This year is a fruitful year for Hong Kong Computer Society. Our member number has been growing encouragingly, at the same time, we have organized over 50 members' activities, and received overwhelming response with very high member's participation rate..

As Executive Committee Member of Asia Pacific Information and Communication Technology Alliance Awards (APICTA), HKCS led the Hong Kong delegation comprised 26 local ICT award winners including recipients of the Hong Kong ICT Awards, Hong Kong Awards for Industries and The Pan-Pearl River Delta Region IT FYP Competition. The Hong Kong ICT delegation emerged triumphant again in the APICTA 2019 held in Halong, Vietnam from 18th to 22nd November 2019. After fierce competition vis-à-vis 15 other countries and territories, Hong Kong proudly received 16 awards including 6 Winners and 10 Merits, making it the biggest winner again in this international awards competition for Hong Kong. Hong Kong Observatory, the winner of Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019: Smart Business Grand Award as well as the Gold Award of Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019: Smart Business (Solution for Business and Public Sector Enterprise) Award, had been awarded the winner of both "Public Sector and Government - Government and Citizen Services" and "Technology - Artificial Intelligence" category at APICTA 2019. We have been appointed as the Leading Organiser of Smart Business Award of HKICTA 2020 again.

This year, the Central Government announced the planning and development of the Greater Bay Area of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau, which will also bring positive help to the Hong Kong economy. As the financial center, logistics and transportation center and the most important innovation center in the Greater Bay Area, it is time for Hong Kong to take advantage of its own strengths, and how to integrate these advanced technologies into business operations and daily life has thus become the key.

Responding to the needs, our annual flagship event, the 42nd Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2019 (HKICC) was themed "Greater Bay Area - Building a Bright Digital Future", where the insights and visions of this hottest issues and trends were shared by experts, scholars and business leaders.

This year, HKCS changed the format of "Shanghai-Hong Kong-Taiwan Youth IT Summer Camp" and focused on the development opportunities for IT young talents in Greater Bay Area. The "2019 Youth Information Technology Exchange Tour" was co-organized by the Hong Kong Computer Society and China Computer Federation Guangzhou Branch, and jointly sponsored by PCCW and HKT. During the four-day and three-night exchange tour, first-year university students, instead of secondary school students, from Hong Kong and Guangzhou gained a deeper understanding of the personal development opportunity of IT in Greater Bay Area, especially how smart technology can make a big difference in livings.

Due to social instability since the second half of the year, Hong Kong is facing a problem of economic slowdown and even nominal decline. We at Hong Kong

Computer Society believe that the IT industry should further unite, work together and face together; we are willing to take on more responsibility in uniting the industry's forces, to support the industry and the transformation of practitioners at all levels in professional development, and encourage the wider application of innovation and technology into all walks of life. We will utilise our technological strength to enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness and efficiency, help Hong Kong tide over difficulties, and take care of the underprivileged communities.

Next year, the Hong Kong Computer Society will celebrate its 50th anniversary. We will hold a series of celebration activities in 2020, and more details will be released in future.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Year 2020. I look forward to meeting you in HKCS events, especially 50th Anniversary celebration activities.

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