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HKCS Forms “Chief Information Security Officer Board” to Unite Cybersecurity Leaders

Hong Kong November 18, 2025 -- The **Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2025** (HKICC 2025), the annual flagship event organised by **Hong Kong Computer Society** (HKCS), held the second day event at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center. During the opening ceremony, HKCS launched **The Chief Information Security Officer Board (CISO Board)** and the Inauguration Ceremony was officiated by Ir Tony Wong JP, Digital Policy Commissioner of the Government of the HKSAR.

HKCS CISO Board is a new professional platform that brings together cybersecurity leaders to enhance collaboration and strengthen knowledge exchange, and promote cyber resilience. The Board was founded by 11 Chief Information Security Officers from different organisations, and Mr. Carl McConkey, Head of Group Security of CLP Holding, serves as the founding Chairperson.

The following are the founding members of HKCS CISO Board:

- Mr Carl McConkey, Head of Group Security, CLP Holdings Ltd (Chairperson of the HKCS CISO Board)
- Mr Tony Ma, CISO, Hospital Authority (Vice Chairperson of the HKCS CISO Board)
- Mr David Chan, CISO, Hang Seng Bank
- Mr Frank Chow, General Manager – Cyber Security, Hutchison Ports Holdings Ltd
- Mr Raju Daryanani, Head of Cybersecurity, Jardine Matheson Ltd
- Mr Michael Lau, Senior IT Manager – Security & Planning, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Ltd
- Ms Carol Lee, Deputy General Manager – IT Security & Risk Management, Hang Lung Properties Ltd
- Ms Vivian Poon, Head of Information Security, CITIC Securities International Co. Ltd
- Mr Eric Wong, Head of Information Security and Technology Risk Management, MTR Corporation Ltd
- Mr Stanley Wong, CISO, Cyberport
- Mr Ricky Woo, Executive Director, CISO and Technology Security, DBS Hong Kong

Mr. Dave Chen, President of Hong Kong Computer Society stated:

“The launch of this CISO Board comes at an important time. With rapid technological advancement and the upcoming Protection of Critical Infrastructures (Computer Systems) Ordinance taking effect on 1 January 2026, cybersecurity has never been more crucial. Building on the success of our CIO Board, which has long served as a trusted platform for IT leaders to share best practices and strengthen industry collaboration, the CISO Board extends this spirit of partnership to the cybersecurity community. Its goals are simple but vital — to raise public awareness, offer strategic advice to government, and support organisations in enhancing governance, compliance, and resilience.”

Mr Carl McConkey, the Founding Chairperson of the HKCS CISO Board pointed out:

“The role of the CISO has fundamentally evolved. We are no longer just gatekeepers of security — we are strategic enablers of business. In today’s digital-first world, CISOs are the architects of resilience and the guardians of trust on which our economy and society depend.”

AI Transformation Takes Centre Stage at HKICC 2025

Themed "Scaling AI Transformation Beyond Experimentation", the 48th HKICC 2025 underscores the growing importance of moving AI from pilot testing to large-scale, real-world implementation. The two-day conference has attracted about 1,000 registrations from local and overseas delegates, including government officials, industry leaders and academics, to explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping industries and driving Hong Kong’s innovation and technology development.

The second day conference focuses on two key areas, providing a comprehensive view of how AI can accelerate digital transformation while balancing innovation and governance:

- **Cybersecurity and Responsible AI** – Examining how organisations can adopt AI responsibly while ensuring data security and compliance with upcoming legislation such as the Protection of Critical Infrastructures (Computer Systems) Ordinance.
- **CIO and Enterprise Adoption** – Discussing how CIOs and CDOs are driving enterprise-level AI integration to balance innovation with risk governance and achieve strategic transformation.

Mr Chen noted:

“Globally, over 70% of enterprises have already adopted AI, yet only a few have successfully turned pilots into measurable business impact. The key challenge is not technology — it’s process and governance. Many companies treat AI merely as an ‘accelerator’ without redesigning their workflows, limiting the benefits to isolated use cases rather than organisation-wide impact.”

He added that **AI has evolved from an ‘assistant’ to an ‘agent’**, capable of autonomous decision-making and execution.

“This transformation brings immense opportunities for Hong Kong enterprises to improve efficiency and overcome manpower bottlenecks — but it also calls for stronger governance, risk management, and compliance oversight.”

HKCS established the **Artificial Intelligence Specialist Group (AISG)** several years ago to unite industry experts and scholars in exploring AI applications that support smart city development, enterprise digital transformation, and smart living — efforts that continue to shape Hong Kong’s AI ecosystem today.

About Hong Kong International Computer Conference (HKICC)

Organised annually by the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) since 1978, the Hong Kong International Computer Conference is one of Hong Kong’s most prestigious ICT events. The conference brings together ICT professionals, business executives, and government leaders from around the world to exchange insights and explore opportunities in technology innovation and digital transformation.

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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