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<u>**HKCS Signs MOU with Saint Francis University**</u>
<u>**to Establish the First University Student Chapter**</u>

March 25, 2026 - Hong Kong - The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) signed a memorandum of cooperation (MOU) with Saint Francis University (SFU) today to establish a student chapter of the HKCS at SFU. This marks the first official collaboration between the HKCS and a university, establishing a HKCS Student Chapter. The student chapter will be coordinated by SFU and will be set up on campus, with preparations officially beginning immediately after the MOU was signed.

The MOU was jointly signed by Mr. Dave Chen, President of HKCS and Professor Anthony Chan Hing-hung, Dean of the Yam Pak Charitable Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences of SFU, being witnessed by a number of distinguished representatives, including Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, President of SFU; Professor Annie Bligh, Provost of SFU; Ms Joanna Kwok, Head of the Industry University Partnerships Office of SFU; and Ir Stephen Lau, JP, Honorary Secretary General and Past President of HKCS.

Mr. Dave Chen, President of HKCS, stated that under the agreed arrangement, SFU will be responsible for coordinating and managing the establishment and daily operation of the Student Chapter, while HKCS will provide professional support, industry linkage, and formal recognition. HKCS has always focused on promoting professional development in the industry and young talents cultivation, and has been recruiting student members. This collaboration with a university marks the first time the HKCS has cooperated with a university to develop a student chapter. It is hoped that through this collaboration, the connection between the Society and higher education will be further strengthened, and students will be able to connect with professional bodies in a more structured way during their studies to gain a deeper understanding of the professional ecosystem, industry environment, and development prospects of the information technology industry. If successful, HKCS will explore extending this initiative to other universities in Hong Kong.

The HKCS Student Chapter at SFU will focus on areas related to electronic computing and information science, covering emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. The chapter will serve as a platform that integrates theoretical learning, professional exploration, and industry interaction. Through participation in activities organised by the chapter, including academic and thematic seminars, technical workshops, industry sharing sessions, student exchange activities,

and thematic or practical learning activities, students will not only deepen their academic knowledge but also gradually build a comprehensive understanding of the industry and network with professionals, and prepare themselves for internships, further studies, and careers in relevant professional fields.

Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, President of SFU, said, "This MoU represents SFU's commitment to fostering industry-academia collaboration. I believe that education must be closely aligned with the industry to provide students with learning opportunities that meet future market demands. We look forward to driving talent development through knowledge innovation and injecting new vitality into Hong Kong's technology sector."

About the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)

Founded in 1970, the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is the longest-standing non-profit professional organisation dedicated to advancing 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.

For more details, please visit http://www.hkcs.org.hk.

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