

Thank you President

I am speaking on behalf of the Hong Kong Computer Society, which represents over 9,000

members

of different categories

The Society supports the implementation of the Electronic Health Records Sharing System (eHRSS) in Hong Kong. I would like to highlight a few points regarding this initiative.

- 1) **It is a good example of public-private partnership & it provides business opportunities for the IT Sector:** The eHRSS is much more than an IT project; it not only delivers a new infrastructure for health record sharing, but it also introduces new management and clinical workflow practices. It greatly enhances Patient Centric Healthcare: whereby a patient can expect all of (his or her) medical information are readily available anywhere and no longer restricted to any institution.
- 2) While the Hospital Authority has mostly developed the core eHR application and infrastructure, through the "eHR Service Provider Training Scheme" it provides training for IT organisations to acquire necessary knowledge in order to facilitate the deployment of clinical systems. The IT suppliers have the opportunity to provide IT services to enhance the private healthcare providers' electronic clinical systems for the eHRSS connections.
- 3) It is critical that the eHRSS must provide sufficient system security to safeguard patient's personal privacy. The IT service sector has the opportunity to complement the Hospital Authority's development efforts by providing IT security advice and services to the healthcare providers to ensure the security and privacy protection are optimally implemented.

- 4) **Last but not least**, this is a complex project. The Government should pay close attention to “project and risk” management to ensure the quality and avoid any delay of project schedule.

In conclusion, we believe the successful implementation of the eHRSS in Hong Kong will further strengthen the HK’s IT industry as Asia-Pacific regional leader in hospital clinical systems as well as regional health information network. We strongly believe the eHRSS will bring great benefits to all residents of Hong Kong and would therefore urge the LegCo to approve the passing of this Bill so that the public at large can enjoy such benefits sooner.

Thank you.

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