aspect ratios of electronic devices.

(6) Communication Channels

The Committee is exploring means to encourage RSWs to opt for using electronic means to receive information of the Board.

**Brief Report of the
Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration**

(1) Composition of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

The composition of Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration:
Mr. SHIU Ka-chun (Convenor), Dr. CHU Chi-keung, Mr. IP Kim-ching, Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent, Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin, Ms. LAW Yee-ming, Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen, Ms. LUK Ka-mei, Mr. LUN Chi-wai

(2) Qualification recognition assessment/ review exercises completed in 2015/2016 :

- (a) Campus visit conducted in 2015 and final reports completed in 2016
- i. Qualification recognition assessment on Higher Diploma in Social Work (full-time) of Hong Kong Community College of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
 - ii. Regular Qualification recognition review on Associate of Social Science in Social Work (full-time & part-time) of Community College of City University of Hong Kong
 - iii. Regular Qualification recognition review on Bachelor of Social Sciences in Social Work (full-time) of City University of Hong Kong
 - iv. Regular Qualification recognition review on Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (part-time) of City University of Hong Kong
 - v. Qualification recognition review on Master of Social Sciences in Social Work (part-time) of Hong Kong Baptist University
 - vi. Regular Qualification recognition review on Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Work (full-time & part-time) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- (b) Campus visit conducted and final report completed in 2016
- i. Qualification recognition assessment on Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) (part-time) of Caritas Institute of Higher Education
 - ii. Regular Qualification recognition review on Bachelor of Social Science in Social Work (full-time) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - iii. Regular Qualification recognition review on Master of Social

(3) Qualification recognition assessment/ review exercises conducted in 2016 with final report under preparation:

Qualification recognition assessment on Bachelor of Social Sciences (Hons) in Social Work (full-time) of HKCT Institute of Higher Education.

(4) Review on Principles, Criteria & Standards for Recognizing Qualifications in Social Work for Registration of Registered Social Workers

The Committee will invite different parties to give views and suggestions on the “Principles and Criteria” including registered social workers, tertiary institutes, professional consultants, social work employing agencies, social work professional bodies, social work trade unions, service users as well as social work students.

(5) Voluntary Continuing Professional Development Scheme for RSWs

The Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration has taken up the work of the Voluntary Continuing Professional Development Scheme for RSWs.

Brief Report of the Committee on Professional Conduct

(1) Composition of the Committee on Professional Conduct

The composition of Committee on Professional Conduct comprises:
Mr. WONG Ka-ming (Acting Convenor), Mr. HUI Chung-shing, Herman,
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen, Ms. LUK Ka-mei, Mr. LUN Chi-wai, Mr. MA
Kam-wah, Timothy, Mr. SHIU Ka-chun, Mr. TSANG Kin-chiu

(2) Review on Code of Practice for Registered Social Workers

- (a) The last major review on Code of Practice for Registered Social Workers was carried out about six years ago. The Committee on Professional Conduct has planned to conduct a review on the Code of Practice for Registered Social Workers.