

Hong Kong Linux Industry Association

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Chairman & Members
Legislative Council Panel on
Information Technology and Broadcasting

Dear Mr. Chairman,

New strategy for e-government services delivery

Thank you for your invitation for submitting opinion and attend the meeting on 13 February, 2006. I am writing on behalf of Hong Kong Linux Industry Association and the members.

First of all, we welcome the initiative from OGCIO on the subject. We support the move with the following suggestions.

1. The specification of the new strategy should adopt as much as possible for Open Document Format (ODF) so that users can download, open, exchange, upload and modify files by vendor neutral applications. Contents of the service are very important and costly to maintain. ODF provides data integrity and reuse the data in future systems.
2. The project will be very complex and huge. No single company should manage such a huge project. It is suggested to knock down to smaller sizes. In this way, the Government will have more choices to select the right service providers and create open competition. Local SME will have chance to participate in this project. This will utilize and nurture local IT talents and promote local economy. Multiple vendor approach will also enable fair competition which in turn bring more quality services to the general public.

Should you have any further query, please drop me a line. I can be reached by telephone at 2787 0778 or email alankan@clevermotion.com.

Best regards,



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