Dear Prof. HAYWARD,

Membership of the Hong Kong Psychological Society

The Hong Kong Psychological Society is the most established organization of psychologists in Hong Kong that represents all specialties of Psychology. We have over 1290 members and it is expanding.

We are writing to highlight for you the recent change in membership criteria, which may have important implications on your Psychology programmes as well as your graduates who wish to become our members.

With effect from June 2013, all new applicants must meet the following criteria for Graduate Membership:

- To qualify for election as a Graduate Member a candidate shall have satisfied the Council of the Society one of the following conditions:

  (i) an honours degree from an institution recognized by the Council at a minimum lower 2nd class honours level or a GPA of 3.0 with psychology as the major subject taking no less than 8 courses in different areas of psychology covering at least Research Methods in Psychology and 5 out of the 6 following fundamental areas:

  1. Biological / Physiological Psychology,
  2. Developmental / Child Psychology,
  3. Cognitive Psychology / Perception / Learning / Memory,
  4. Personality / Individual Differences,
  5. Social Psychology, and
  6. History of Psychology / Contemporary Issues in Psychology;

or

(ii) a postgraduate qualification in psychology from an institution recognized by the Council covering the courses and fundamental areas of psychology as specified in (i) above;

or

(iii) such other qualification in psychology as the Council shall approve.

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It has come to our attention that some institutions claim that their graduates are eligible to become members of the Hong Kong Psychological Society. We wish to emphasize that we do not accredit any Psychology course or programme in Hong Kong or elsewhere and every membership application will be assessed on individual basis. We respectfully request you make it clear to your students about this so as to avoid any unrealistic expectation that their qualifications will be automatically recognized.

Should you wish to know more about our Society, please write to us and we will try our best to assist you.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary