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Hong Kong Computer Society Elected New Council members **Young IT Talent Cultivation Tops Task List in 2011-12**

May 30th, 2011 · **Hong Kong** — New council members of Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), the largest Information and Communication Technology (ICT) professional body in Hong Kong, have been elected in the Annual General Meeting. The HKCS Council will place cultivation of local talents on the top of its task list for this year, with a view to encourage more young people to take ICT related subjects in tertiary institutions. It will also strive to promote professional standards of local ICT practitioners so as to uplift the competitiveness of Hong Kong's ICT industry in the region and hence make solid contribution to a sustainable development of Hong Kong's economy.

Ir Stephen K M Lau, JP, President of Hong Kong Computer Society, said: “on behalf of HKCS, I must recognize the valuable contribution of the council members of previous year and welcome new members, as part of the strong professional team, to jointly work for the development of Hong Kong's ICT industry. HKCS has always been promoting the professional standards of the industry. This year, we will put young ICT talents cultivation as a top priority task, such that we can maintain the competitiveness of Hong Kong's ICT industry.”

In order to support this goal, HKCS has setup a Young Talents Cultivation Committee early this year, with Mr Michael Leung as the Committee Chairman. According to Mr Leung: “the Hong Kong SAR government has committed to developing a knowledge-based economy. In addition to urging the government to establish Information and Technology Bureau as well as proactively response to the National Twelfth Five-Year Plan, HKCS proposed the Government to launch, in cooperation with the ICT industry, a sustainable scheme with synergy effect to attract more students to choose ICT related tertiary studies. And the community as a whole must also endeavour to create more career opportunities to match with the increased talent supply.”

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“As computer, telecommunications, internet and wireless technologies are developing at tremendous speed, ICT has been closely linked to daily life and influenced future human life style. However, after the burst of dotcom bubble, the number of students taking IT as first choice for their tertiary education major has significantly decreased and we also witnessed a drop of student quality of IT major. The major reason is the inadequate understanding of the career prospects of ICT industry among students and their parents. To tackle the issue, HKCS will proactively group the power and resources of the industry to cultivate local young ICT talents, including the launching of a series of activities themed by “IT Creates Future” (IT 創造未來) as well as career promotion campaigns with slogan “IT is your Ideal Career” to educate the young generation how IT influencing human future. We hope they will devote to this creative and promising industry which could contribute profoundly to human being,” stated Ir Lau.

Ir. Lau added, “apart from young talent cultivation, HKCS will continuously promote upgrading the professional standards of industry talents, and encourage them to practicing lifelong learning and keeping pace with the times, which could promote self career development, and moreover improve the overall competitiveness of Hong Kong ICT industry. We will promote IT Professional Certification (ITPC) as one of the consideration factors for employment and promotion among employers. We will also encourage the employers to enhance staff training on taking the ITPC test.”

About Hong Kong Computer Society

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a non-profit professional organisation established in 1970, which strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's ICT industry. Being the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, HKCS is dedicated to promote the highest professional standards for the industry. HKCS members are from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's ICT industry, from corporate users to individual talents, all working together for the benefit of the industry.

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Appendix: Council Members of HKCS in 2011/2012