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**Training Programmes for the Eye Care Industry**

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The Vocational Training Council (VTC) is formed by the government to provide manpower supply, through vocational education and training, to Hong Kong industries. We have recently been asked to develop training programmes to match with the upcoming manpower challenges in various health sectors in the upcoming challenges of the Ageing Population.

We understand that, among many health professionals, optometrist and its related eye-care professionals would be of great demand in the coming years. We are therefore looking into training programmes that supplement the manpower supply in the eye care industry.

To facilitate our programme development, I would like to inquire the views of your society on the demand of the possible training courses for Optometric Assistants (health care course in optometry study) and Optometrists (as primary health care providers) in Hong Kong.

I should be most grateful if you would convey the requests to the members of the Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists and advise us if there are any particular factors we should consider in designing training programmes for the eye care industry.

I look forward to hearing you soon.

**Regards,**

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