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**Hong Kong Computer Society Signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Community College at Lingnan University and Lingnan Institute of Further Education**

*The First time Pre-approval of HKCS Student Membership for Students of ICT With the Objective to Promote ICT Talent Cultivation and professional Development*

**June 6, 2012 • HONG KONG**—Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Community College at Lingnan University (CCLU) and Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE). The students of the two colleges admitted to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) related programmes that are recognised by HKCS are pre-approved to the application of HKCS Student Membership. This is the first time HKCS start similar collaboration with local tertiary institutions.

Mr. Stephen Lau, JP, President of HKCS, was glad with the established cooperation and appreciated the efforts of CCLU and LIFE in promoting ICT development. He said: “HKCS has always been giving priority to ICT talent cultivation and professional development, thus organizing and co-organizing a number of related activities, such as Shanghai-Hong Kong Youth Summer Camp held yearly in August, eGame Design Competition, Robocon Hong Kong Contest and so on. It well demonstrates our determination in promoting ICT talent cultivation by signing MOU with CCLU and LIFE. In the future, we look forward to working with more local tertiary institutions, to jointly promote the development of ICT industry in Hong Kong. We will continue seeking for more collaboration among us.”

The MOU Signing Ceremony was co-hosted by Dr. Edward Fung, Dean of the Community College and Further Education, Lingnan University and Ms. Susanna Shen, Vice President (Membership) and Honorary Secretary of HKCS, with presence of President Mr. Stephen Lau. Ms. Susanna Shen stated on signing the MOU:

“Hereafter the students of the two colleges admitted to ICT related programmes that are recognised by HKCS are pre-approved to the application of HKCS Student Membership. HKCS will assess the latest list of ICT related programmes and respective curriculums submitted by CCLU and LIFE in mutually agreed yearly schedule. CCLU and LIFE will immediately inform HKCS of any significant change of the programmes and curriculums during the academic year.”

Mr. Stephen Lau explained: “HKCS student membership helps students to understand more of ICT industry development by participating in related ICT seminars and events, thus better plan their career paths. HKCS offers free student membership and specially designs career talks and other IT related activities for them, in order to encourage more students to join HKCS, and ultimately the ICT industry. After graduation, they could apply for HKCS Associate Member or Full Member based on their academic qualification and working experience. HKCS being the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, its Associate Member or Full Member represents respondent ICT professionalism.”

Current ICT related programmes offered by CCLU and LIFE include:

I. Higher Diploma Programmes:

- Higher Diploma in Computer Information Systems (Application Support)
- Higher Diploma in Computer Studies
- Higher Diploma in Computer Studies (PC System and Network Administration)
- Higher Diploma in Creative Media Design

## II. Diploma Programmes:

- Diploma in Business Information Systems
- Diploma in Computer Technical Support
- Diploma in Creative Multimedia Design
- Diploma in Mobile Applications Design
- Diploma in PC System and Networking

Mr. Stephen Lau pointed out: “HKCS will spare no efforts in young talent cultivation and professional development. The collaboration with CCLU and LIFE is just a beginning. Looking forward, we will work with more local tertiary institutions to further the development of ICT industry in Hong Kong, with collective ICT power from all community sectors.”

### **About CCLU and LIFE**

The Community College at Lingnan University (CCLU) has been serving Hong Kong community since 2003 with quality programmes that meet the needs of learners, industry and Hong Kong society at large. It plays a unique role in building up "a real community college of tertiary education" which provides a caring, interactive and responsive learning environment in particular in the areas of student articulation for further study and job/career prospect and advancement.

In July 2001, Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) was officially established to coordinate and integrate developments in continuing and life-long education, and offers various programmes including Yi Jin Diploma, Certificates, Diploma, Bachelor and Masters’ Degree, in responsive to the learning needs of students.

### **About HKCS**

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a non-profit professional organisation established in 1970, which strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) industry. Being the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, HKCS is dedicated to promote the highest professional standards for the industry. HKCS members are from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT industry, from corporate users to individual talents, all working together for the benefit of the industry.

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