



THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION
OF SPEECH THERAPISTS
香港言語治療師協會



The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists (HKAST) and Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists (HKIST) Joint Statement on Commitment to Ethical Speech Therapy Practice

Speech therapists (STs) are a group of professionals who practise in the areas of communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan. STs are responsible for the assessment, diagnosis, rehabilitation, and prevention of communication and swallowing disorders resulting from dysfunctions of the oral, laryngeal, resonatory, respiratory, esophageal, or neurological mechanism.

At present, STs are not among the healthcare professionals that are subject to statutory registration of the HKSAR Government. Since April 2018, the Government has launched the Pilot Accredited Registers Scheme for Healthcare Professions and granted full accreditation status to the HKIST. STs who voluntarily register with HKIST are to meet stipulated educational standards and to be governed by the *Code of Ethics for Speech Therapy in Hong Kong* and the *Continuing Professional Development Framework*. HKAST, on the other hand, strives to promote and strengthen the professionalism among the speech therapists in Hong Kong since early 1980s.

HKAST and HKIST jointly reinforce the principles embodied in our Code of Ethics. Ethical speech therapy practice is a cornerstone of our standing as a profession to serve the public. All STs have shared responsibility in ensuring that the Code of Ethics are followed.

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31 May 2022
Hong Kong time 7:00 pm

香港言語治療師協會及香港言語治療師公會關於承諾遵守言語治療專業操守之聯合聲明

言語治療師是專責預防、處理及研究溝通和吞嚥障礙的專業人士，其工作貫穿人生各個階段。言語治療師的職責包括評估、診斷、復康和預防由口腔、喉部、共鳴、呼吸、食道或神經機能引起的溝通和吞嚥障礙。

現時，言語治療師並不是政府要求須法定註冊的醫療專業人員。自 2018 年 4 月起，政府推展「認可醫療專業註冊先導計劃」，並頒發正式認證予香港言語治療師公會。自願向香港言語治療師公會註冊之言語治療師須達到訂明的教育標準，並受《香港言語治療倫理守則》及《持續專業發展框架》規管。另一方面，香港言語治療師協會自 1980 年代初以來，一直致力提升和加強香港言語治療師的專業水平。

香港言語治療師協會及香港言語治療師公會共同重申《香港言語治療倫理守則》所體現的原則。言語治療專業操守乃我們作為一個服務公眾的專業之基石。所有言語治療師皆有責任確保倫理守則得以遵守。

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2022 年 5 月 31 日
香港時間下午 7 時