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21 January 2015

Dear Tommy,

RE: Establishment of Innovation and Technology Bureau

On behalf of the HK Computer Society (HKCS), I am writing to reiterate our long-held position on an early establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau (ITB).

The founding of ITB reflects the Government's firm support for the development of ICT. However, the funding approval is still pending since the passage of related resolution in the Legislative Council around end October 2014. We are pleased to learn lately that the application for such funding will shortly be presented to LegCo's Finance Committee.

Hong Kong's ICT industry has been undergoing rapid development, taking a pivotal role in enhancing our competitive advantage by transforming towards a knowledge-based economy. The ITB would be able to define longer-term policies, and foster closer collaborations among various stakeholders in the community for the development of our ICT industry.

HKCS look toward to your leadership, and appeal to all legislative councillors to speedily process and approve this funding request for the establishment of the ITB.

Thanks for your attention.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Mr Gregory SO Kam-leung, GBS, JP, Secretary for Commerce and Economic
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