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Dear MST Students and Graduates,

On the first day of the new 2018-19 academic year, we trust that everyone has had a wonderful summer break with lots of rest and opportunities to spend time with friends and family, and that we feel re-energized and ready to start a new academic year.

The MST programme was first launched 5 years ago in September 2013 with our first cohort of students. It was with a lot of hard work that MST came to fruition. We are very pleased to report that our programme completed a 2-day Institutional-based Assessment Visit by the Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists (HKIST) in April 2018. Our programme received very positive comments from our panel, and we have just been informed that the programme met all the standards required in this assessment. Today, we just received the formal full endorsement of our programme by HKIST. Being granted “full endorsement” means there is sufficient evidence that the programme scope, content, and assessments are deemed to have fulfilled the endorsement standard by HKIST. Since HKIST is officially authorised by the Hong Kong SAR government as the accredited regulatory body responsible for administering a register for the speech therapy profession; this status of professional recognition by the HKIST also means that graduates from our programme will be eligible to register as accredited speech therapists of HKIST under the new Accredited Registers (AR) Scheme for Speech Therapists by the Hong Kong SAR government. This professional recognition is a major milestone of our MST programme.

We are also very pleased to report that based on the survey results conducted with our past three cohorts of graduates: 99% of our graduates are employed within 6 months of completing their studies, and 100% of our graduates agree that the curriculum contents can be applied practically in their respective work settings. We do not intend to brag about this, but instead we just want to stress that this is the outcome of years of hard work by our staff and students, and we want to once again give credit to where credit is due – to our MST colleagues and students.

Recently we have also received various feedbacks about our programme, and our teaching team has taken them into account carefully and has been striving to review and further improve our curriculum, such as how we can further streamline our curriculum and promote integration between different parts of the curriculum, and how we can better support our students and staff. These changes will be implemented in due course.

Every programme needs dedicated people and we are very thankful for the dedicated hard work of our staff, graduates and students across all these years.

You are welcome to share the joy with others upon receiving this good news.

Best Regards,

MST teaching team