



# Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

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HKRP is committed to providing a safe working environment free of discrimination, vilification, bullying or harassment. As such HKRP prides itself on being an equal employment opportunity employer and recognises that Equal Employment Opportunity is a matter of employment obligation, social justice and legal responsibility.

This policy has been designed to facilitate the creation of a workplace culture that maximises organisational performance through employment decisions. These decisions will be based on real business needs without regard to non-relevant criteria or distinctions and will ensure that all decisions relating to employment issues are based on merit.

## **Purpose**

This policy is designed to ensure HKRP complies with all its obligations under the relevant legislation.

## **Application**

This policy applies to every employee and contractor of HKRP. This policy applies to all aspect of employment obligation throughout the life of an employee in the organisation (from recruitment to retirement/offboarding).

## **Definitions**

*Discrimination* occurs if a person treats, or proposes to treat, a person with an attribute unfavourably because of that attribute. It can also occur if a person imposes, or proposes to impose, a requirement, condition or practice that has, or is likely to have, the effect of disadvantaging persons with an attribute; and that is not reasonable.

*Equal Employment Opportunity* consists of ensuring that all employees are given equal access to training, promotion, appointment or any other employment related issue without regard to any factor not related to their competency and ability to perform their duties.

*Victimisation* means subjecting, or threatening to subject, a person to any detriment because they have:

- asserted their rights under equal opportunity law;
- made a complaint;
- helped someone else make a complaint; or
- refused to do something because it would be discrimination, sexual harassment or victimisation.

## Policy

HKRP is an equal opportunity employer and will provide equality in employment for all people employed or seeking employment.

Every person will be given a fair and equitable chance to compete for appointment, promotion or transfer, and to pursue their career as effectively as others.

Employment decisions relating to appointment, promotion and career development will be determined according to individual merit and competence.

Consistent with this, HKRP does not condone any form of unlawful discrimination or vilification, including that which relates to:

- gender;
- pregnancy;
- potential pregnancy;
- marital/domestic status;
- disability;
- race, colour, national extraction, social origin, descent, and ethnic, ethno-religious or national origin;
- age;
- family responsibilities, family status, status as a parent or carer;
- racial classification;
- sexuality;
- HIV/AIDS vilification;
- religious belief or activity;
- political belief or activity;
- industrial activity;
- employer association activity;
- trade union activity;
- physical features;
- breastfeeding;
- transsexuality;
- transgender;
- profession, trade, occupation or calling;

- medical record; and
- criminal record.

In all cases no factors other than performance and competence are to be used as the basis for performance assessment, training and development opportunities and promotions.

This policy is to be used in conjunction with the Prevention of Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying Policy.



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