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To

Director

Ledra College

SUBJECT: Preliminary review regarding the programme of study “BSc (Hons) Computer Science”, which will be offered by Ledra College via the franchise method, in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK

Based on the “The Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021, I have instructions to inform you in regards to the findings of the **preliminary review**, carried out by CYQAA, for the programme of study **BSc (Hons) Computer Science (3 academic years, 180 ECTS, BSc)**, of the institution **University of Sunderland UK**, which will be offered via the franchise method by your institution, **Ledra College Cyprus**.

In your letter of reply, you should include, in accordance with the above-mentioned Law, all the information that the Agency has identified as deficient or missing in the preliminary review.

It is expected that your response will be structured, and you will reply with specific references to documentation (annexes and pages) in accordance to the Agency’s requirements.

Observations during the preliminary review:

In the response letter from the University of Sunderland regarding teaching staff requirements, it is stated that the University normally expects tutors to hold a qualification at least one level higher than the level being taught. As the programme under review is a Bachelor's degree, this implies that the minimum required qualification for all teaching staff should be at Master's level or above.

In **TABLE A: TEACHING STAFF (p.18)** of your application, it is noted that four out of five academic staff members hold PhD degrees, while one member holds only a Bachelor's degree. Please provide further clarification on this matter.

Furthermore, institutions are required to submit the list of their academic staff, as extracted from the ERGANI database, for those who will be teaching in the programme. In addition, the profiles of all academic staff (including name and rank) must be uploaded on the institution's website, covering both full-time and part-time staff. It is noted that currently **only one staff member is listed on your webpage**. Please provide further information on this matter.

I remain at your disposal for any further inquiries.

(Droso Lavithi)

On Behalf of the President of
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance
and Accreditation In Higher Education