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Hong Kong Computer Society Announces Results of Outstanding ICT Women Awards 2020
7 Outstanding ICT Female Professional and 2 Students Won in 3 Categories

AUGUST 5 2020. HONG KONG -- Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) announced the results of “The Outstanding ICT Women Awards 2020” (OICTWA 2020) and held the Awards Presentation Ceremony in ZOOM format today. Mr. Alfred Sit, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was invited as the officiating guest of the ceremony.

OICTWA 2020 is an initiative by HKCS FACE Club to honour female practitioners in the ICT sector who have made significant achievements and contributed to the industry in Hong Kong and the community at large. The awards were consisting of three categories: ‘Outstanding ICT Women Professional Award’, ‘Outstanding ICT Women Entrepreneur Award’ and ‘Outstanding ICT Rising Star Award’.

OICTWA 2020 Awardees List is as follows:

Awards	Awardee	Company	Position
Outstanding ICT Women Professional Award	Ms. Kwok Suk Wah	International Finance Corporation – World Bank Group	Chief Information Officer and Director of Corporate Information & Technology
	Dr. Lam Mei Chun, Louisa	Lingnan University	Chief Information Officer & University Librarian
	Dr. Lee Woon Ming, Wendy	Autodesk Far East Limited	Regional Manager, Hong Kong & Macau
	Ms. Lui Siu Wan, Sharon	CLP Power Hong Kong Limited	Director – IT Business Partnering
Outstanding ICT Women Entrepreneur Award	Ms. Chu Ka Yin, Norma	DayDayCook	Founder and CEO
	Ms. Bianca Ho	Clare.AI	Co-founder & Chief Operating Officer
	Ms. Lam Yuen Lee, Viola	Find Solution AI Limited	Founder & CEO
Outstanding ICT Rising Star Award	Ms. Choi Ching Lam	Diocesan Girls’ School	Form 5 Student
	Ms. To Pui Kiu, Cheryl	City University of Hong Kong	Year 2 Student with major in Computer Science

The Secretary for Innovation and Technology of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Alfred Sit, JP, said, “The adoption of information technology (IT) enables individuals, organisations and the community at large to continue operation under the pandemic, minimising the disruptions brought to the economy and people's daily lives. It also assists different sectors to blaze a trail and ride out difficult times. The key to all these is the dedication of the information and communications technology professionals. Congratulations to all awardees! Your success is a role model to women who wish to join the IT sector and will definitely

inspire more young women to pursue a career in innovation and technology, heralding a new chapter for I&T development in Hong Kong.”

Mr. Ted Suen, President of HKCS said: "OICTWA is Hong Kong's first award to commend outstanding female ICT practitioners, and it was organized by FACE Club for the first time back in 2015. HKCS is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and OICTWA 2020 is one of the key events. I am very pleased to see many female leaders who have made outstanding contributions to Hong Kong's ICT sector, received praise in this Award. I am also very glad to meet two Outstanding ICT Rising Star Award awardees of the ICT industry. They have chosen to exert their talents in the IT sector, which I believe would be able to provide new impetus to Hong Kong's future ICT development.”

Mr. Ted Suen continued: "Hong Kong has positioned itself to become a financial, transportation, and innovation and technology centre in the Greater Bay Area. Many industries have been stepping up their ICT capacity to boost productivity and competitiveness, and the advent of 5G and smart living technologies are also heating up the demand for ICT talents. However, Hong Kong has always lacked an abundant pool of ICT talent, which may lead to short supply for some sectors. To meet the rising demand, HKCS places strong emphasis on talent cultivation. I hope that OICTWA 2020 can encourage more young females in Hong Kong to join this growing industry, so we can together create a better world with technology”.

Professor Nancy Ip, BBS, MH, JP, Chairperson of Judging Panel of OICTWA 2020 said: “OICTWA 2020 plays a vital role in recognising and celebrating the contributions to ICT development by women in Hong Kong. The awards also serve to remind us that the key ingredients for success are talent and perseverance, and that opportunities in the ICT sector are open and available to everyone, irrespective of gender. This year's pool of candidates have comprised remarkable women whose dedicated efforts in ICT are driving innovation across numerous industries in Hong Kong. Our panel of judges have been significantly impressed by each of their accomplishments.”

Ms. Christine Yau, Chairperson of HKCS FACE Club said: “I want to express my heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees of the three categories of OICTWA 2020. All awardees were subject to panel assessments and interviews. It was not meant to be a competition. Instead, the awards were designed to recognise female practitioners for their contributions to the ICT industry. I believe all the awardees this year truly deserve the honor of the award.”

Mrs. Agnes Mak, MH, JP, Chairperson of the OICTWA 2020 Organising Committee said: “In view of the level of popularity penetration of ICT applications from various industries, a new category ‘Outstanding ICT Women Entrepreneur Award’ is introduced to recognise lady entrepreneurs who have been innovative in using ICT or using innovative application to bring the success of their companies to higher level. It well deserves in adding to the two already established categories, ‘Outstanding ICT Women Professional Award’ and ‘Outstanding ICT Rising Star Award’.”

“This year we had received encouraging number of entries that reflects the creditability hard earned across the years. The OICTWA aims to rectify the general misperception of the gender bias that men are more suitable for ICT career. In fact, it is equally suitable for both genders and the Award is an effective way of empowering the engagement and inclusion of women in all aspects of ICT. All awardees have earned a reputation as an esteemed thought-leader and be recognised as a role model and mentor to other aspiring female. I urge the awardees to be the ambassador of women in ICT!”
Added Mrs. Mak.

About the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)

Founded in 1970, the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a recognised non-profit professional organisation focused on developing Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) profession and industry. Their members come from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT community, from corporations to like-minded individuals, all coming together to raise the profile and standards of the IT profession and industry. As a well-established IT professional body, the Society is committed to professional and industry development as well as community services to ensure the IT sector continues to make a positive impact on peoples' lives with three main goals, namely, 1) talent cultivation and professional development, 2) industry development and collaboration, and 3) the effective use of IT in our community.

For more details, please visit <http://www.hkcs.org.hk>

About HKCS FACE Club

FACE Club was formed in 2015 by the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) to engage more women in the ICT industry. The name FACE Club stands for "Female", "Attract", "Connect" and "Engage". It aims to provide a knowledge exchange platform for female IT professionals and more opportunities for them to become involved in the industry's development, thus encouraging more women to choose IT as a life-long career.

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Appendix 1: "Outstanding ICT Women Awards 2020" Awardees Profile

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資訊及通訊科技傑出專業女士獎
Outstanding ICT Women Professional Award

郭淑華女士 Ms. Kwok Suk Wah

世界銀行集團國際金融公司資訊科技總監及企業資訊及技術總監
Chief Information Officer and Director of Corporate Information & Technology
International Finance Corporation – World Bank Group

Profile:

Suk-Wah Kwok is currently CIO of International Finance Corporation which is part of the World Bank Group. Prior to this, she was Asia Pacific CIO of Lockton Companies from 2012 to 2019, and CIO of Aon Hong Kong from 2001 to 2011, and led Aon to become the first Financial Services Institution in Asia to migrate key IT services to public cloud when cloud technology was still in its infancy.

Suk-Wah is an experienced CIO well known for her courage in early adoption of leading edge technologies and her success in leading IT enabled transformations. For her long standing track record, she was awarded 2015 Top 5 CIO in China, and 2016 Hong Kong CIO of the Year (Medium Enterprise).

Suk-Wah graduated with a First Class Honors in Computer Science and hold an MBA majoring in Finance.

Personal Aspiration:

My aspiration has always been to make use of technology to transform for the better and to make a difference in people’s lives; and for over 3 decades of my career, the focus has been on corporate lives. I have long aspired to one day use my IT professional skills for charitable purposes, and this dream has partially come true since I joined the World Bank Group in November 2019. The World Bank Group’s mission is to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity, and I am proud that technology can play a crucial role towards achieving such global mission.

林美珍博士 Dr. Lam Mei Chun, Louisa

嶺南大學資訊科技總監及圖書館館長

Chief Information Officer & University Librarian, Lingnan University

Profile:

I am now serving as the Chief Information Officer and University Librarian at Lingnan University to provide strategic leadership to transform its IT and library services. I am very proud to be the only woman and professional in the higher education sector in Hong Kong that directs both IT and Library services. Starting from July 2020, I will be directing both JUCC and JULAC, both are consortiums of Information Technology Services Centre and Libraries of the 8 UGC-funded Universities. I would like to leverage this unique position to bring more synergy in the use of IT in the library sector.

Personal Aspiration:

I would like to leverage fit-for-purpose digital technologies as enablers to transform and innovate the teaching and research practices not only in the University but also in the Higher Education sector. I would also like to devote more time to voluntary work especially in church services to serve the community.

李煥明博士 Dr. Lee Woon Ming, Wendy

歐特克遠東有限公司香港及澳門地區總經理

Regional Manager, HK & Macau, Autodesk Far East

Profile:

Dr Wendy Lee is the Regional Manager of Autodesk Hong Kong and Macau. With decades of business and industry experience, Wendy has made significant contributions within Hong Kong's ICT industry by using her professional role to accelerate technology adoption and increase both productivity and quality of businesses and individuals, especially in the construction and creative industry fields.

Wendy is also a past chairperson of the British Computer Society (Hong Kong Section) and current President of Hong Kong Innovative Technology Development Association. She uses her passion about promoting digital transformation and diversity by organising events and publishing articles in local media. Wendy is a published pop music composer. She also walks every weekend throughout the city, to keep abreast of the everchanging development of Hong Kong.

Personal Aspiration:

Encouraging enhancement of talents is the key to the success in a modern society, and technology talents are among the most crucial to future success. To help Hong Kong maintain its competitiveness in the global arena and remain a liveable smart city, I am devoted to talent cultivation, especially in the areas of innovative and building technologies.

呂少雲女士 Ms. Lui Siu Wan, Sharon

中華電力有限公司集團資訊應用發展及支援副總監

Director – IT Business Partnering, CLP Power Hong Kong Limited

Profile:

Sharon Lui is a seasoned ICT professional with well-rounded IT experience and career track record in defining IT strategy and roadmap, securing operational excellence, leading large scale mission critical project implementations and transformations across Asia and US. Sharon also focuses extensively on staff development, nurturing young and diverse talent, fostering innovation, adopting modern deployment methodology like design thinking, agile and DevOps. Most importantly, Sharon is passionate on building strategic partnership with business leaders to harness benefits that are transformational and organization-wide via digital transformation, technology innovations and solutions.

Personal Aspiration:

With the passion of being a valued partner to enable business success through ICT. Be a professional to contribute to the growth of the ICT industry in HK. Inspire and enable others to succeed to actualise own achievement and satisfaction. Leverage this award to inspire more female to ICT industry.

**資訊及通訊科技傑出女企業家獎
Outstanding ICT Women Entrepreneur Award**

朱嘉盈女士 Ms. Chu Ka Yin, Norma

日日煮創始人兼首席執行官

Founder and CEO, DayDayCook

Profile:

Entering China market in 2015, under her leadership, DayDayCook is now the largest cooking and lifestyle content platform in China with 80 million active viewers and 5 million paid customers as well as 4 experience centres nationwide. Norma has raised over US\$65 million venture funding for DayDayCook from investors including Alibaba Entrepreneurs Fund and K11 Investments. Norma was featured in Apple Store's Cover Story in March 2020. She was named as China New Media Top 100 people in 2016 and as one of CY Zone's Most Notable Female Entrepreneurs in 2017-2019.

Personal Aspiration:

We come from different walks of life and share the same ups and downs as we take on this roller coaster ride called entrepreneurship. Grit, positive attitude and hunger to learn are the elements that keep pushing me. Hope my story can inspire more women to strive for their dreams!

何思穎女士 Ms. Bianca Ho

Clare.AI 聯合創始人及營運總監

Co-founder & Chief Operating, Clare.AI

Profile:

Bianca Ho is the co-founder and COO of Clare.AI. Award-winning Clare.AI creates seamless conversational digital experiences through WATI.io and Clare.AI enterprise AI. We partner with enterprise clients in telecommunications and finance to automate customer support using our proprietary industry-specific, omnichannel conversational digital assistants that understands 10+ Asian languages. With our Fortune 500 clients, we automated 87% of their inquiries.

Bianca started her career in JP Morgan Private Banking, and started her career in IT working closely with Zendesk's executive team on developing their China market entry strategy.

Personal Aspiration:

I aspire to continually learn and reinvent myself, so that I can create a world-class sustainable and scalable company. I aspire to continually create a welcoming and thriving work environment for talented individuals, particularly women to join and grow in the ICT industry.

林苑莉女士 Ms. Lam Yuen Lee, Viola

Find Solution AI Ltd 行政總裁及創辦人

CEO & Founder, Find Solution AI Ltd.

Profile:

Established in 2016, Find Solution Ai Limited (FSAI) has innovated a patented artificial intelligence technology into personalized learning experience for students in Hong Kong.

With the development of the Ai-Driven Motivation Platform – 4LittleTrees(4LTs), FSAI has rewarded a range of significant local and international awards these years, including platinum award of IFTA FinTech Achievement Award 2018, APICTA 2019 Education Award and Gold Winner of Smart Living ICT Award. We lead the education environment into a new era with a further expansion to the partnership in South East Asia.

Personal Aspiration:

Creativity matters. We believe in innovations and creativities. By adding innovation into the traditional education environment can bring new insights and new mindset for learners and teachers. Inspiring kids to learn better!

資訊及通訊科技傑出女明日之星獎
Outstanding ICT Rising Star Award

蔡青琳同學 Ms. Choi Ching Lam

拔萃女書院中五學生

Form 5 Student, Diocesan Girls' School

Profile:

Choi Ching Lam is a high school programmer from Hong Kong, keenly interested in Computer Vision and Scientific Computing.

She is an open source enthusiast with a deep appreciation for Python and Julia. Presently an intern at NVIDIA's AI Tech Center, Ching Lam aspires to become a Machine Learning researcher.

Personal Aspiration:

In secondary-school, I aim to publish a Computer Vision conference paper under guidance. Afterwards, I aim to pursue my Bachelors, Masters and PhD in Computer Science, with a focus in Computer Vision, then devote myself to academic research. I also aspire to enhance teenage AI-literacy through founding a non-profit.

杜珮翹同學 Ms. To Pui Kiu, Cheryl

香港城市大學電腦科學專業的二年級學生

Year 2 Student with major in Computer Science, City University of Hong Kong

Profile:

I am a Year 2 student from City University of Hong Kong that major in Computer Science. I have been an intern in HKT last summer that participated in websites programming and development for three months. Apart from that, I have volunteered in webpage design for the NGO "Regeneration society" for around one year.

I am a person that cares for details and an active volunteer that always want to make a different in the society.

Personal Aspiration:

My aspiration is to become an expert in this IT field, specifically in webpage programming and development. In the future, I would like to bring different in this society by developing new form of technology, making our society more digital and improving the life standard of the public.