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Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2021 Second Day Conference Held both onsite and online and themed by "Emerging Technologies Shaping our Future in the Greater Bay Area"

November 18, 2021 - Hong Kong -- The Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2021 (HKICC2021), an annual conference organised by Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), second day conference kicks off this morning. The Conference will take place both onsite and online as a Hybrid Conference under the current "New Normal".

This year, the theme of the Conference is "Emerging Technologies Shaping our Future in the Greater Bay Area" and it will highlight the opportunities created by emerging technologies for Hong Kong IT industry in Greater Bay Area (GBA). The Opening Ceremony of the second day conference will be officiated by Mr. Alfred Sit Wing-hang, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, The Government of the HKSAR, together with Dr. Rocky Cheng, President of Hong Kong Computer Society, Mr. Peter Yan, JP, Chairperson of HKICC2021 Organising Committee, and Professor Tam Kar-yan, MH, JP, Chairperson of HKICC 2021 Programme Committee.

"This year, HKICC has entered the 44th session. More than 1,000 delegates have registered to participate the Conference onsite or online, representing a variety of local and overseas public and private organisations. HKICC this year will mainly focus on four major areas, including 'Smart Living and Sustainability', 'Role of Hong Kong in Greater Bay Area', 'Emerging Technologies: Opportunities and Challenges' and 'Hong Kong as an International Technology and Innovation Centre'." Said Dr. Rocky Cheng, President of HKCS.

The conference has explored the "Smart Living and Sustainability" and "Role of Hong Kong in Greater Bay Area" on first day and it will highlight the topics of 'Emerging Technologies: Opportunities and Challenges' and 'Hong Kong as an International Technology and Innovation Centre' on second day.

"Emerging Technologies" - This parallel session will introduce state-of-the-art developments in several cornerstone technologies, including cloud computing, quantum computing, blockchain, and cyber security that form the core of the digital

transformation. The speakers will survey the new developments in these areas and dissect the challenges and opportunities ahead of us in applying these technologies.

“Hong Kong as an International Technology and Innovation Centre” - This session will feature leaders from key stakeholder groups and generate a series of high-powered dialogue to look into what it takes for Hong Kong to unleash its full potential in developing into an International Technology and Innovation Centre.

Dr. Rocky Cheng stated: “With a total combined population over 86 million, and gross domestic product of around US\$1.67 trillion in year 2020, Greater Bay Area (GBA) has great potential to be a major source of economic growth, particularly in the area of technology and innovation. This offers tremendous opportunities for collaboration and synergies among the GBA cities to create a powerhouse for providing global technology and innovation needs.”

“Hong Kong will complement I&T development in the GBA, thus making I&T a new impetus to the economy of Hong Kong and developing Hong Kong into an international I&T hub as promulgated in the 14th Five-Year Plan. In the newly announced Policy Address, Hong Kong is keen to develop a more comprehensive I&T ecosystem, so as to enable re-industrialisation to take root in Hong Kong. The San Tin Technopole in Northern Metropolis proposed in Policy Address, together with the Shenzhen I&T zone, will form the Shenzhen-Hong Kong I&T Co-operation Zone of approximately 540 hectares combining the strengths of both Hong Kong and Shenzhen to pool local and non-local talents, and becoming an essential propeller for the development of an international I&T hub in the GBA. Thus, the conference is timely held.” Added Dr. Rocky Cheng.

Dr. Rocky Cheng furthered: “World class technology experts, business leaders, academics and policy makers will gather and exchange their insights, and I believe the attendees, even though joining via online, will be benefited enormously.”

About Hong Kong International Computer Conference (HKICC)

The HKICC has been organised by the HKCS annually since 1978, to bring together IT professionals and business and government leaders from all over the world to explore opportunities that information technology can offer, and to share successes and insight. Around 1,000 delegates are expected to attend this year’s Conference

online, representing a variety of local and overseas public and private sector organisations.

About the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)

Founded in 1970, the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is a recognised non-profit professional organisation focused on developing Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) profession and industry. Their members come from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT community, from corporations to like-minded individuals, all coming together to raise the profile and standards of the IT profession and industry. As a well-established IT professional body, the Society is committed to professional and industry development as well as community services to ensure the IT sector continues to make a positive impact on peoples' lives with three main goals, namely, 1) talent cultivation and professional development, 2) industry development and collaboration, and 3) the effective use of IT in our community.

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