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Hong Kong Computer Society Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education

Students of IT Receive Pre-approval for HKCS Student Membership,

With the Objective of Promoting ICT Talent Cultivation and Professional Development

June 20, 2014 • HONG KONG—The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE). IVE students who are admitted to eligible Information Technology (IT)-related programs assessed by HKCS annually are now pre-approved to apply for HKCS Student Membership. This collaboration of HKCS with local tertiary institutions first started two years ago, with the view to cultivating potential young talent and furthering the development of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Hong Kong.

Mr. Michael Leung, the President of HKCS, was delighted to establish a partnership with IVE that would cultivate IT talents and promote professional development. He pointed out that, "There is a huge demand for IT talents in Hong Kong to support the knowledge-based economy. More importantly, information technology is now an indispensable part of daily life and will be significant to the future development of human society. Therefore, HKCS aims to nurture young IT talents, and has been encouraging them to choose the IT industry as lifelong career since 1970."

The MOU Signing Ceremony was arranged at IVE (Tsing Yi), co-hosted by Dr. Ong Lay Lian, Academic Director of IT Discipline of IVE, and Mr. Michael Leung. Mr. Michael Leung stated that, "From now on, IVE students admitted to ICT-related programs recognized by HKCS are pre-approved for application to HKCS Student Membership which would help students to understand more of ICT-industry development and even to better plan their career paths by participating in related ICT seminars and events. After graduation, they can also apply for HKCS Associate Membership or Professional Class (e.g. Full) Membership, based on their academic qualifications and working experience. As HKCS is a well-established IT professional association in Hong Kong, its Professional Class Member status represents respondent ICT professionalism."

Mr. Michael Leung expects that, "Students will actively participate in the events held by HKCS throughout the year to get the most updated information about the IT industry and cherish the opportunities to exchange views and experiences with professionals." In conclusion, Mr. Leung also encouraged students that "the annual salary growth rate and the entry-level salary of university graduates are both reasonable in the ICT industry, according to the report released by our society last year. Young people are naturally drawn to this prospective industry, as it is full of creativity, dynamically-driven, and crucial to the development of human society."

About IVE

IVE is one of the members of Vocational Training Council (VTC), aiming to provide vocational education and nurture professionals. To make students better equipped, IVE provides them with such valuable learning resources as highly-qualified teaching staff with solid industry experience, adequate job placement opportunities, and campus facilities that meet industry standards. IVE has long been the leading vocational education provider in Hong Kong, and has built a competent and innovative workforce that contributes a lot to our society.

About HKCS

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a non-profit professional organization established in 1970 that strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) industry. As the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, HKCS is dedicated to promoting the highest professional standards in the industry. 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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Appendix 1

Current IT-related programs offered in the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) for 2013/14 include:

Program Code	Program Title
IT114103	Higher Diploma in Telecommunications and Networking
IT114104	Higher Diploma in Information and Network Security
IT114105	Higher Diploma in Software Engineering
IT124106	Higher Diploma in Computer Systems Administration
IT114107	Higher Diploma in Game Software Development
IT124111	Higher Diploma in Web Design and Development

IT114112	Higher Diploma in Mobile Applications Development
IT114115	Higher Diploma in Cloud & Data Centre Administration
IT114201	Higher Diploma in Multimedia
IT124202	Higher Diploma in Audio-Visual Entertainment Technology
IT114205	Higher Diploma in Digital Entertainment – Games & Animation