Report on the Progress Made in Implementation of Previous Digital 21 Strategies

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The Digital 21 Strategy

- Blueprint for ICT development in Hong Kong
 - First published in 1998
 - Updated in 2001, 2004 and 2007 (recently consulted the public)
- Set out our vision of developing Hong Kong into a leading digital city
- Good progress made in implementation through concerted efforts of the Government, business, industry, academia and the public
- Government Chief Information Officer position created in 2004 to act as single focal point for ICT

Main areas of progress in ICT development

- 1. Building advanced ICT infrastructure
- 2. Creating an enabling environment for e-business
- 3. Promoting technological development and innovation
- 4. Deepening the e-government programme
- 5. Encouraging the development of a vibrant IT industry
- 6. Building a digitally inclusive society

Changes in key indicators

Indicator	1998	2001	2004	2006
Equipped external telecommunications capacity	Note	234 Gbps	646 Gbps	1,178 Gbps
Mobile phone penetration	34%	78%	106%	131%
Household personal computer penetration	34.5%	60.6%	71.1%	71.7%
Household Internet penetration	11.8%	48.7%	64.9%	67.1%
Personal computer penetration in business	Note	49.7%	58.4%	60.5%
Internet penetration in business	Note	37.2%	50.4%	55.9%

Note: Figures/information before year 2000 are not available.

Changes in key indicators (cont'd)

Indicator	1998	2001	2004	2006
Accessibility of broadband	Note	Broadband can be reached by all commercial buildings and over 95% of households	Broadband can be reached by all commercial and residential buildings.	Broadband can be reached by all commercial and residential buildings.
Government IT spending	\$2.0 billion	\$3.9 billion	\$3.8 billion	\$5.2 billion (estimate)
Ratio of Government IT projects which were outsourced (by value)	41%	83%	95%	95% (estimate)
Percentage of amenable public services that have an electronic option under the e-government strategy	Note	65%	90%	Next wave of e-government development – provision of customer-centric services; some 100 new services to be introduced on GovHK in the coming two years

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1. Building advanced ICT infrastructure

- Liberalization of telecom market
- Updated broadcasting regulatory regime
- Liberalization of domestic pay television market
- Rollout of digital terrestrial television
- \ Interconnection between fixed telecom networks
- Establishment of the Communications Authority

2. Creating an enabling business environment for e-business

- Establishment of a clear legislative framework and a public key infrastructure
- Enhancing information security
- Tackling spam
- Protection of intellectual property rights

3. Promoting technological development and innovation

- Strengthening Hong Kong's technological infrastructure
- Facilitating development of wireless technology
- Promoting development of digital entertainment
- Supporting research and development

4. Deepening the e-government programme

- Putting Government information and services online
- Provision of customer-centric e-Government services
- \ Electronic procurement
- Smart ID Cards and related applications

5. Encouraging the development of a vibrant IT industry

- Aggressive outsourcing of government IT projects
- Strengthening technological cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland
- Quality assurance and capacity building of the industry
- Promoting excellence

6. Building a digitally inclusive society

- Bridging the digital divide
- Promoting the adoption of e-business among small and medium-sized enterprises
- IT in education: empowering learning and teaching with IT

Conclusion

- Our advancement in ICT has:
 - Enhanced the competitiveness of Hong Kong
 - Improved the quality of living of our citizens
- 2007 Digital 21 Strategy "Continuing to build on our strengths through technology across the community"
 - Public consultation from 18 October to 18 December 2006
 - 70 submissions received from the public being studied
 - Aim to publish the finalized Strategy in the first half of 2007



Thank You