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CPE and ASQA sign MoU to Raise Standards in Private Education

1. The Council for Private Education (CPE) Singapore and the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Through the MoU, CPE and ASQA will collaborate to enhance the quality of vocational education and training in the private education sector in Singapore and Australia.
2. The MoU was signed by Mr Brandon Lee, Chief Executive of CPE, and Mr Christopher Robinson, Chief Commissioner of ASQA on 22 September 2015.
3. Over the next year, CPE and ASQA will exchange information and share good practices and research in regulation and quality assurance, as well as initiate staff development exchanges.
4. Mr Brandon Lee, Chief Executive of CPE, said, “We share a similar mission with ASQA to regulate and ensure that private higher education providers here in Singapore meet our standards. Through this partnership, we hope to exchange ideas and experiences on regulatory approaches and quality assurance, and have greater insight into the developing trends of the sectors in both of our countries.”
5. Mr Christopher Robinson, Chief Commissioner of ASQA, said, “As the Australian national regulator, ASQA is committed to ensuring the delivery of Australian qualifications overseas meets the same high standards that it must at home. Through this MoU, ASQA and CPE will work together on potential future regulatory activities.”

About Council for Private Education

Council for Private Education (CPE) is a statutory board established in December 2009 to regulate the private education industry in Singapore. The council has implemented two schemes – the mandatory Enhanced Registration Framework (ERF) and the EduTrust Certification Scheme – to uplift and maintain standards in the private education sector. Besides its role as a sectoral regulator, the council also provides student services and public education through its Student Services Centre, and promotes the development of the private education industry. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.cpe.gov.sg>

About Australian Skills Quality Authority

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is the national regulator for Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector. ASQA seeks to ensure that the sector's quality is maintained through the effective, nationally consistent regulation of:

- vocational education and training providers
- accredited vocational education and training courses, and
- Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) providers including those delivering English Language Intensive Courses to Overseas Students (ELICOS). More information about ASQA and its regulatory approach and activities is available at www.asqa.gov.au.

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