

**Support Letter to be submitted to Bills Committee on
Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS Bill)**

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Dear Hon. Charles Mok,

Developing an Electronic Health Record Sharing in Hong Kong

I am writing on behalf of Hong Kong Information Technology Federation (HKITF) to urge the Panel on Health Services to support early passage of the Electronic Health Record Sharing System (eHRSS).

We understand some committee members' concern on the sharable data. The information technology to provide access control and authorization and authentication of sharable data has evolved greatly in recent times to satisfy the skepticisms of the general public and practitioners. Hong Kong has been known to be one of the most advanced in the deployment of IT in data sensitive industries such as finance and government administration. Most of these systems and data protection technology was developed by the local IT industry. As a trustworthy representative of the local IT industry, HKITF believe that we have the competent technical skill set and process control intelligence to protect those sharable data if the healthcare stakeholders work together with the local IT industry to develop and deploy the proposed eHRSS.

The requirements of data protection of sharable data is evolving day by day as the core values and culture of the general public evolves, the review of the sharable scope shall be an on-going process. Once started running the eHRSS, experience of operation will be learned and modification on the shareable scope can be pursued during the Stage 2 eHR Programme.

HKITF believe that in order for Hong Kong to stay ahead of the region sustaining its leadership role in being the leading Digital City in Asia, eHRSS is one of the most important building block to enable the operation of a sophisticated eHealth system, which will benefit the citizen as well as the medical practitioner. A successful implementation of eHRSS will open up a great business opportunity for the local IT industry to pursue in developing intelligent systems bridging the gaps between private practitioners and the public health institutions such as government hospitals. These systems when successfully deployed will not only just providing efficiency and cost

saving to all the stakeholders, but sometimes it may saves lives in critical moments when vital medical information is required.

In view of the above said, HKITF would like to express our strongest support in the implementation of eHRSS and wish to urge the Panel of the Health Services and the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to pass the bill so that such pivotal infrastructure can proceed and progress for the future development of Hong Kong and for the benefit of its citizens.

Yours sincerely,



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