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**Hong Kong Computer Society issuing Open Letter to Legco Members to  
Urge for the Support of Establishing Technology Bureau**

**January 7, 2014 --** Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is issuing an open letter to all member of Legislative Council to lobby for the support of Government's proposal of establishing Technology Bureau.

The content of the letter is as following:

*Dear Hon. Chairman & Members of Legco,*

*On behalf of the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), I am writing to appeal for the support of your good self and members of your Council to the Government's proposal of establishing a Technology Bureau.*

*We believe this proposal, which has since received broad endorsements from local industries and the community at large, would create a much needed official body that can serve to formulate strategy, devise plans and coordinate activities on all matters related to innovation and technology, and must therefore be taken outside of party politics for the benefit of Hong Kong as a whole.*

*As you may recall, when the subject matter was first debated at the Legco a few years ago, HKCS had on several occasions expressed our opinion in favour of setting up the Technology Bureau. We strongly believe that such Bureau will be instrumental to the long-term development of Hong Kong's commerce and industry, and its role as a special administrative region within the greater China economy.*

*As the most recognised association in the ICT industry in Hong Kong, HKCS urge that the Legco likewise endorse the proposal and, more importantly, take all necessary steps to help expedite the process towards the formation of the Bureau.*

*Thank you for your kind attention.*

*Michael Leung*

***President***

***Hong Kong Computer Society.***

Mr. Michael Leung, President of HKCS said: “Being the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Computer Society has been urging the establishment of Technology Bureau to promote the development of Hong Kong ICT industry for years. In Hong Kong, the ICT industry is lacking an official organisation consisting of ICT professionals to manage the macro industrial development and assist in regional industry collaboration, including China integration and reciprocal certification. With Technology and Innovation Bureau, Hong Kong can definitely uplift competitive advantages when grasping the opportunities arising from the knowledge-based economy. We hope all the members of Legco will understand the importance of Technology Bureau to the future development of Hong Kong and support the proposal from government.”

**About Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)**

The Hong Kong Computer Society is a non-profit professional organization 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, the HKCS is dedicated to promote the highest professional standards for the industry. The 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 industry.

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