

Press Releases

Establishment of Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry Training Advisory Committee under Qualifications Framework

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (September 30) announced the establishment of the Arboriculture and Horticulture Industry Training Advisory Committee (A&H ITAC) under the Qualifications Framework (QF) starting from October 1, 2016, and appointed Mr Victor Man Kwok-hing as its Chairperson. Also appointed to the Committee were 22 members comprising employers and representatives of trade associations, professional bodies and labour unions, and representatives of the EDB and the Development Bureau (DEVB).

The A&H ITAC is mainly tasked with drawing up the Specification of Competency Standards (SCSs) and developing the Recognition of Prior Learning mechanism for the arboriculture and horticulture industry. The membership of the A&H ITAC is as follows:

Chairperson: Mr Victor Man Kwok-hing

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Chiky Wong Cheuk-yuet

Members:

Mr Herman Au

Mr Sammy Au

Ms Amy Chan

Mr Cheung Pak-kuen

Mr Choi Lim-cho

Mr Daniel Ho

Mr Ho Fo-hei

Mr Ho Wing-keung

Mr Kevin Kua

Mr Eduardo Lai

Mr Lai Ka-ming

Mr Eddy Lam

Mr Lau Sum-yan

Mr Tony Leung

Mr Li Kwok-man

Dr Allen Lim Miaw-shin

Mr Matthew Lo Man-wai

Ms Jessica Man

Mr Ken So Kwok-yin

Representative of the EDB

Representative of the DEVB

The members are appointed for a term of two years from October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2018.

The Secretary for Education, Mr Eddie Ng Hak-kim, said, "In Hong Kong, a densely populated city, the arboriculture and horticulture industry helps improve the quality of living environment and the public has expectations on the professional standards of practitioners. Mr Man has over 15 years of industry experience. He is dedicated to the industry's human resource development and has deep understanding of the training needs of the industry practitioners. I believe that under his leadership, the A&H ITAC will enhance the professional standards of the industry through manpower development and training, contributing to the sustainable development of the industry."

Following the establishment of the A&H ITAC, the EDB has

assisted 22 industries/sectors in setting up 21 Industry Training Advisory Committees (ITACs) under the QF. The ITACs now cover 53 per cent of the workforce in Hong Kong.

The ITACs are established to implement the QF within the industry. One of their major tasks is to draw up SCSs for the relevant industries to set out the knowledge, skills and outcome standards required of employees in different functional areas of the industry and provide a basis for education and training providers to design programmes that best suit the needs of the industry. The SCSs also serve as a useful guide for employers to develop in-house training and human resource management, such as staff recruitment and performance assessment. Practitioners may make reference to the SCSs in drawing up their learning blueprint in the pursuit of lifelong learning to better equip themselves to meet the challenges of a knowledge-based society.

Implemented by the Government since 2008, the QF is a seven-level hierarchy covering qualifications in the academic, vocational and continuing education sectors, providing accessible articulation pathways for lifelong learning. For details, please visit the website at www.hkqf.gov.hk.

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