

Case 14082013 - Disciplinary Action

Ms. CHAN Kwan Yee Kirby was found, after the hearings on 26th September 2015 and 28th November 2015 by Discipline Board (Case No. 14082013) conducted in accordance with the 2013 By-Laws of the Hong Kong Psychological Society Limited (HKPS), to have contravened the following sections of the Code of Professional Conduct (2012) of HKPS between 3rd July 2013 and 12th September 2013 while being a Graduate Member:-

Breach	Statement of the breach and particulars	Sections of the Code referred
2nd (alternative to 1st)	Failing to correct other(s) who misrepresented her professional qualifications, functions and /or affiliations. <u>Complained behaviour:</u> Failure to correct her employer who misrepresented her actual professional qualifications or affiliations, after the said misrepresentations were made.	4.5 and 11.5
3rd	Making public statement which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, and/or not based on substantiated finding. <u>Complained behaviour:</u> Made a public statement, through her employer, that children’s IQ can be trained up or improved, relying on an article “Boomsma & Baal (1998). Genetic Influences on Childhood IQ in 5- and 7-year-old Dutch Twins, Developmental Neuropsychology, 14(1), 115-126”, which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, and/or not based on substantiated finding.	4.6, 9.1.4, 9.1.5, 10.2.11 and 11.2(a)
4th	Making public statement which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, and/or not based on substantiated finding. <u>Complained behaviour:</u> Made a public statement, through her employer, that an intelligence test called “Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence fourth edition” (“WPPSI-IV”) is “the most internationalized” type of intelligence test, in comparison to other types of intelligence tests adopted by other members in Hong Kong, namely the “WPPSI-R”, “Stanford-Binet Intelligence” and “WISC-IV”, which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, and /or not based on substantiated finding.	4.6, 9.1.4, 9.1.5, 10.2.11 and 11.2(a) & (e)
5th	Making public statement which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, and/or not based on substantiated finding. <u>Complained behaviour:</u> Made a public statement, through her employer, that WPPSI-IV was comparatively more accurate in assessing the IQ of children in Hong Kong nowadays, in comparison to other types of intelligence tests adopted by other members in Hong Kong, namely the “WPPSI-R”, “Stanford-Binet Intelligence”, and “WISC-IV”, which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, and/or not based on substantiated finding.	4.6, 9.1.4, 9.1.5, 10.2.11 and 11.2(a) & (e)

6th	<p>Making public statement which is a false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, which intended or likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favourable results.</p> <p><u>Complained behavior:</u> Making public statement which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, which intended or likely to create false or unjustified expectations of improving a child's IQ by obtaining the services of the Complainee through her employer.</p>	11.2(c)
7th	<p>Making public statement which is a false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, which intended or likely to create false or unjustified expectations of favourable results.</p> <p><u>Complained behaviour:</u> Making public statement which is false, unfair, misleading or likely to mislead, which intended or likely to create false or unjustified expectations of increasing the likelihood of a child being admitted by his/her preferred school by obtaining the services of the Complainee through her employer.</p>	11.2(c)

Sanction

The Discipline Board's findings and recommendations that Ms. Chan Kwan Yee Kirby be expelled from HKPS were endorsed by the Council of HKPS on 7th March 2016.