



Proficiency Testing Program
Stamp Impressions Examination
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**FINAL REPORT
SUMMARY**

November 2016



Summary of Results

1. This proficiency testing programme (GLHK PT 16-03) was organised by the Government Laboratory of Hong Kong (GLHK) and aimed at providing an analytical forum for participants in the field of document examination and to evaluate the competency of participating laboratories which provide stamp impressions examination services to their customers.
2. Each set of testing material contained two questioned delivery notes each bearing one questioned stamp impression (Q1 and Q2), two known control specimens of receipts (K1 and K2) with stamp impressions made by the two Swallow Queen stamp chops (C1 and C2), two photographic images (P1 and P2) of the stamp faces of the two Swallow Queen stamp chops (C1 and C2) and control stamp impressions prepared by the two Swallow Queen stamp chops (C1 and C2). Examiners were asked to determine whether or not the two company stamp chops C1 and C2 were used to produce the two questioned stamp impressions on the two delivery notes (Q1 and Q2). The questioned stamp impression Q1 was prepared by the control stamp chop C1 whereas the questioned stamp impression Q2 was prepared by a pre-inked stamp chop other than the two control stamp chops C1 and C2. The questioned delivery note (Q1) and the two known control specimens of receipts (K1 and K2) were printed with offset method whereas the questioned delivery note (Q2) was printed with a colour laser printer.
3. A total of 24 forensic laboratories registered for the programme and 23 of them returned the examination results to the organiser before the deadline of result submission (16 September 2016).
4. Participants' performance was assessed by their reported results against the expected results as listed in paragraph 2.
5. The following are summaries of participants' results:

<i>Performance Assessment for the examination of questioned stamp Q1 vs C1</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	23
Unsatisfactory	0
Inconclusive	0

<i>Performance Assessment for the examination of questioned stamp Q2 vs C1</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	22
Unsatisfactory	0
Inconclusive	1

<i>Performance Assessment for the examination of questioned stamp Q1 vs C2</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	23
Unsatisfactory	0
Inconclusive	0



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<i>Performance Assessment for the examination of questioned stamp Q2 vs C2</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	22
Unsatisfactory	1
Inconclusive	0