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Ms Lyndsay Brown  
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Subject: Cross-border / Franchise programme of study at

Ledra College, Cyprus

Dear **Ms Lyndsay Brown**,

The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA) is the competent body and authority, responsible to ensure the quality of higher education in Cyprus and to support, through the procedures provided by the relevant legislation, the continuous improvement and upgrading of higher education institutions and their programmes of study.

In Cyprus, higher education institutions are allowed by law to offer cross-border / franchise programmes of study, provided that a number of conditions, which are included in our legislation, are fulfilled. **According to the legislation, the provider of the franchise programme is responsible for its implementation and compliance with the European quality standards and guidelines (ESG).**

In this context, we kindly ask you to provide us with information concerning the programme of study “BSc (Hons) Computer Science” (3 academic years, 6 semesters, 360 ECTS, Cycle 7), that will be offered by **Ledra College, Cyprus** via a franchise contract with your institution, by addressing the questions below:

1. What are the entry requirements for admission of the students to the programme of study by your institution? How will you verify that the students admitted to the programme at Ledra College will satisfy these admission criteria?
2. Will you have information regarding the profile of incoming students?
3. How will you ensure that students have a good command of the programme's teaching language?
4. What is the selection process for the teaching staff in the franchise programme of study and what are the minimum qualifications they must possess?
5. What knowledge will you have of the exam papers administered?
6. How do you check that the franchise programme will be implemented based on quality criteria? What evidence do you request from Ledra College?
7. Will you visit classes where your programme will be taught in Cyprus? What is the teaching methodology followed?
8. Do you approve each site location as being appropriate for delivery of its awards? Do you check the infrastructure required, so that the quantity, quality and range of the educational facilities and services offered by Ledra College (including any specialist resources) are in place, to ensure that they support the delivery of the proposed programmes vs the franchise methods and meet with the quality and standards required? Could you confirm that they have been considered and approved by your institution (required submission of the signed Visit Evaluation reports after your visits to the institution in Cyprus).

In addition to the above, we kindly ask you to provide any further information that you would consider useful for the qualitative implementation of the above programme of study at your earliest convenience.

We remain at your disposal for any inquiries.

(Droso Lavithi)  
On Behalf of the President of  
The Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance  
and Accreditation in Higher Education