Development of Higher Vocational Education in Hong Kong

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Currently part of subvented higher education sector

- 1937 HK Trade School founded in Wood Road
- 1947 Renamed as HK Technical College
- 1957 Moved to Hung Hom
- 1972 Became HK Polytechnic
- 1984 City Polytechnic founded
- 1994 Acquired university status – PolyU and CityU
Chronology (Technical Institute Lineage)

Currently part of subvented post-secondary education sector

- **1969** Morrison Hill Technical Institute founded, 4 more TIs followed until 1979
- **1982** Establishment of VTC, 2 Technical Institutes and 2 Technical Colleges added in 1986 and 1993 respectively
- **1999** HK Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) formed from 2 TCs
- **2010** HK Design Institute (HKDI) established

Currently part of self-financing tertiary education sector

- **2012** Technological Higher Education Institute (THEi) established, awards Bachelor degrees
Facts about VET in HK

• VTC is the statutory body responsible for VET provision in HK
• In 2012/13: 55,328 students had studied in VTC in courses at craft, technician and higher technician levels
• Employment rate of economically active graduates is ~90%
Certificate / Foundation Diploma

Below Sub-degree Level
(Levels 2 & 3 in HKQF*)

Higher Diploma

Sub-degree Level
(Level 4 in HKQF*)

Bachelor Degree

Degree Level
(Level 5 in HKQF*)

Offered by:

*HKQF: Hong Kong Qualifications Framework
Seamless Progression Pathways

- Completion of HKDSE
- S3 – 6 School Leavers
- Other VET Courses
- Other Local/Overseas Degree Programmes
- SHAPE Top-up degree programmes
- Foundation Diploma
- Diploma in Vocational Education (DVE)
- Degree Programmes

Thei

International Culinary Institute

SHAPE

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Manpower Requirement Change of HK

Manpower Requirements by Education Level (Expressed as % of Workforce)

- First Degree
- Sub-degree
- Craft & Technician
Education Provision Development of VTC

Number of VTC graduates/year by level of awards

- T: Technologist Level (Degree level)
- HT: Higher Technician Level (Subdegree level)
- T&C: Technician and Craft Level (below Subdegree level)
New Developments in Higher Vocational Education in VTC

New campus and student hostel for THEi in 2016

Vocationally oriented degrees fitting industries’ needs

Government funding for selected degree programmes through SSSDP from 2015/16

Establishment of International Culinary Institute
Issues and Challenges

• Pursuing internationalisation
  – Student and staff exchanges
  – Curriculum
  – Local initiatives

• Admitting overseas students to areas of strength (e.g. Chinese culinary arts; Business)

• Enhancing applied research capability to compete for external funding

• Increasing industry linkage
  – Industry attachment for student and staff
  – Collaborative partnerships
Future Direction
Come and visit the Guangzhou/ Hong Kong/ Macao/ Chengdu Youth Skills Competition cum Carnival 2014!

Date: 31 October – 1 November 2014 (Friday and Saturday)

Time: 9 am to 5 pm

Venue: Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, Hong Kong

Website: www.ghmc2014.org/en/
Thank you!