

Hong Kong Computer Society's Response to "Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint"

In response to the "Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint" announced by the Hong Kong SAR Government today, Dr. Rocky Cheng, President of Hong Kong Computer Society, made the following response:

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) welcomed and expressed its active support to the "Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint", announced today by Professor Sun Dong, JP, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry of the Hong Kong SAR Government as it crafts the development visions, directions, strategies and benchmarks of Hong Kong I&T development in the coming five to ten years. Innovation and technology are the driving force of Hong Kong's economic development and are closely related to all walks of life and people's livelihood and well-being. The public announcement of the blueprint demonstrates the government's planning and determination for the development of innovation and technology, attracting all sectors of society to work together with the government to achieve the common goals.

The eight major strategies under the four broad development directions set out in the "Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint":

Four Broad Development Directions	Eight Major Strategies
Direction (1) : To enhance the I&T ecosystem and promote new industrialization in Hong Kong	Strategy (1): To enhance the I&T ecosystem and promote interactive development of the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors.
	Strategy (2): To promote technology industry development and achieve "new industrialisation" in Hong Kong
	Strategy (3): To diversify venture financing channels and support the development of start-ups and industries
	Strategy (4): To promote I&T culture for all and enhance the

	overall I&T atmosphere in the community
Direction (2): To enlarge the I&T talent pool and create strong impetus for growth	Strategy (5): To enrich I&T talent resources and develop an international talent hub
Direction (3): To promote digital economy development and develop Hong Kong into a smart city	Strategy (6): To accelerate the development of digital economy and smart city to enhance citizens' quality of life
Direction (4): To proactively integrate into the overall development of the country and consolidate our role as a bridge connecting the Mainland and the world	Strategy (7): To deepen I&T co-operation with the Mainland for better integration with the overall national development
	Strategy (8): To leverage Hong Kong's advantages as an international city to foster global I&T collaboration

HKCS regards the content of "Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint" very comprehensive. It outlines 42 recommendations to achieve 16 goals, which formulate the basis for planning the development of the innovation and technology industry in Hong Kong, by laying out the direction and roadmap for future development. In the era of rapid digital development, concerted efforts are required of the government and all sectors of society to help I&T in Hong Kong to set sail. Through various specific measures, with concrete implementation and precision execution, to achieve the goals of the Blueprint. The Hong Kong Computer Society will also marshal industry forces to actively participate and work with the Hong Kong SAR government to contribute to building Hong Kong into an international I&T center in accordance to the country's "14th Five-Year Plan".

Innovation and technology are set to be the driving force for Hong Kong's future economic development and an excellent path for the upward mobility of Hong Kong's young generation in the future. The digital transformation of enterprises, the establishment of a smart city in Hong Kong, and the synergistic interconnection of social economy with the Greater Bay Area are already the irresistible general trend. Thus, the "Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint" released today will affect not only the information technology industry, but also the entire society, different industries,



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and people from all walks of life. Therefore, the Hong Kong Computer Society encourages all citizens to devote attention to, and actively participate and support the development prospects of Hong Kong's innovation and technology. HKCS also encourages the younger generation to acquire technological knowledge and take relevant courses in universities, so as to cultivate more innovative talents for Hong Kong, so that our blueprint can be developed iteratively and implemented from generation to generation.