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HKCS urge the Government and the Legco to pass the funding request for Innovation and Technology Bureau

22 Jan 2015-Hong Kong—The Government announced to vote on the funding request for the establishment of Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB) in the Legislative Council Finance Committee this Friday, with hope to incorporating the budget for the new bureau into the new annual budget. Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) urge the Government and the Legco to swiftly pass the funding request in order to push the establishment of ITB and other relevant agendas which facilitate further development of local Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The launch of ITB has been delayed for various reasons. The approval for the funding required was suspended since its passage of resolution at the Legislative Council at the end of October 2014. Hong Kong Chief Executive Mr. Chun-ying Leung, stressed again the significance of ITB in Policy Address 2015 released last week. Mr. Leung pointed out that setting up ITB would contribute to the more effective organization of work among the Government, industry, academia and the research sector, and as a result, the stronger policy co-ordination of the Government. HKCS also expect to see the implementation of other relevant agendas such as "Innovation and Technology Fund", data centers and "Smart City" which would foster local ICT development.

HKCS are pleased to lead the industry towards a brighter future and to sustain the influential role of Hong Kong ICT industry in both global and local development. Thus, HKCS support the successful establishment of ITB and sincerely urge all legislative councilors to end the filibuster on ITB funding request and fully support the Government in order to maintain the competitive edge of Hong Kong ICT 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 (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 the industry.

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