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Certified IT experts - Proven Hong Kong IT professional The first professional body issued digitalised certificates

Hong Kong, 12 July 2010 - The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) conferred seasoned Hong Kong IT experts the three new Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) accredited programmes, a certification scheme coordinated and supported by the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), in a Certification Presentation Ceremony held on 10 July.

With appreciative support from the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), the Government of the HKSAR, HKCS, IT industry and the business community, the HKITPC launched three newly developed professional certificated titles:

- CPIT (Associate Project Manager, APM),
- CPIT (Information Security Officer, InfoSec), and
- CPIT (Business Analyst, BA),

in addition to the three already established titles:

- CPIT (Systems Architect, SA),
- CPIT (Project Director, PD), and
- CPIT (Quality Assurance Manager, QAM).

In today's Presentation Ceremony, 9 CPIT (APM), 13 CPIT (InfoSec) and 3 CPIT (BA) were presented with their certificates. They had gone through successfully the rigorous examination-based procedures which affirmed their professional competency and specialisation in our industry.

“To sustain the leading role as a regional financial hub and digital city, Hong Kong definitely has to leverage our proven application excellence in Information Technology,” Ir Stephen Lau, JP, President of the HKCS remarked. “With the certified CPIT credentials of the Hong Kong IT professionals, Hong Kong’ status as an international business centre is reinforced.”

“Building on the industry needs, the HKITPC is continually developing this certification scheme, the CPIT, with three more new titles to recognise the outstanding experience and knowledge of Hong Kong IT professionals.” said Mr Sunny Lee, JP, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the HKITPC.

“The HKITPC continues to working closely with industry and is looking forward to strengthening partnership with corporations to reinforce the certification scheme.” Mr Lee added, “We now proudly announce the Recognition of IBM’s Internal Certification Program on Systems Architect. Senior level IT architects being certified by its Internal Certification Program on System Architect would complementally receive accreditation from our certification programme.”

The industry has been greatly involved in this IT professional development. “An expert group comprised of IT experts from academics to business sectors has helped design and develop the titles.” Mr Lau expressed, “We extend our heartfelt thanks to the group members for their dedication and contribution. The continual support and involvement of all the stakeholders including the IT industry and business and academic sectors are vital to further expand this certification scheme, and thereby to foster the development and competitiveness of the Hong Kong IT industry.”

Providing a credible reference for the recruitment of IT professionals to all sectors, this certification scheme serve as a credential in confirming the professional experience and talent of the certified professionals. Mr Lau elaborated, “This is a crucial move to inspire the IT practitioners to continue their professional development and to pave way for professional registration.”

In addition to the traditional hard-copy credentials, the HKCS and the HKITPC, to be the ever first professional organisation in Hong Kong, is now working on the issuance of soft-copy e-credentials to our certified professionals. These e-credentials will be digitally signed to prove their authenticity. The Hong Kong Public Key Infrastructure Forum Limited and E-Mice Solution (HK) Limited, the operator of the Hongkong Post e-Cert services has kindly agreed to sponsor the issuance of e-Cert to qualified HKCS members and the HKITPC certified professionals. Moreover, HKCS will shortly launch an online services for its members and certified professionals to electronically sign documents using a Digital Signing Services (DSS). This DSS service is to allow our members to sign soft copy documents using their professional titles and membership credentials.

About the Hong Kong Computer Society

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a well-established non-profit organisation which strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) industry since its founding in 1970. Dedicated to the promotion of the highest professional standards for the industry, HKCS is the well recognised and the largest professional association in the Hong Kong's IT industry. HKCS draws members from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT users, from corporations to individuals, all coming together to work for the benefit and raise the profile of the industry.

About the Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification

Founded in 2007, Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) is the first independent, non-profit and professional IT certification institute in Hong Kong. Through a series of quality IT certificates, it helps identification of true IT experts, career advancement of IT professionals, and provides solid recruitment reference to IT employers. Ultimately, HKITPC will help the development of IT industry of Hong Kong.

About Certificated Professional of IT

Originating from an industry-led certification system development project sponsored by the OGCIO, the first batch of CPIT titles were launched in 2005 to recognize senior IT professionals in systems architecture, project management and quality assurance. These titles include CPIT (Systems Architect, SA), CPIT (Project Director, PD) and CPIT (Quality Assurance Manager, QAM). Three more CPIT titles have been developed in 2009. These titles including CPIT (Associate Project Manager, APM), CPIT (Information Security Officer, InfoSec), and CPIT (Business Analyst, BA) were developed for IT professionals who have entered the profession for a couple of years and are beginning to choose a specialisation for their IT career.

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