## <u>Six Continuing Education Fund courses</u> <u>de-registered</u>

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) announced today (May 7) that all Continuing Education Fund (CEF) courses (six in total) offered by Hong Kong School of Commerce (HKSC) have been de-registered from the reimbursable course list under the CEF with immediate effect.

The above decision was made on the grounds that HKSC failed to comply with the terms and conditions of approval for CEF registration in that the Responsible Person and Course Director of the relevant CEF courses of HKSC had pleaded guilty in a criminal case of conspiracy to defraud and was sentenced. The six courses had been suspended from January 24, 2020, at the prosecution stage. In accordance with CEF terms and conditions, HKSC must not promote the six courses as CEF reimbursable courses or accept new enrolment under CEF reimbursement arrangement from the same date.

A list of the six CEF courses de-registered is in the Annex. The information is also available at the Office of Continuing Education Fund (OCEF) website (<a href="www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef/en/index.htm">www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef/en/index.htm</a>).

A spokesman for the LWB stressed that the OCEF will continue to monitor CEF courses provided by course providers closely. Apart from authenticating attendance records of learners, assessment results and their claims for reimbursement, it also conducts surprise visits to course providers to ensure that the conditions of approval are fully complied with.

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