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**Making it Right: ERC Institute to Help Affected Brookes Students**

The fraudulent activities resulting in the closure of Brookes Business School has affected and impacted on not only students, but the private education industry in Singapore significantly. As a member of the Association of Private Schools & Colleges (APSC), ERC Institute endorses and supports APSC's and the Government's policy on maintaining/improving the professionalism, quality and ethical standards of the industry and denounces the gross misconduct of Brookes Business School to everyone, particularly the students.

ERC Institute sympathizes with the situation facing Brookes Business School students. To assist those affected students by the closure of Brookes Business School, ERC Institute, through our association with APSC, has volunteered to assist with the reallocation of Brookes Business School students, to ensure that they are still able to continue their learning journey and achieve their academic objectives. As a result of our commitment and willingness to assist, as well as being a professionally and academically rigorous SQC PEO, ERC Institute was amongst the select 5 private education institutes invited by APSC to assist affected students and deploy them to other private schools so as to enable them to continue and complete their studies.

Through our participation into this committee, ERC Institute pledges to provide the necessary equitable assistance to affected students by:

1. Evaluating and assessing their academic needs on a case-by-case basis
2. Providing affected students with the opportunity to study a first diploma/degree at ERC Institute for free.

To date, ERC Institute has assisted in the relocation of some 40 affected students to continue their education at ERC Institute for free. We believe that our assistance to these students has helped them to better cope, financially and academically with the unfortunate situation that they are in.

ERC Institute takes this opportunity to stress our commitment towards improving the private education industry in Singapore. We are advocates for professional and ethical behavior, strong corporate governance, integrity and social responsibility to be upheld by private schools & colleges in Singapore to ensure sustainable long-term growth in line with the Government's policy to encourage Singapore in becoming an education hub.

ERC Institute would also like to extend our assistance to any other affected students at Brookes Business School, and strongly encourage them to contact any of our consultants as soon as possible for free evaluation and placement into ERC Institute.

