**INFORMATION SECURITY AND FORENSICS SOCIETY**

資訊保安及鑑證公會

Clerk to Bills Committee on Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill 2003

Legislative Council Secretariat

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Hong Kong

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Information Forensics and Security Society (ISFS) would like to be included as a functional constituency of the Information Technology functional constituency under section 20Z of the Legislative Council Ordinance.

We are given to understand that the 2 main reasons why the ISFS has not been included as a functional constituency: -

- (a) ISFS was formed only for a relatively short time;
- (b) The role of ISFS overlaps with that of the Hong Kong Computer Society.

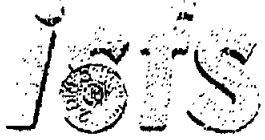
Time

ISFS was formed in May 2000. That was already 3 years ago. In the field of Information Technology, which is the fastest developing field of all functioning constituencies, we believe that the period for which a society has been formed is only a small factor to be taken into account.

Role

The Hong Kong Computer Society has the following objectives: -

1. provide a forum for the exchange of technical information and ideas amongst members;
2. hold lectures, discussions, seminars, open forums on subjects related to IT;
3. provide for those intended users of IT or related tools the opportunity of communicating with experienced users;
4. foster an informed public opinion regarding the IT industry and its social implications;



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5. provide library or other facilities for the benefit of members in furtherance of their information technology knowledge;
6. promote education on the Technology and training programs either on its own or in conjunction with other institutions in Hong Kong or overseas;
7. promote fraternity among members;
8. liaise with other (overseas and Hong Kong) professional bodies with similar objectives;
9. advise the Hong Kong Government and the public general on matters affecting the interest of the IT profession;
10. maintain and enforce a code of professional conduct for members to observe.

The objectives of ISFS are, on the other hand: -

1. to regulate and standardize the practice of information security and forensics professionals
2. to conduct examinations and act in such other manner as may be necessary to ascertain whether persons are qualified to be admitted to register as an information security and forensics professional
3. to encourage the study of information security and forensics by holding regular training courses and seminars
4. to promote public awareness of information security and forensics

In short, ISFS is a unique society in Hong Kong, for the time being, specializing on information forensics whereas the Hong Kong Computer Society is on general IT matters.

Our members consist of: -

- (a) lawyers specializing on the area of digital evidence and the presentation of such evidence in Court;
- (b) officers of the Hong Kong Police Force, ICAC, Customs and Excise Department specializing on collection and analyzing digital evidence and technology crime;
- (c) academics in the field of Information Security and Forensics in Hong Kong.



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Our main focus is on the information forensics, for example, the analysis of digital evidence after a hacker has hacked into a computer to locate his trails. We aim at setting standards of such experts and provide training courses for them.

In fact, we have been supporting the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in the running of the course of "Professional Diploma in Computer Forensics".

We trust that if our society is added as a representative of the IT functional constituency, such functioning constituency will be a fuller reflection of the IT field in Hong Kong.

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