



Proficiency Testing Program  
Stamp Impressions Examination  
GLHK PT 17-04

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# **CHINESE HANDWRITING AND SIGNATURE EXAMINATION**

**PROFICIENCY TESTING  
PROGRAM**

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**FINAL REPORT  
SUMMARY**

**May 2018**



## Summary of Results

1. This proficiency testing programme (GLHK PT 17-04) was organised by the Government Laboratory of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (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 handwriting and signatures examination services to their customers.
2. A suicide note (Q1) containing questioned Chinese handwriting and signature was prepared. The handwriting “我李力強向王超先生借了港幣伍萬元，連利息現在共欠王先生港幣拾五萬元。” was written by LI Liqiang (C1). The handwriting "爸爸、媽媽，我今次真的走投無路，請幫我還錢給王超先生，來生再見。" and "2017年9月8日" was written by WANG Chao (C2). The signature "李力強" was written by WANG Chao (C2). Photographic images of the questioned suicide note (Q1) and ten photographs of control handwriting and signature specimens, including known writings and signatures of LI Liqiang (C1a-e) and requested writings of WANG Chao (C2a-e) were provided to participating laboratories for the determination of authorship of the questioned Chinese handwriting and signature on the suicide note.
3. A total of 31 forensic laboratories registered for the programme and 29 of them returned the examination results to the organiser before the deadline of result submission (16 March 2018).
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 Handwriting Examination [Handwriting of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> lines]</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	24
Unsatisfactory	3
Inconclusive	1
No submission of result/not examined	2 and 1

<i>Performance Assessment for Handwriting Examination [Handwriting of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> lines and date]</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	27
Unsatisfactory	0
Inconclusive	1
No submission of result/not examined	2 and 1

<i>Performance Assessment for Signature Examination</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>
Satisfactory	27
Unsatisfactory	0
Inconclusive	2
No submission of result	2