**HKCS launches "Computer Donation to People in Need" programme
to support underprivileged students and seniors**

June 24, 2021 · Hong Kong —— Funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and partnered with Caritas Computer Workshop, Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), the longest established and largest professional ICT organisation in Hong Kong, has launched a "Computer Donation to People in Need" programme. The programme aims to promote used computer devices donation to needy students and families to cater for their e-learning and living needs during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Used computer devices especially laptops will be collected by HKCS from corporations, checked and repaired by Caritas Computer Workshop and donated to underprivileged students and seniors in Hong Kong.

Supported by various corporations in January this year, HKCS had successfully collected and donated over 200 used computer devices to underprivileged students in school as well as living in subdivided flat.

Dr. Rocky Cheng, 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 programme is a reflection of our commitment to community services and popularisation of ICT in society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and Caritas Computer Workshop for their support. I encourage all corporations in Hong Kong to join the programme, collect and donate used computer devices especially laptops for needy people in the society at the same time."

Mr. Kelvin Har, Vice President (Social Engagement) of HKCS, explained: "Under the influence of the 'new normal', e-learning has largely become the 'new normal' of education. However, there are still many low-income families in Hong Kong that cannot afford computers for their children to take e-learning classes at home. In addition, many seniors may be isolated from friends and family under COVID-19. With the support of ICT, seniors can better maintain their relationships and prevent loneliness while social distancing guidelines are in place. We believe this programme can help satisfying their needs,"

Dr. Cheng added: "During the COVID-19 pandemic period, supporting low-income families to access the internet and purchase of computers equipment become important.

Besides the donation, we continues to suggest the Government to regularise the subsidies to ensure underprivileged communities can be benefited from digitalisation."

For further information about HKCS "Computer Donation to People in Need" programme, please refer to the following web page:
http://www.hkcs.org.hk/computerdonation/

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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