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HKITPC presented 2nd CPIT certificates

The only IT Certification aligned with QF in HK for Employers' Staffing Reference

May 4, 2012 · HONG KONG——Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) presented Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) certificates for the second time. A total of 47 Information Technology (IT) professionals are awarded the relevant CPIT certified qualification.

CPIT is the first IT professional certifications aligned with government Qualification Framework (QF) awarded by local IT organization in Hong Kong. Organizations from various industries from Finance, IT and Public Utilities, Transportations, to IT Service Providers, including Hong Kong Jockey Club, China Light and Power as well as a number of large-scale corporations currently take CPIT as one of the considerations in staff recruitment and career planning. Related training courses are available at two training institutions for the time being, catering to the needs for CPIT examination.

Mr. Stephen Lau, JP, President, Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) noted: “The primary targets for HKITPC this year are to enhance the recognition of CPIT credential in the community and attract more organization to adopt CPIT as one of the consideration factors for recruitment and staff career planning.”

Aligned with the 7 levels of Generic Level Descriptors for Information and Communication Industry in QF, the current professional certificates offered by HKITPC consist of 3 senior Assessment-based CPIT which are Project Director, Systems Architect and Quality Assurance Manager, as well as 3 Examination-based CPIT which are Associate Project Manager, Information Security Officer, and Business Analyst. 47 out of around 110 candidates were eligible for CPIT certificates, including 2 Project Directors, 11 Systems Architects, 4 Associate Project Managers, 22 Business Analysts and 8 Information Security Officers, representing a successful rate around 40 percent.

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Mr. Lau remarked in the CPIT certificates presentation ceremony that he was gratified by Hong Kong IT professionals' life-long learning spirit in pursuing continual progress. Being the only IT professional certificates aligned with government QF in Hong Kong, CPIT is an objective and authentic certificate for Hong Kong's IT professional, which is based on individual knowledge, skills, working experience as well as competency and complementary to the Career Roadmap for IT Professional Certification (the Roadmap) announced by HKCS last December. IT professionals could apply for appropriate CPIT certificates according to their own career development and further education needs.

Mr. Lau pointed out: "reviewing the 3 by 7 generic job titles matrix in the Roadmap developed by HKCS, we could find that the six CPIT certificates fulfill the qualification requirements of relevant generic job titles".

Corresponding job titles and QF level for CPIT Certifications:

CPIT Certifications	Corresponding qualification in The 3 by 7 generic job titles matrix	Qualification Framework level
Project Director	IT Project Director (Master)	Level Six
Systems Architect	Software Engineering Manager (Master)	Level Six
Quality Assurance Manager	Software Quality Assurance Manager (Master)	Level Six
Associate Project Manager	Assistant Manager, IT Projects (Practitioner)	Level Four
Information Security Officer	Information Security Officer (Practitioner)	Level Four
Senior Business Analyst	Senior Software Engineer (Specialist)	Level Five
Business Analyst	Software Engineer (Practitioner)	Level Four

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Mr. Lau explained, “HKCS announced the Development of a Career Roadmap for IT Professionals Project, which defines the IT related job titles in different competency levels for reference, and is the first developed integrated professional qualification framework based on Government Qualification Framework. Thus, Hong Kong IT professionals could compare their experience, academic qualification and ranks with the roadmap and the 7 levels of Generic Level Descriptors in ‘Information and Communications Technology’ category of HKQF, for their reference in planning career development and continual education. And CPIT provides a more direct certification for employers’ understanding of employees’ qualification level.”

A 3 x 7 generic job titles matrix was first developed to identify the generic job responsibilities for 7 job categories at 3 competency levels by the project team of HKCS. This is to define the reference job titles for different job categories in the IT industry.

The 3 competency levels are (1) Master; (2) Specialist; and (3) Practitioner, corresponding to the sixth, fifth and fourth level in the 7 levels of Generic Level Descriptors in “Information and Communications Technology” category of HKQF. The 7 job categories are (1) Software Engineering/Software Development; (2) Quality Assurance; (3) Project Management (ICT); (4) IT Architecture; (5) Service Management and Operation; (6) Information Security; and (7) Multimedia.

Stephen Lau continued: “Being a remarkable milestone for career, education and training development of IT industry in Hong Kong, the Career Roadmap also provides benchmarks for IT employers, professional bodies, academic and training institutions for training and development planning, as well as a framework for cross recognition of certifications with overseas professional bodies.”

Regarding the development of CPIT, Mr. Lau claimed: “the future plan for HKITPC is to introduce CPIT to the Mainland and work with relevant certification bodies, thus enhance the international status of CPIT and attract more applicants. Yet the project is in its planning stage.”

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About Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification

Sponsored by HKSAR Government in May, 2007, the Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) offers Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) credential which aligned with government Qualification Framework. The objective of HKITPC is to provide an objective official professional qualification based on knowledge, skills, ability and proven working experience for IT professional in Hong Kong, and for the reference of various parties, including employers in staff recruitment and promotion, IT professional in continual education, and training institutes in developing relevant training courses.

About Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)

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

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