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**Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification Signs Agreement with  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

*Exemption of exam for 2 CPIT titles for eligible EIS graduates*

*With the objective to encourage IT professionals to enter into CPIT program*

**23 September 2014-Hong Kong** - The Hong Kong Institution for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) has signed an Agreement with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) today. Eligible PolyU graduates from the Department of Computing will be offered an exemption from the required examination and fee for Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) Credentials.

CPIT is a certification system that assesses and certifies IT professionals based on knowledge, skills, ability, and proven work experience. Among the 8 existing titles in the certification, 3 of them are examination-based, including Associate Project Manager (APM), Information Security Officer (InfoSec) and Business Analyst (BA). To achieve the certification, an examination fee will also be charged.

In order to encourage IT professionals to enter into CPIT program, HKITPC and PolyU have reached an Agreement today to establish an Exemption Arrangement to recognize eligible PolyU graduates as Exempted Graduates, offering them an exemption of examination and examination fee for CPIT (APM) and CPIT (BA).

The Agreement signing ceremony was held at the PolyU campus today, co-hosted by Ir. Stephen Lau, J.P., Chairperson & Director in charge of The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification Limited, and Prof. Jiannong Cao, Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Computing of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. According to the agreement, Exempted Graduates of Enterprise Information System (EIS) students from the Department of Computing of PolyU will be acknowledged to apply for CPIT credentials of the "CPIT (APM)" or the "CPIT (BA)" if they have fulfilled two requirements: Firstly, the candidate must fulfill the graduation requirement of the EIS curriculum, by completing and passing a set of required courses to achieve the competency requirements of the certificate concerned; secondly, the candidate must acquire at least two years' full-time experience in IT related jobs after graduation. However, when the EIS graduates fulfill the first requirement, they can already apply for CPIT credentials of the "CPIT (APM Candidate)" and the "CPIT (BA

Candidate)”.

Prof. Cao expected that the set-up of this collaboration can motivate graduates to enter into the CPIT Program, pursue self-excellence, and sustain their competitive edge in the field. Ir. Stephen Lau pointed out that, “CPIT Credentials have been well-recognized as a constructive force for the IT industry,” and he hopes that this agreement will help nurture more IT elites, contributing to the overall development of the field.

A CPIT Forum, ‘CIO Forum – 360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification,’ organized by Hong Kong Computer Society, and co-organised by HKITPC and Cyberport, will be held at Cyberport on 25 Nov (Tue). Speakers and panelists include CIOs, CPIT Assessors and CPIT Achievers. IT Employers, employees, CPIT achievers and all interested parties are welcome to join. For details, please contact our Secretariat at 2834 2228.

### **About PolyU**

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is a university with a proud and illustrious history. Formerly known as the Hong Kong Polytechnic, the Institution assumed full university status in 1994. The University prides itself on its professional education and innovative research as well as close ties with business and industry. It is the largest publicly-funded tertiary institution in Hong Kong in terms of number of students, with over 32,000 full-time and part-time students, and a vast pool of more than 330,000 graduates.

The University’s teaching units are grouped under the Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles, Faculty of Business, Faculty of Construction and Environment, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, School of Design, and School of Hotel and Tourism Management.

PolyU website: [www.polyu.edu.hk](http://www.polyu.edu.hk)

### **About Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) Credentials**

Led by Hong Kong Computer Society, The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) was established with the assistance of the government in 2007. CPIT is a set of qualifications set up to give recognition to IT professionals, making the IT industry more competitive and boosting further development. Certified Professional of IT Credentials (CPIT), the only recognition for IT professionals that is

approved in Hong Kong and aligned with the Qualifications Framework of the Hong Kong Education Bureau, is the professional certification launched by HKITPC.

The 3 assessment-based titles were launched between 2006 and 2007 while the 3 examination-based titles were launched from 2008 to 2010. The 2 recognized-based titles are being launched this year. The development of the project is sponsored by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), indicating support from the government to the Hong Kong Certification system.

#### **About HKITPC**

The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) is a non-profit organization established in 2007 with the assistance of the government. HKITPC aims to recognize the qualifications of IT professionals by launching a series of credentials and therefore helping foster the development of the IT industry.

#### **About HKCS**

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a non-profit professional organization established in 1970 that strives to improve and develop Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) industry. As the most well-established and the largest professional association in Hong Kong, HKCS is dedicated to promoting the highest professional standards in 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.

The above information is provided by DT Communications Asia Pacific on behalf of Hong Kong Computer Society.

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Appendix 1: The Endorsed Curriculum and Exemption Standard for the Exemption Arrangement of CPIT (APM) Credential

<b>Endorsed Curriculum 1</b>		<b>Exemption Standard</b>
<b>Condition: To meet the Exemption Standard for all courses</b>		
<b>Competency Area of the CPIT (APM) Credential</b>	<b>Courses offered by COMP</b>	
Project Management	COMP 3235 Software project management	Grade C or above
Software engineering	COMP 3211 Software Engineering	Grade C or above
E-Business	COMP2121 E-Business	Grade C or above
Enterprise Application Integration	COMP 3122 Information systems Development	Grade C or above
Legal issues	COMP 3511 Legal Aspects and Ethics of Computing	Grade C or above
Networking	COMP2322 Computer Networking	Grade C or above
Information Security	COMP 4127 Information Systems Audit and Control	Grade C or above

Appendix 2: The Endorsed Curriculum and Exemption Standard for the Exemption Arrangement of CPIT (BA) Credential

<b>Endorsed Curriculum 2</b>		<b>Exemption Standard</b>
<b>Condition: To meet the Exemption Standard for all courses</b>		
<b>Competency Area of the CPIT (BA) Credential</b>	<b>Courses offered by COMP</b>	
Foundation	COMP 1001 Problem Solving Methodology in Information Technology COMP1011 Programming Fundamentals	Grade C or above
Software engineering	COMP 3211 Software Engineering	Grade C or above
E-Business	COMP2121 E-Business	Grade C or above
Enterprise Application Integration	COMP 3122 Information systems Development	Grade C or above
Business	MM 2021 Management and Organization	Grade C or above
Legal issues	COMP 3511 Legal Aspects and Ethics of Computing	Grade C or above
Networking	COMP2322 Computer Networking	Grade C or above
Information Security	COMP 4127 Information Systems Audit and Control	Grade C or above
Business Process	COMP 4123 Business Process and Workflow Management	Grade C or above
Software testing and Quality Assurance	COMP 3233 Software Testing and Quality Assurance	Grade C or above

Appendix 3: Fees Schedule for Exempted Graduates, valid on the date of the agreement

Fee item	Amount
<b>Examination Fee</b>	HKD1,000 waived.
<b>Confirmation Fee</b>	HKD250 per certificate, for the Exempted Graduate applying for “CPIT (APM) Candidate” or “CPIT (BA) Candidate” credential. This fee is only applicable to Exempted Graduate.
<b>Certification Fee</b>	HKD500 per certificate for the Exempted Graduate applying for “CPIT (APM)” or “CPIT (BA)” credential without previously paid a Confirmation fee; or HKD250 per certificate for holder of “CPIT (APM) Candidate” or “CPIT (BA) Candidate”.