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Hong Kong Computer Society CIO Board Survey Results Released
CPIT Credentials is recognized as the key in fostering the development of the IT industry

18 September 2014-Hong Kong - Information technology is a key element leading to better business and organizational development, thus enhancing the need for IT professionals to pursue self-excellence in order to stay competitive in the field. Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) Credentials is one of the professional certifications in IT industry, providing employers with a reference to assist them during recruitment processes while encouraging IT professionals to pursue self-improvement.

CPIT is a certification system that assesses and certifies IT professionals based on knowledge, skills, ability and proven work experience. There are now 8 titles in the certification:

<u>Assessment-Based</u>	<u>Examination-Based</u>	<u>Recognition-Based</u>
Project Director (PD)	Associate Project Manager (APM)	Project Manager (PM)
System Architect (SA)	Information Security Officer (Info Sec)	Systems Operation Officer (SOO)
Quality Assurance Manager (QAM)	Business Analyst (BA)	

Examination-Based training programs are now available in various vocational training institutions, including Institute of Professional Education and Knowledge (PEAK) of Vocational Training Council and Productivity Training Institute (PTI) of Hong Kong Productivity Council.

CPIT Credentials has already been established for 7 years. Hong Kong Computer Society conducted a survey in January 2014 among its Chief Information Officer Board (CIOB) to examine the effectiveness and significance of the certification. According to the results, only a small amount of companies consider CPIT Credentials as a weighting factor when making employment decisions. However, many companies plan to take it into account in the future (please refer to the table below for details). It is obvious that there has been a rise in recognition for CPIT Credentials

among both employers and employees in IT industry.

Survey results:

Company Policy	Adopted	Planned
To sponsor or reimburse CPIT Training Fee for the staff	20%	70%
To include CPIT weight in Tender Selection	30%	40%
To include "CPIT Preferred" in Job Ads	10%	70%

Distinguished IT professionals have already expressed their supportive attitude to CPIT Credentials, perceiving it as both beneficial to employers and employees.

Mrs. Agnes Mak, MH, JP, Executive Director, Hong Kong Productivity Council, pointed out, "CPIT helps employers to screen candidates and select those with professional competence to meet the industry's standards. On the other hand, employees can make use of CPIT to ascertain their skills, knowledge and experience at a certain level, so that they have a better chance of getting employed".

Ms. Susanna Shen, Head of Corporate Information Technology, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, suggested that, "CPIT allows employers to identify candidates' competence. At the same time, IT professionals can ascertain their own capabilities and qualifications through CPIT".

Mr. Andy Bien, Chief Information Officer, Airport Authority Hong Kong, deliberated that, "CPIT provides a pathway for continuous learning which will eventually improve the overall quality of the industry".

Finally, Ir. Sunny Lee, JP, Office of Vice-President (Administration), City University of Hong Kong, also viewed, "CPIT can provide a more objective and professional assessment to evaluate the competence of IT professionals and a continuous learning pathway for IT professionals to enhance their capabilities and advance in their career development".

Evidently, CPIT Credentials is well appreciated for its effort to help improve the quality and standard of IT professionals, thus foster the overall development of the industry.

Hong Kong Computer Society will organise "CIO Forum – 360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification" at Cyberport on 25 Nov (Tue). We are honored to have

CIOs, CPIT Assessors and CPIT Achievers to be the speakers. IT Employers, employees, CPIT achievers and all interested parties are welcome to join. For details, please contact our Secretariat at 2834 2228.

About Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) Credentials

Led by Hong Kong Computer Society, The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) was established with the assistance of the government in 2007. CPIT is a set of qualifications set up to give recognition to IT professionals, making the IT industry more competitive and boosting further development. Certified Professional of IT Credentials (CPIT), the only recognition for IT professionals that is approved in Hong Kong and aligned with the Qualifications Framework of the Hong Kong Education Bureau, is the professional certifications launched by HKITPC.

The 3 assessment-based titles were launched between 2006 and 2007 while the 3 examination-based titles were launched from 2008 to 2010. The 2 recognized-based titles are being launched this year. The development of the project was sponsored by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), indicating support from the government to the Hong Kong Certification system.

About The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC)

The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification is a non-profit organization established in 2007 under the assistance of the government. HKITPC aims to recognize the qualifications of IT professionals by launching a series of credentials and therefore helping foster the development of the IT industry.

About Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)

The Hong Kong Computer Society is a non-profit professional organization established in 1970, which strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's Information Technology industry. Being the most well-established and largest professional association in Hong Kong, the HKCS is dedicated to promoting 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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