**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

**FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**

**PhD Recruitment Camp 2024**

**Academic Referee Report**

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| **SECTION A – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT** | |
| Please complete the boxed area below, then send the form to your referee and invite your referee to complete and return the form directly to the Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong (HKU Business School) by email ([fbephd@hku.hk](mailto:fbephd@hku.hk)) using his/her *work email address*. It is your responsibility to ensure in advance that your chosen referee is willing to provide a reference for you, and that your referee can complete and return the form by the application closing date (March 3, 2024). | |
| Surname of Applicant: |  |
| Given Names of Applicant: |  |
| Proposed Area of Study:  (please tick the appropriate box) | Accounting  Economics  Finance  Innovation and Information Management  Management and Strategy  Marketing |

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| **SECTION B – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFEREE** | |
| The applicant named above has nominated you as a referee for his/her application for the PhD Recruitment Camp 2024. Kindly complete the referee report form below and return it **directly** to the Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong (HKU Business School) by email ([fbephd@hku.hk](mailto:fbephd@hku.hk)) by the application closing date (March 3, 2024). Alternatively, a reference letter printed on institution headed paper may also be submitted in lieu of this form. For authentication purpose, please return the reference to us using your *work email address*. We would be most grateful for your full and candid assessment. | |
| Title:  (please tick the appropriate box) | Prof. Dr. Mr. Ms. |
| Surname: |  |
| Given Names: |  |
| Institution: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Work Email: |  |
| Telephone Number:  (please provide country code and area code) |  |

**REPORT – TO BE COMPLETED BY REFEREE**

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| How long have you known the applicant? |  |
| In what capacity have you known the applicant? |  |

How would you rate the following characteristics of the applicant in comparison with other students you have taught or supervised? (Please ✓as appropriate)

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|  | Excellent (Top 5%) | Good  (Top 6-20%) | Satisfactory  (Top 21-50%) | Average or below (>50%) | No basis for judgement |
| Intellectual Capacity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Analytical Power and Reasoning |  |  |  |  |  |
| Knowledge of Proposed Research Study |  |  |  |  |  |
| Judgement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imagination & Originality |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motivation & Perseverance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Skills of Writing & Argumentation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability for Conducting Scholastic Research |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity for Independent Work |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reliability & Sense of Responsibility |  |  |  |  |  |

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| How many students are there in your comparison group? |  |

Please describe the research ability and potential of the applicant, and explain any other dimensions of the applicant's experience and skills that are relevant to his/her application.

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What is your overall recommendation for the applicant to pursue PhD Studies?

(Please ✓ as appropriate)

Recommend very strongly

Recommend strongly

Recommend with reservation

Do not recommend

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| Referee’s Signature |  | Date |

Please return the completed report by the application closing date (March 3, 2024) via email to [fbephd@hku.hk](mailto:fbephd@hku.hk). We would be most grateful for your full and candid assessment.

**Remarks**:

1. All information given will be treated as strictly confidential and the applicant does not have access to your report. It will be used only for the purpose of determining whether the candidate will be selected and only those responsible for processing the application will have access to it. The report will be destroyed after a decision regarding the application has been made.
2. Authentication of referee report will be conducted where appropriate to confirm the reference is genuine.
3. For enquiries, please contact the PhD Programme Office at [fbephd@hku.hk](mailto:fbephd@hku.hk).