

**Memorandum of Understanding between  
Quality and Qualifications Ireland and  
the Education Bureau of the Government  
of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
of the People's Republic of China  
on the Development of Qualifications Framework**

Quality and Qualifications Ireland ("QQI") and the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter both sides referred to as the "Participants" and each side individually as the "Participant"), endeavouring to establish and strengthen collaboration in the development of Qualifications Frameworks, have reached the following understanding:

**PARAGRAPH 1**

The aims of this Memorandum of Understanding are to establish collaboration between QQI and Hong Kong in the context of Qualifications Frameworks; to strengthen the partnership and collaboration that support the development and implementation of Qualifications Frameworks; to promote mutual understanding of the Qualifications Frameworks of the Participants; and to contribute to the professional development in this context.

**PARAGRAPH 2**

The Participants acknowledge the importance of Qualifications Frameworks in supporting education and training and the pursuit of lifelong learning, and its contribution to enhancing the competitiveness of the workforce.

**PARAGRAPH 3**

The Participants will promote and enhance exchanges of experience in the development and implementation of Qualifications Frameworks, and promote the development of mutually beneficial relations in the Qualifications Frameworks

developed in Ireland and in Hong Kong.

#### PARAGRAPH 4

The Participants will cooperate in the further development and implementation of Qualifications Frameworks in Ireland and Hong Kong, and support efforts of the Participants for benchmarking and recognition of the Qualifications Frameworks developed in Ireland, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

#### PARAGRAPH 5

Activities of cooperation and collaboration to be carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and resources from the Participants.

#### PARAGRAPH 6

Any amendment or revision to the content of this Memorandum of Understanding will be by mutual written consent of the Participants.

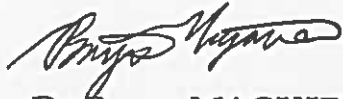
#### PARAGRAPH 7

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature by the Participants. It may be terminated at any time by either Participant by giving three months' prior notice in writing to the other Participant. Such termination will not affect activities that are ongoing at the date of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, unless mutually determined otherwise by the Participants.

Signed in duplicate in Hong Kong on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 in the English language.

For Quality and  
Qualifications Ireland

For the Education Bureau  
of the Government of the Hong Kong  
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The People's Republic of China



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