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Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2025 Kicks off Today

Theme: " Scaling AI Transformation Beyond Experimentation"

HKCS Announces Formation of CISO Board to Unite Cybersecurity leaders

Hong Kong November 17, 2025 -- The **Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2025 (HKICC 2025)**, the annual flagship event organised by **Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)**, officially commenced today at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center. 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.

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 Opening Ceremony was officiated by **Professor SUN Dong, JP**, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry of the Government of the HKSAR; **Ms. WAN Ning**, Deputy Director-General, Department of Youth Affairs, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; and **Professor Hai JIN**, Vice President, China Computer Federation. They were joined by **Mr. Dave Chen**, President of the Hong Kong Computer Society; **Mr. Andre Blumberg**, Chief Digital Officer of CLP Holdings and Chairperson of the HKICC 2025 Conference Committee; and **Dr. Albert Wong**, Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers and Programme Chairperson of the HKICC 2025 Conference Committee.

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HKCS Establishes CISO Board to Strengthen Hong Kong's Cybersecurity Collaboration

At the opening ceremony, **Mr. Dave Chen**, President of HKCS, announced the establishment of the **Chief Information Security Officer Board (CISO Board)** — a new professional platform that brings together cybersecurity leaders to enhance collaboration, strengthen knowledge exchange, and promote cyber resilience.

The CISO Board Inauguration Ceremony will take place on 18 November 2025, the second day of the conference, and will be officiated by **Ir Tony Wong, JP**, Digital Policy Commissioner of the Government of the HKSAR.

Mr. Dave Chen stated:

“As the longest-established IT professional organisation in Hong Kong, HKCS has always been committed to advancing professional standards and supporting industry growth. With the rapid pace of technological development, cybersecurity has become a critical foundation for innovation.

The Government has also announced that the Protection of Critical Infrastructures (Computer Systems) Ordinance will take effect on 1 January 2026. HKCS believes that now is the right time to establish a collaborative platform to unite cybersecurity professionals and industry leaders — to enhance public awareness, provide strategic advice to government, formulate practical guidelines, and help organisations strengthen governance and compliance in protecting critical systems.”

Survey Reveals Continued Growth of AI Adoption Among Hong Kong Organisations

The Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) surveyed 491 HKICC 2025 registrants to understand the latest state of AI adoption in Hong Kong organisations. The findings show steady progress, with nearly 69% indicating their organisations are already at the developing, mature or leading stages of applying AI, and more than a quarter reaching mature or advanced levels.

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AI-driven transformation is accelerating. Almost 30% believe their industry has already been reshaped by AI, while close to half expect significant disruption within the next three years. Workforce sentiment remains positive—only 3.26% foresee major job losses, whereas nearly 45% expect AI to enhance capabilities, create new roles and improve productivity. More than 80% report having moderate to strong cybersecurity preparations for AI deployment.

HKCS President Mr. Dave Chen said:

“While only a quarter of Hong Kong organisations have reached mature or leading levels in AI adoption, many expect their industries to be transformed within the next three years. We believe this will drive more companies to accelerate their AI journey to stay competitive. The positive outlook on workforce opportunities — together with improving cybersecurity readiness — will further support the growth of AI in Hong Kong.”

AI Transformation Takes Centre Stage at HKICC 2025

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

- AI and Industry Use Cases – Transforming AI experimentation into scalable applications across industries such as manufacturing, logistics, public transport, healthcare and retail.
- Agentic AI and Future Innovations – Exploring the evolution of AI from “assistant” to “agent,” capable of autonomous planning, execution and decision-making to improve operational efficiency.
- 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.

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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.

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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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*Appendix: Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2025 (HKICC 2025) AI
Application Survey Questions*

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AI Application Survey Questions

A) Total number of surveys received: 491

B) Questions and Results

Question 1: How would you describe the current overall maturity level of your organisation in adopting AI technologies into your business processes?

Choice	Percentages
Nascent: AI adoption is experimental with few pilot projects and limited strategic alignment. °	31.36%
Developing: AI is integrated into some business units, with growing investment and defined use cases.	41.96%
Mature: AI is embedded across multiple functions, driving measurable business outcomes and continuous improvement.	10.59%
Leading: AI is a core component of the organization's strategy, enabling innovation and sustained competitive advantage.	16.09%

Question 2: Within what timeframe do you expect AI to completely disrupt your industry?

Choice	Percentages
Yesterday: Our industry has been disrupted by AI already.	29.53%
0-1 years: Radical changes will reshape the industry almost immediately.	16.70%
2-3 years: Significant disruption is expected in the near term, altering key business models.	31.57%
3-5 years: Gradual transformation will occur, with AI steadily changing the competitive landscape	17.52%
More than 5 years: Disruption will be slow or minimal within the foreseeable future.	4.68%

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Question 3: What is your expectation of AI's overall impact on your organisation's workforce?

Choice	Percentages
Primarily Growing: AI will augment employee capabilities, creating new roles and improving productivity.	44.40%
Neutral: AI will automate routine tasks but yet to replace human and have limited net effect on employment levels. °	30.55%
Primarily Shrinking: AI will lead to significant job displacement and reduce headcount.	3.26%
Mixed: AI will both eliminate some jobs and create new opportunities, requiring workforce reskilling.	21.79%

Question 4: How prepared is your organization to manage the cybersecurity risks associated with AI deployment?

Choice	Percentages
Fully prepared with a comprehensive AI risk management framework	35.64%
Moderately prepared with some policies and controls in place	47.45%
Minimally prepared and still assessing potential risks	12.42%
Not prepared at all	4.48%