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on Information Technology and  
Broadcasting

**Information Technology  
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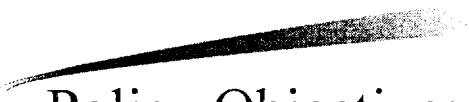
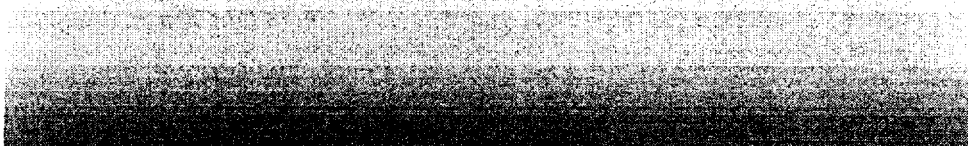
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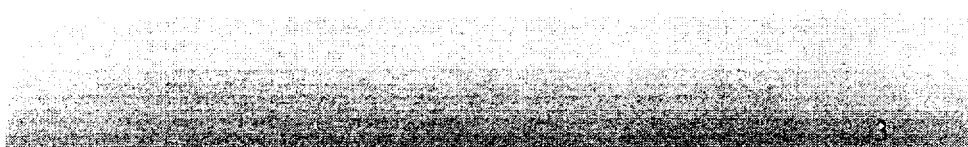
## Chief Executive's Vision

" To make Hong Kong a leader, not a follower in the information world of tomorrow."

1997 Policy Address



## Policy Objectives

- Community wide broadband Information Infrastructure
  - Delivery of seamless and citizen-centric services using new technologies
  - Electronic business hub and gateway to China
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## Priority Tasks

- Development of high capacity communication systems
- Electronic Service Delivery
- Year 2000 compliance
- International and bilateral co-operation on IT-related matters

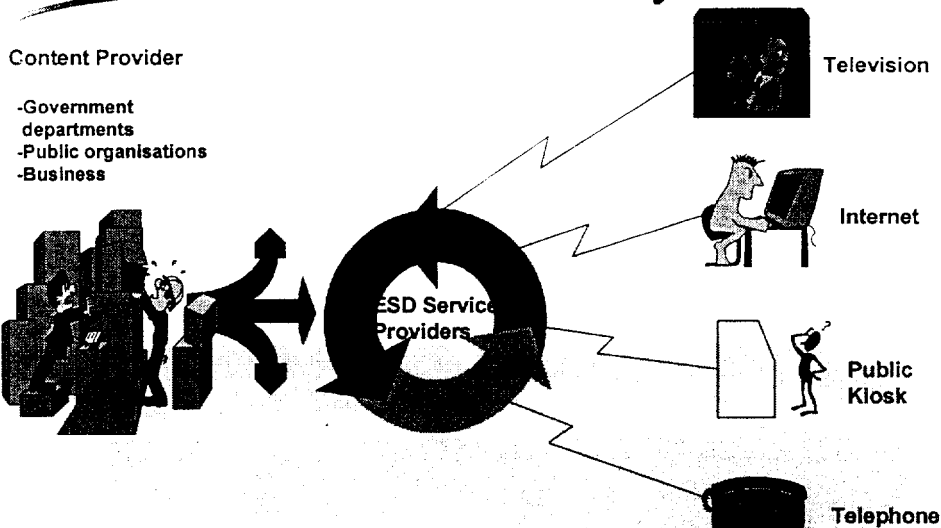
## High Capacity Communication Systems

- Encourage development of local and external telecommunications network to promote HK as a telecommunications centre
- Facilitate development of an open, integrated broadband telecommunications network

## High Capacity Communication Systems (cont'd)

- Progressive liberalization in telecommunication services
  - 1998 Review of Fixed Telecommunications
    - Second round consultation in late summer
    - Finalize policy proposals before end 1998
- A fair, transparent and predictable regulatory framework

## Electronic Service Delivery



## Electronic Service Delivery (cont'd)

- Certification Authorities
- Legal framework for e-commerce
- Bilingual interface

## Year 2000 Compliance

- High level inter-departmental steering committee
- 3-pronged approach
  - co-ordinate compliance work within Government
  - monitor progress in non-government organisations regulated / funded by Government
  - promote awareness among small and medium sized enterprises and in the community

## International & bilateral cooperation on IT-related matters

- International cooperation - active participation in discussions in international fora (e.g. APEC)
- Bilateral cooperation - MOU on IT cooperation (e.g. Canada and Australia)