

## **Press Release**

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#### **The Hong Kong Computer Society welcomes the 2025 Policy Address promoting AI as a core industry for Hong Kong's future development.**

Support for the establishment of the "AI Efficacy Enhancement Team" and the implementation of policies to achieve "industries for AI" and "AI for industries"  
Continue actively developing the International Innovation and Technology Centre and introducing technology empowerment across the Seven Centres.  
Promote innovation and technology industries in the Northern Metropolis and Lok Ma Chau Loop areas; actively develop Fintech and Digital Trade.  
Emphasise IT education; allocate HK\$2 billion to support digital education in primary and secondary schools; release "AI literacy" learning framework this year.

**September 19, 2025, HONG KONG** — As the longest-standing professional organisation in information technology (IT) profession and industry in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) expresses strong support for the forward-looking technology and industry policies presented in this year's Chief Executive's Policy Address, particularly the emphasis on advancing artificial intelligence (AI). HKCS welcomes the government's creation of the "AI Efficiency Enhancement Team" and the dual approach of promoting both "industries for AI" and "AI for industries." Being the international innovation and technology centre, the government is progressively integrating technology empowerment across seven other major international centers, with an emphasis on digital trade and FinTech.

Additionally, the establishment of the "Committee on Development of Northern Metropolis," led by the Chief Executive, highlights a commitment to fostering emerging sectors such as advanced manufacturing, life and health technologies, new energy, AI, and data science, thereby generating high-quality employment opportunities. HKCS also supports the government's focus on IT education, endorsing the HK\$2 billion allocation for digital education in primary and secondary schools and the releasing of the "AI literacy" learning framework scheduled this year.

Mr. Dave Chen, President of the HKCS, pointed out: "Over the years, the HKCS has consistently made recommendations on the Policy Address. We are pleased to see that many of the government's proposals align with our suggestions. In Policy Address, the formation of the 'Committee on Development of Northern Metropolis' and its subsidiary working groups—covering development and operation models, university

town planning, and overall regional development—demonstrate decisive government action. Advances such as the acceleration of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Cooperation Zone, the upcoming ‘Development Outline for the San Tin Technopole,’ and the tender for approximately 10 hectares of data park land in at Sha Ling of the North District affirm the government’s resolve to leverage land resources for technology industry growth.”

“The emphasis on driving high value-added manufacturing through technological innovation aligns with HKCS’s long-standing advocacy for new industrialisation and economic diversification by nurturing both local and international emerging industries,” Mr. Chen added.

*Regarding “industries for AI” and “AI for industries,”*

Mr. Chen highlighted that the Chief Executive’s Policy Address underscores Hong Kong’s goal to realise both objectives. The government’s leadership through the “AI Efficiency Enhancement Team,” helmed by the Deputy Chief Secretary, aims to integrate AI across public services. Complementary policies promoting AI scientific research, talent cultivation, capital mobilisation, data advantage enhancement, and application expansion reflect a comprehensive strategy to propel AI development.

“We have long supported the advancement of e-government, and the establishment of the AI Efficiency Enhancement Team is poised to enhance government service delivery. HKCS’s Artificial Intelligence Specialist Group (AISG), comprising leading industry experts, will collaborate closely with the government to accelerate AI adoption and strengthen Hong Kong’s AI ecosystem,” Mr. Chen said.

Under the National 14th Five-Year Plan, Hong Kong is designated as eight major centers, including an “International Innovation and Technology Centre.” This year’s Policy Address outlines multiple initiatives in this regard. As the Chief Executive stated, “With three major I&T parks and five key R&D institutions as the framework, the government will propel I&T development, pool global talents and make full use of Hong Kong’s R&D platform to support the development of aerospace science and technology. The government will also promote the development of new industrialisation, press ahead with the low-altitude economy, support people-oriented scientific research, and facilitate leading I&T enterprises to establish a presence in the city.”

Mr. Chen pointed out that as an established IT professional platform, HKCS is well-

positioned to deepen government engagement with the global IT sector, especially leading innovation and technology companies. The Society's flagship event, the "Hong Kong International Computer Conference," attracts global experts to share cutting-edge technologies and trends. Additionally, HKCS regularly organises exchange delegations that promote Hong Kong's IT achievements abroad. Serving as a Super Connector, the Society also supports Mainland innovation and technology companies in setting up operations in Hong Kong and expanding internationally.

*Welcome the government's early cultivation of IT talent*

Mr. Chen noted HKCS's ongoing dedication to promote professional development and young talent cultivation in IT industry. For instance, its "IT Leadership Accelerator Platform" (iLEAP) equips mid-level managers with comprehensive training to enhance leadership and technical skills. Additionally, HKCS FACE Club, established in 2015, offers a platform for over 2,000 female members to communicate and encourages more women to join the ICT industry to develop their careers. Consequently, the Society fully endorses the government's renewed emphasis on digital education and stands ready to contribute its extensive experience to further advance youth talent cultivation in Hong Kong.

**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.

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