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## **Hong Kong Computer Society Congratulates the Establishment of Innovation and Technology Bureau**

Hong Kong, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) celebrates the successful approval of funding for the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) this past Friday. This pledge of commitment marks a major milestone for the development of ICT in Hong Kong, providing a platform for setting policies and overseeing their implementations at the most senior level of the Government.

Since its founding 45 years ago, HKCS has devoted great effort in molding ICT culture and cultivate talents, with a view to ensuring that our members measure up to the highest professional standards, and the sector continues to make a positive impact in people’s lives.

On this occasion, Mr. Michael Leung, President of HKCS shared, “On behalf of our Council Members, I congratulate the formation of the long-awaited Innovation and Technology Bureau. We look forward to working closely with the ITB, to create opportunities, cultivate talent, spur innovation and, along with other industry partners, propel the development of ICT in Hong Kong.”

The rate at which the ICT industry is progressing is unprecedented and it is fueled by ground-breaking and landscape-changing innovations. In recent years, the HKSAR Government has placed innovation and technology at the forefront of its priorities, as evidenced by the works toward creating opportunities for ICT entrepreneurs and startup, and fostering their growth. With the formation of ITB and its intention to garner cohesive forces amongst Government, industry and academia, it is expected that existing efforts can be strengthened and new markets opened.

As society increasingly recognizes the importance of ICT to the growth of the economy and the impact to the community, HKCS looks forward to the potential of unleashed creativity and innovation following the establishment of ITB.

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