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Hon Cheung Yu Yan, SBS, JP
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
Central,
Hong Kong

Dear Hon Cheung Yu Yan,

Innovation and Technology Bureau

On behalf of Hong Kong Linux Industry Association which is one of the active information and communications technology (ICT) industry organizations in Hong Kong, I am writing to express our support on Government's proposal in establishing the Innovation and Technology Bureau.

Technology is crucial for Hong Kong to maintain its competitiveness. Situated at the Pearl River Delta, Hong Kong is well-positioned to capitalize on our strategic location to tap in the Mainland market. Mainland is having a population of 1.3 billion who are keen to use the latest technological products. This opens up tremendous business opportunities for the innovation and technology sectors of Hong Kong. In this Internet era, ICT is not only an indispensable enabler underpinning Hong Kong's thriving economy, it is also taking shape as an economic sector in its own right. Hong Kong must grab the opportunity to develop our ICT sector.

Through dedicated high-level leadership, the proposed Innovation and Technology Bureau should be able to drive the development of our ICT sector in a more dedicated and strategic manner,

turning innovation and technology into our strength and ensuring the sustainable growth of Hong Kong's economy. Through stronger policy coordination, the new Bureau should also be able to help innovation and technology industries to fully capture the opportunities and commercial potentials unleashed by advancements in technology.

We believe that Hong Kong is a fertile land to nurture young talents, and technology can realize their dreams. The future Innovation and Technology Bureau can play a better and more focused role on collaborating with industry members and thus better understand the needs of the industry. This would help develop pertinent policies to strengthen the support for the innovation and technology sectors, as well as measures for improving the ecological environment to facilitate the commercialization of research and development (R&D) results.

We welcome Government's proposal in establishing the Innovation and Technology Bureau, and we believe the new Bureau will be crucial to the future development of Hong Kong. For the benefit of Hong Kong's innovation and technology sectors and the sustainable development of our economy, we strongly urge the Finance Committee to approve the proposal of establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau as soon as possible.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Kan

Chairman of Hong Kong Linux Association

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All Legislative Council members