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## **Hong Kong Computer Society Announces the Consolidation of Seven Special Interest Groups into Four Specialist Groups**

**30 January 2018, Hong Kong** – The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) announced that it will consolidate its seven Special Interest Groups (SIG) into four Specialist Groups (SG) to reflect the interests of its members and evolving trends in the IT industry. The four new SGs are Artificial Intelligence, Financial Technology, Cyber Security and Enterprise Architecture.

Ir. Ted Suen, President of HKCS explained, “As a premier professional body for the IT sector in Hong Kong, the primary objective of HKCS is to promote information technology by providing a medium for the sharing of knowledge and promoting the appreciation of emerging technologies to benefit its members. One of the key pillars of HKCS is its Specialist Groups (SGs), which conduct various professional development activities for HKCS members as well as for the IT community at large. We have recently consolidated our SGs from seven to four, as they more accurately reflect our members’ key areas of focus and emerging IT trends.”

The main objectives and convenor of each SG are:

<b>Specialist Group (SG)</b>	<b>Main Objectives</b>	<b>Convenor</b>
<b>Artificial Intelligence (AI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to keep Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) members abreast of research, developments, and applications in Artificial Intelligence (AI)</li><li>• to serve as a platform for AI-related knowledge dissemination and exchange among the Society’s members</li><li>• to provide thought leadership in the field of AI and serve as a catalyst for AI innovation in Hong Kong</li><li>• to assist the Society’s members in their continuous professional development in AI</li><li>• to provide professional knowledge, recommendations, and advice to the Council on issues related to AI, whenever needed</li><li>• to represent HKCS in providing expert opinions on various AI-related Government policies and consultations, as well as answering media enquiries on AI-related matters.</li></ul>	Dr. Andy Chun The City University of Hong Kong

Specialist Group (SG)	Main Objectives	Convenor
<b>FinTech (FT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to promote the FinTech Industry in Hong Kong</li> <li>• to provide advisory and feedback to the Government and other stakeholders on the policies and practices of FinTech in Hong Kong</li> <li>• to conduct and participate in market nurturing activities, including but not limited to, hosting and/or supporting/organizing forums, conferences, and summits</li> <li>• to act as a professional body in representing FinTech participants to the community, including media</li> <li>• to collaborate and link up other FinTech industry supporting bodies, including complimenting supporting partners</li> <li>• to be a catalyst for innovation through thought leadership</li> <li>• to be a platform for the Society's members to collaborate, discuss and share experiences on the topic of Fintech</li> </ul>	Mr. Frazer Lam Bank of China (Hong Kong)
<b>Cyber Security (CS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to be a platform for the Society's members to collaborate, discuss and share experiences on the topic of cyber security</li> <li>• to keep abreast with and focus on enabling and evolving technologies of cyber security</li> <li>• to be a catalyst for innovation through thought leadership</li> <li>• to cultivate leadership and technical competencies for members within the cybersecurity field</li> <li>• to act as a professional body in representing Cyber Security participants to the community, including media</li> <li>• to assist member's career growth by providing professional development events, career path information, mentoring and coaching services, and networking opportunities</li> </ul>	Mr. Ricky Woo Bank of China (Hong Kong)

Specialist Group (SG)	Main Objectives	Convenor
<b>Enterprise Architecture (EA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to promote the professional development and certifications of IT architects in Hong Kong</li> <li>• to disseminate knowledge about enterprise architecture to the IT industry and business</li> <li>• to establish a network of IT architects for experience and knowledge sharing</li> <li>• to help students and young practitioners develop their careers as IT architects</li> </ul>	Mr. Dave Chen HKCS Fellow Member

"The four SGs will continue to serve HKCS members and the Hong Kong IT sector by disseminating technical application knowledge to in-service professionals via forums and networking activities," added Ir. Ted Suen.



The Convenors of HKCS Specialist Groups, from left: Mr. Ricky Woo (Cyber Security), Mr. Dave Chen (Enterprise Architecture), Dr. Andy Chun (Artificial Intelligence), Mr. Frazer Lam (FinTech)



## About Specialist Groups, the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS SGs)

As an important professional body founded to raise the professional standards of the IT industry in Hong Kong, HKCS has created SGs to serve several important functions: to focus HKCS members and the IT community on enabling and evolving information technologies; to provide a platform for knowledge dissemination and exchange among HKCS members; to serve as a catalyst for innovation through thought leadership; to offer professional recommendations and advice to the Council in their respective area; and to assist HKCS members in their continuous professional development. Working under their respective areas, the HKCS SGs will also be called upon to represent IT professionals to the community and the media, as well as provide advisory and feedback to the Government and stakeholders on relevant policies and practices in 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. Our 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.

For more information, please visit <http://www.hkcs.org.hk>.

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