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**HKCS initiated used computer devices donation to support eLearning for underprivileged students**

**January 22, 2021 · Hong Kong** — Supported by various large corporations, Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), the longest established and largest professional ICT organisation in Hong Kong, initiated the donation of used computer devices to underprivileged students. Over 200 used computer devices were collected and donated to underprivileged students in school through Association of IT Leaders in Education (AiTLE) as well as underprivileged students living in subdivided flat through Rotary Club of Golden Bauhinia Hong Kong respectively. The donation ceremony was successfully held today.

Dr. Ted Suen, MH, President of HKCS, said: "As a well-respected and leading ICT organisation, HKCS is always committed to the development of the industry, community service, and ensuring that IT plays a vital role in social development while exerting a positive impact on the lives of the public. The initiative is a reflection of our commitment to community services and popularisation of ICT in society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all supporting corporations, which their contribution is crucial for the success of the campaign."

Mr. Kelvin Har, Vice President (Community Services) of HKCS, explained: "There were quite a lot of organisations contributed to the computer donation to the underprivileged students, but it seems that many students were still missing computers for their studies. To tackle the current issue, HKCS kicked off an initiative to minimise the gap, making donation of computer devices to the underprivileged students directly."

The campaign was supported by various large corporations including Securities & Futures Commission, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort and Hysan Development Co. Ltd. Over 200 used computer devices, including PCs monitors and notebooks, were collected. The delivery was supported by Eastern Worldwide Company Limited.

"Under the coordination of HKCS, the used computer devices will be directly distributed to underprivileged students in schools by AiTLE while Rotary Club of Golden Bauhinia Hong Kong will support the donation of computer devices to underprivileged students living in subdivided flat." Added Mr. Kelvin Har.

Dr. Ted Suen said: "Under the influence of the 'new normal', e-learning has largely become the 'new normal' of education. Supporting low-income families to access the internet and purchase of computers equipment become important. Besides the donation,

we suggested the Government to regularise the subsidies to ensure underprivileged students can be benefited from digitalisation. By improving the condition of learning, they will be able to grasp the opportunity of upward mobility in future and make contribution to the society.”



(From the left) Mr. Leon Chan, Member of Community Services Standing Committee, Hong Kong Computer Society, Mr. Kelvin Har, Vice President (Community Services), Hong Kong Computer Society, Mr. Albert Wong, Chairman, Association of IT Leaders in Education



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(From the left) Mr. Kelvin Har, Vice President (Community Services), Hong Kong Computer Society, Mr. Leon Chan, Member of Community Services Standing Committee, Hong Kong Computer Society, Mr. James Fan, President, Rotary Club of Golden Bauhinia Hong Kong, Mr. Raymond Yeung, President-elect, Rotary Club of Golden Bauhinia Hong Kong, Ms. Julia Chan, Preserve Planet Earth Director, Rotary Club of Golden Bauhinia Hong Kong

### **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.

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