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1.0 Statement of purpose

Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists Limited (HKIST) is established to ensure that the public could have access to professional speech therapy services provided by qualified speech therapists. This document introduces three major documents that set and promote the standards of good practice for speech therapists in Hong Kong.

2.0 Major documents for standard of speech therapists

2.1 Competency-based Occupational Standards for Speech Therapists (CBOS)

HKIST adopts CBOS developed by Speech Pathology Australia as the framework of educational and clinical standards required for Accredited Speech Therapists. CBOS defines the minimum skill level and areas of competence of speech therapists. It sets out the standards and difference areas of competence that a speech therapist must achieve prior to becoming an accredited speech therapist. The CBOS is adopted along with the Supplementary Document of CBOS, which is developed to enable the CBOS culturally and contextually applicable to the local context in Hong Kong.

2.2 Code of Ethics for Speech Therapy in Hong Kong

The Code of Ethics provides a basis of responsible and ethical speech therapy practice. It guides speech therapists in Hong Kong to achieve high standards of service and service management. Accredited speech therapists of HKIST should read, understand and apply the Code of Ethics in provision of speech therapy service. The values and principles in this document guides accredited speech therapists' professional behaviour and ethical decisions.

2.3 Scope of Practice for Speech Therapy in Hong Kong

The Scope of Practice provides a general description of the scope of practice for the profession of speech therapy in Hong Kong. It supports speech therapists in providing high-quality services to individuals with communication or swallowing difficulties and in conducting related research. It also serves to inform other health care professionals, educators, regulators, government agencies and the public about the professional services provided by accredited speech therapists.