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**Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) Credentialing Scheme**

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The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) and Hong Kong Computer Society are pleased to announce the launch of the Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) credentialing scheme.

The CPIT scheme is the first such credentialing system in Hong Kong and strives to promote and maintain the IT profession's expertise, to inspire IT professionals' personal development and ultimately to foster the Hong Kong based IT industry's development and competitiveness. The certification system has been developed in conjunction with respected IT professionals in Hong Kong.

The CPIT scheme is available to individuals with extensive professional IT work experience, who hold membership to industry related groups or organisations (such as a full membership of the Hong Kong Computer Society) and supporting references who are recognised leaders of Hong Kong's IT community or have previously completed the CPIT programme. Candidates must also demonstrate an acceptable level of competency in their specific area of specialisation before being admitted to the programme.

A number of CPIT certifications will be available, but initially only CPIT (Project Director), CPIT (Systems Architect) and CPIT (Quality Assurance Manager), i.e., CPIT(PD), CPIT(SA) and CPIT(QAM), will be offered. In the future, CPIT (Project Manager) and CPIT (Associate Project Manager), i.e., CPIT(PM) and CPIT(APM), will also be available under the programme of CPIT in project management .

**Certified Professional of IT in Project Management - CPIT(PD), CPIT(PM), CPIT(APM)**  
An IT project management professional is a person responsible and accountable for an IT project and delegated the necessary authority to undertake that responsibility. HKITPC classifies these specialists into three levels, namely CPIT (PD), CPIT (PM) and CPIT(APM) from the highest to the entry level.

**Certified Professional IT (Systems Architect) - CPIT(SA)**  
An IT Systems Architect designs or architects IT solutions to address business requirements. Similar to Architects in the building industry, Systems Architects focus on the overall structure of a system, identifying major components and their relationships.

**Certified Professional IT (Quality Assurance Manager) - CPIT(QAM)**  
The purpose of Quality Assurance (QA) is to provide an independent evaluation of software products/services with respect to the adherence to the intended objectives, processes and standards. An IT Quality Assurance Manager is a person responsible and accountable for quality assurance of IT projects and systems. The ITQAM plans and coordinates systematic activities in a quality system so that quality requirements for a product or service will be fulfilled.

For more information about eligibility requirements, application procedures and guides please refer to the HKITPC website. Application forms are also available for download at: <http://www.hkitpc.org>