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CIO Forum – 360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification
Explore the close relation between CPIT and IT business development

25 November 2014-Hong Kong – With the continuous advancement of information technology and its increased usage for building better businesses in all sectors, Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) has jointly hosted the *CIO Forum – 360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification* with Hong Kong Institute of IT Professional Certification (HKITPC) and Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd. Representatives from various sectors explored the effectiveness and impact of Certified Professional of IT (CPIT) credentials has on increasing the value of their enterprises.

CPIT credential is the first local certification system for the IT sector and has gained wide recognition and acknowledgement from IT professionals as an important indicator to assess the competency of IT practitioners. Practitioners undergo a holistic evaluation with rigid requirements and assessment for knowledge, skill, competency and experience. Vice-president (Executive) of HKCS cum Director In-charge of HKITPC, Ir. Stephen Lau, JP, expressed at the event today, “CPIT credential can encourage practitioners to further strive for self-excellence and enhancement. In the long term, it will raise the bar on the overall quality and competitiveness of the IT industry. In order to ensure the quality of CPIT holders, applicants have to meet stringent assessment requirements.”

The CIO Forum – 360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification created a platform for employers, employees, professional certification assessors and certificate holders of the IT sector to gain a better understanding CPIT and the positive impact it has on their field of work. Chief Information Officers from different agencies joined us today to share their thoughts on the CPIT credential and certificate holders and led us in some thought-provoking discussions on “360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification”.

Two additions were added to the CPIT credentials as Recognition-Based Certification this year: Project Manager (PM) and Systems Operation Officer (SOO). To commemorate this initiative, the representatives of the two CPIT corporate partners, Ms. Rosanna Ho, President of The Project Management Institute - Hong Kong Chapter

and Mr. Peter Miao, Chairman of The IT Service Management Forum - Hong Kong Chapter, have been invited to introduce the evaluation criteria and content of the two certificates; giving the visitors a more comprehensive understanding.

Mr. Patrick Wong, HKITPC Director, in his closing speech said, "Last year, HKITPC received funding from the Government that allowed us to create a 1.5 year promotional campaign to visit different companies, hold seminars with professional associations and establish collaborations with Certification Bodies in Pearl River Delta Region. We hope to introduce CPIT Certification program to more people and encourage them to join. *CIO Forum – 360 Value Creation through IT Professional Certification* marked a beautiful end to this year and a half campaign but it is also a promise to continue to strive for excellence in all sectors by bridging the gaps between technological advancement and qualified professionals and retain our efforts in promoting this program."

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 certifications 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 was sponsored by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), indicating support from the government to the Hong Kong Certification system.

About The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification (HKITPC)

The Hong Kong Institute for IT Professional Certification is a non-profit organization established in 2007 under 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 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 industry. Being the most well-established and largest professional association in Hong Kong, the HKCS is dedicated to promoting 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 the industry.

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