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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL ON  
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**Latest Progress on the Development of  
the “Digital Corporate Identity” Platform**

**PURPOSE**

This paper briefs Members on the latest progress on the development of the Digital Corporate Identity (“CorpID”) Platform.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Digital corporate identity is progressively becoming a key element in promoting digital transformation for corporations in various regions. To further create a business-friendly environment and promote digital economy development, the Government obtained funding approval of \$300 million from the Legislative Council in June 2024 to develop the CorpID Platform. Corporations will be able to use the CorpID, which is like the business version of “iAM Smart”, to access various “Government-to-Business” (“G-to-B”) and “Business-to-Business” (“B-to-B”) e-services for enhancing their operational and administrative efficiency.

3. Since the funding approval by the Legislative Council in June 2024, the Digital Policy Office (“DPO”) has been proceeding at full speed with the CorpID Platform project, including awarding the service contract for the design of the digital certificate and the development of the platform, and completing the system analysis and design in 2025 as planned. The development of the platform is proceeding in an orderly manner.

## **STRATEGIC POSITION OF DIGITAL CORPORATE IDENTITY**

4. Digital identity has become a key infrastructure for driving smart city and digital government. As a one-stop personalised digital services platform in Hong Kong, “iAM Smart” provides Hong Kong residents with secure and convenient personal identity authentication and related services. As of end-March 2026, “iAM Smart” has over 4.3 million users, providing access to more than 1 400 e-services provided by the Government and various public and private organisations, as well as government e-forms. With the continuous development of the digital economy in Hong Kong, the application scope of digital identity will be extended from individuals to corporations.

5. The goal of developing the CorpID Platform is to provide Hong Kong corporations with a secure, trustworthy, standardised, highly scalable and interoperable digital identity platform. This will enable digital transformation and data exchange among corporations, enhance the efficiency and security of the overall business environment, establish a more comprehensive business transaction ecosystem, and facilitate exploration of interfacing with related international and Mainland’s corporate identity platforms, thereby promoting the opportunities for Hong Kong corporations to develop businesses in the Mainland and overseas markets.

## **KEY FUNCTIONS OF CORPID**

6. The CorpID Platform will provide corporate identity authentication, digital signing, form pre-filling, document wallet and AI Assistant functions for Hong Kong companies established or registered under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) and local businesses registered under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) (collectively referred to as “corporations”<sup>1</sup>). The main functions of the platform and the benefits brought to corporations are detailed below.

### *Corporate Identity Authentication*

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<sup>1</sup> According to the statistics from the Companies Registry, as of end-February 2026, the number of local companies/relocated companies still registered in the Companies Registry was 1 585 894. According to the open data provided by the Inland Revenue Department, as of end-February 2026, the number of existing business registrations was 1 668 340.

7. Through a unified and automated corporate identity authentication function, the CorpID Platform enables e-service providers (the verifying parties) to verify the identities of corporations quickly and accurately, eliminating the tedious process for corporations to submit copies of documents (such as business registration certificate, certificate of incorporation, authorisation letter, etc.), and reducing the procedures and resources required for different e-services to establish and provide their own “Know Your Customer” (“KYC”) processes. The platform will connect to the databases of the Companies Registry (“CR”) and the Inland Revenue Department (“IRD”), and use automated and reliable processes to verify the corporations and the identities and roles of their responsible persons (such as sole proprietors, partners in partnerships or company directors, etc.). In addition, the platform will provide a unified user interface and authorisation function, enabling corporate users to conveniently and quickly authorise their staff representatives or third-party agents (such as company secretaries, licensing agents, etc.) to conduct business activities on behalf of their corporations. This will eliminate the need for authorisation procedures in different e-services, enabling corporations to efficiently manage various user authorisation settings. The e-service providers can also be assured that the relevant staff representatives or third-party agents have been duly authorised by the corporations to conduct business transactions.

### Digital Signing

8. Currently, company chops are still widely used in traditional business activities. With the development of document digitisation and the widespread adoption of digital signature by international corporations to enhance operational efficiency and convenience relating to cross-boundary document processing, corporations are increasingly reducing the use of physical company chops to align with the digital transformation trend. To support this, the CorpID Platform will provide each successfully registered corporation with a unique corporate digital certificate issued by a Hong Kong recognised certification authority (“RCA”) under the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553). This aims to make the digital certificate equivalent to a digital version of the company chop, enabling corporations to conduct transactions using digital signing means with legal force. Together with the use of personal digital signing (such as the digital signing function of “iAM Smart+”) during transactions, it can replace the existing traditional physical signatures and company chops. This can help save time and

costs required for verifying related transaction, while enhancing the trustworthiness of the transaction and reducing the risk of commercial fraud.

9. In addition to the purposes of transaction processing, corporations can also incorporate digital signatures into documents sent to their customers (such as purchase orders, invoices, confirmation letters, etc.) to ensure the authenticity and reliability of the documents. This can help reduce the risk of fraud or forgery, thereby enhancing customer trust level and corporate reputation.

#### Form Pre-filling

10. The CorpID Platform will provide a form pre-filling function, enabling corporate users to authorise the extraction of information registered on the platform and information stored in other government e-service systems for filling out application forms. This can save the time required in form filling, reduce the need to submit supplementary documents, and simplify the application processes and the procedures for verification of data and documents, thereby reducing the administrative burden on corporations.

#### Document Wallet

11. The document wallet of the CorpID Platform can store verifiable electronic licences and certificates (e.g. licences, certificates, permits, etc.) issued by government bureaux/departments (“B/Ds”). The platform will adopt international standards and technologies such as blockchain technology, Decentralised Identity and Verifiable Credential to ensure the authenticity and integrity of electronic licences and certificates, effectively preventing tampering or forgery. This approach can simplify the process and reduce the time required for verification of digital licences and certificates, thereby improving efficiency and trustworthiness.

#### AI Assistant

12. The CorpID Platform will also be equipped with an “AI Assistant” service to provide instant replies to enquiries and personalised support to corporate users in order to enhance user experience. In addition to providing assistance to answering matters related to daily business operations of corporations, the “AI Assistant” will recommend information and services related

to government funding schemes, industry support programmes and other public resources for small and medium enterprises (“SMEs”), helping corporations to utilise government resources more conveniently and promoting digital transformation, business upgrades and technological enhancements, thereby strengthening competitiveness and fostering sustainable development.

## **CORPORATE DATA INTEROPERABILITY**

13. As a secure and standardised digital corporate identity authentication system, CorpID can facilitate cross-departmental, cross-corporation, and even cross-border identity authentication and data interoperability. To bring convenience to citizens and promote data exchange between B/Ds, the DPO has fully launched the Consented Data Exchange Gateway (“CDEG”), which has already connected to the Commercial Data Interchange (“CDI”) of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“HKMA”). The CDEG has processed over 30 million data exchanges to assist financial institutions in accessing information related to company registration and land registration, as well as supporting services that bring convenience to the public such as the “Personal Assistant” of “iAM Smart”. In the future, the CDEG will support the CorpID Platform, enabling corporate data to be exchanged between different B/Ds after obtaining consent from corporations, in order to further promote data interoperability. In addition, CorpID will support the operation of the CDI, enabling e-service providers to access relevant corporate information stored in B/Ds or other organisations after obtaining corporations’ consent. This will eliminate the need to handle paper documents, reduce human errors and improve the efficiency of business processes.

14. On the other hand, the DPO will add other widely adopted corporate identifiers across various industries to CorpID, such as the Legal Entity Identifier, the D-U-N-S Number, etc. At the same time, we are actively exploring the feasibility of mutual recognition and interoperability of corporate identities with the Mainland (e.g. Guangdong, Shanghai), with an aim of assisting local corporations in identity authentication for cross-boundary trade.

## **USE OF CORPID**

15. The CorpID Platform will set up a one-stop online service platform, as well as a new dedicated mini-program in the “iAM Smart” mobile application. This will allow corporate users to register for CorpID accounts and conduct transactions anytime and anywhere across multiple platforms (such as desktop computers, tablets and smart phones) according to their capacities and needs, making business operations simpler and more convenient.

16. Corporate users with Hong Kong residency can register an account and use the CorpID functions within the CorpID mini-program in “iAM Smart” or on the one-stop online service platform after becoming an “iAM Smart” registered user. Corporate users without Hong Kong residency but holding a passport<sup>2</sup> can apply for and use a personal digital certificate issued by a Hong Kong RCA for personal identity authentication, and then register an account and use the CorpID functions within the CorpID mini-program or on the one-stop online service platform.

17. Based on the “user pays” principle in the longer run, the Government will set reasonable fee levels for corporate users and e-service providers of CorpID in order to gradually recover the relevant costs of operating the platform (primarily involving the issuance of corporate digital certificates). When determining the fee levels, we will consider various factors, including the progress of ecosystem transformation, time needed to launch the e-services, affordability of SMEs, etc., with an aim to set the fees at a reasonable and attractive level to encourage active use by users and e-service providers. The fee details will be finalised in the fourth quarter of 2026.

## **SECURE AND RELIABLE CORPID PLATFORM**

18. In the course of designing, developing and operating the CorpID Platform, we have considered and adopted a series of security standards, operational practices and safeguard measures to ensure that the CorpID one-stop online service platform is built on a secure, trustworthy and legal basis:

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<sup>2</sup> A passport refers to an electronic passport that complies with the standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization. It contains an embedded contactless chip that conforms to the ISO/IEC 14443 protocol, storing the holder’s personal information and photograph. This data can be read using standard methods for personal identification and authentication.

- (a) The CorpID Platform will employ multi-layered defence and protection measures to prevent cyberattacks and unauthorised data access, in order to ensure its reliability and security. The Government Cloud Infrastructure Services where CorpID will be hosted adopts up-to-date technologies and security measures, including internationally recognised standards such as Public Key Infrastructure and Advanced Encryption Standard. In addition, the platform will leverage blockchain technology to ensure that data cannot be tampered with, safeguarding the security and integrity of corporate information.
- (b) All data transmission and storage procedures on the CorpID Platform will strictly adhere to government information security policies to ensure the security and integrity of corporate information. Corporate information will be verified against the systems of the CR and the IRD to ensure its legitimacy and reliability. At the same time, the platform will implement strict authorisation mechanism, requiring all staff or third parties representing corporations to be authorised prior to operations. All transaction records will be properly kept for periodic review by the responsible persons of corporations to ensure that the operations conducted by staff or third-party representatives are compliant.
- (c) Corporate-related e-services must undergo a vetting process established by the DPO before connecting to the CorpID Platform. Service providers must also comply with the implementation guidelines and related requirements set out by the platform, including ongoing monitoring of service quality and security standards, in order to provide the relevant services.
- (d) The DPO has consulted relevant regulators such as the Hong Kong Police Force, the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the HKMA on various aspects including KYC, customer due diligence, crime prevention, anti-money laundering, anti-corruption and cybersecurity. This enables the CorpID Platform to effectively prevent and respond to relevant risks, safeguarding the interests and

security of corporations and partners, while ensuring the overall stability of the platform.

- (e) The DPO will ensure that the CorpID Platform complies with the legal requirements, including strict adherence to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486) and relevant guidelines set forth by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data to safeguard users' personal data security and privacy rights.
- (f) Prior to the launch of the CorpID Platform, the DPO will conduct comprehensive security risk assessment, audit and red team test for cybersecurity defence, and will regularly conduct security risk assessment, audit, review and improve the platform during its operational phase. At the same time, the platform will undergo load and stress test conducted by third-party independent assessor to ensure that the platform can support large-scale e-service operations and provide a stable and secure operating environment.

## **APPLICATION FACILITATION**

### *Diversified Services*

19. We anticipate that when the CorpID Platform is launched in the first phase, it will connect with around 200 G-to-B and B-to-B e-services provided by B/Ds and public and private organisations and government e-forms, covering various domains such as taxation, government funding schemes, finance, food, transportation, postal services, engineering, environment and procurement.

### *G-to-B Services*

20. To lead the promotion of the adoption of CorpID, the DPO has issued a circular to all B/Ds requiring all corporate-related e-government services to support the use of CorpID within 18 months after the launch of the CorpID Platform unless restricted by legal reasons. The G-to-B services of the CorpID to be launched in the first phase include:

- (a) The DPO will collaborate with the IRD to enhance the Business Tax Portal (“BTP”) to support the use of CorpID and realise a one-stop registration process, enabling corporations to complete the registration for the BTP simultaneously while registering for CorpID.
- (b) The Trade Single Window of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau will support CorpID which will facilitate industry submissions of import and export trade documents to the government for customs declaration and cargo clearance.
- (c) The Port Community System of the Transport and Logistics Bureau will support CorpID which will promote flow and sharing of data among stakeholders in the shipping, port, and logistics industries. At the same time, it will make good use of the CorpID to facilitate document verification and digital signing within the industry.
- (d) We are also actively coordinating with relevant B/Ds to upgrade the e-government services commonly used by corporations in order to support corporations in using CorpID for corporate identity authentication and other related transactions to facilitate business operations. Examples are renewal of vehicle licence (Transport Department), Food Trader Portal (Food and Environmental Hygiene Department), e-Procurement System (DPO), and other licence application services from various B/Ds.
- (e) The Hongkong Post will provide various e-forms for postal service applications and enable automatic form pre-filling and corporate signing through CorpID, making the application processes more convenient.

### *B-to-B Services*

21. In promoting B-to-B business operations, we will collaborate with several public organisations (including the HKMA, Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (“Cyberport”), Hong Kong Science Park and Hong Kong Productivity Council, etc.) and other commercial organisations to support the application of the relevant e-services when the CorpID Platform is launched.

22. To facilitate corporate applications, the DPO, in collaboration with the Cyberport, launched the CorpID Sandbox Programme in December 2025 to provide free simulated environment for service providers (including public and private organisations) interested in adopting CorpID to conduct proof-of-concept (“PoC”) testing and develop their application in order to design application scenarios and solutions that can better meet the market demands. Currently, about 100 B/Ds and public and private organisations are participating in the Sandbox Programme and are conducting PoC testing. The application scenarios cover multiple fields such as trade, procurement, housing, employment, licensing and e-payments. Some of the sandbox PoC cases are planned to be turned into practical scenarios (such as account opening, commercial digital document signing, licensing and funding scheme application, etc.), with the expectation that they will be integrated into daily business operations upon the launch of the platform in order to drive digital transformation.

23. In addition, the Cargo<sup>X</sup> project under the CDI data infrastructure, an initiative driven by the HKMA, is a digital ecosystem that aims at leveraging freight logistics and trade data to promote trade financing. HKMA is also actively exploring the adoption of CorpID to ensure that the identities of all parties in trade transactions can be verified and trusted, thereby effectively reducing the risk of fraud.

24. We will continue to actively explore suitable application use cases for the adoption of CorpID across various industries, including accounting, legal, corporate governance, insurance, manufacturing and industrial sectors, real estate and transportation, cultural and service industries, etc. The DPO will also provide e-service providers with relevant system reference modules and application programming interfaces to facilitate the support of CorpID in various e-services.

## **PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION**

25. Through a series of promotions, consultations and seminar activities, the DPO helps different industries understand the operation and benefits of the CorpID Platform, assisting them in adopting the relevant services earlier and accelerating the widespread adoption of the platform. We have extensively

consulted various types of corporations and industry groups through multiple channels, including financial sector, banking industry, tax and accounting sector, trade industry, food and beverage sector, e-payment service providers, organisations promoting global standards, corporate governance, consulting and advisory firms, as well as innovation and technology sector. In addition, the DPO has liaised with numerous industry corporations and organisations through the “Business Facilitation Advisory Committee”, including the Wholesale and Retail Task Force, the Food Business and Related Services Task Force, and the Task Force on Business Liaison Groups, etc.

26. Many corporations at the time of their incorporation engage professional agents such as company secretaries and accounting firms to provide services such as company registration, company secretarial services, bank account opening and tax filing, etc. Therefore, we are actively liaising with these agents to encourage them to promote digital transformation of their services alongside their traditional service offerings. By leveraging the authentication and signing functions of CorpID, they can digitise the traditional paper-based workflows such as account opening and tax filing, thereby enhancing the processing efficiency of their agency services.

27. We will enhance the promotion of the core functions and benefits of the CorpID Platform through various channels such as thematic websites, social media, promotional videos, and industry seminars, etc. We will also collaborate with industry associations and chambers of commerce to organise joint promotional activities, discuss industry needs, and encourage corporations to leverage CorpID to accelerate digital transformation.

## **NEXT STEP**

28. The development of the CorpID Platform has entered its final stage. We expect to commence platform integration and testing in mid-2026, with the official launch targeted for end-2026, and then progressively expand the service scope. We will continue to fully coordinate with various B/Ds and public and private organisations to progressively launch more e-services that support CorpID, expecting that all corporate-related e-government services and government forms will support the use of CorpID within 2028.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

29. Members are invited to note the content of this paper and provide views on the latest progress on the development of the CorpID Platform.

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