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INTERNET & TELECOM ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG

Chairman's Report 2005-2006

**Presented by: Mr. Tony Hau
Chairman**

Date: 9th June 2006

Honorary Advisors, Fellow Members, Ladies & Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to welcome you all to the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Internet & Telecom Association of Hong Kong (ITAHK).

First of all, before I start my report, I would like to say many thanks to the Executive Committee Members for the term 2004-2006. All Committee Members are carrying out their services on a voluntary basis, their contribution to both the Association and the telecom industry in Hong Kong are highly appreciated. To recognize their contributions, I would like to put forward their names

- ◆ Mr. Hubert Chan of HKC International Holdings Ltd. as Vice Chairman;
- ◆ Mr. Victor Lai of Jardine OneSolution as President of CPE Vendor & Equipment Supplier Group;
- ◆ Mr. Bruce Lam of Nokia (HK) Ltd. as Vice President of CPE Vendor & Equipment Supplier Group;
- ◆ Mr. Gary Chow of PCCW Ltd. as President of Fixed Network & Value Added Service Group;
- ◆ Mr. Paul Ho of TraxComm Ltd. as Vice President of Fixed Network & Value Added Service Group;
- ◆ Mr. Hubert Ng of Hong Kong CSL Ltd. as President of Mobile Network & Service Provider Group;
- ◆ Mr. Stephen Yeung of Ericsson Ltd. as Vice President of Mobile Network & Service Provider Group;
- ◆ Mr. Franky Lai of WiseSpot (Hong Kong) Ltd. as Honorary Treasurer & President of Internet Service & Content Provider Group;
- ◆ Mr. Gilbert Chan of Telewide Enterprises Ltd. as Vice President of Internet Service & Content Provider Group.

To strengthen the support to the Association, we set up a new functional group, namely Regulation Issues Group, in 2005 to deal with the telecom regulations related matters. Dr. Xu Yan, Associate Professor of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, was invited to be the President of this group.

Needless to say, we also have high-level support from our Honorary Advisors:

- ◆ Mr. M.H. Au, Director-General of the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA);
- ◆ Mr. Fred Lam, Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC);
- ◆ Mr. Joseph Tsui, Chairman & Chief Executive of Symphonic InfoCom Group.

On behalf of all members of the Association, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of them again.

MEMBERSHIP

I would like to welcome the following members to join the Association during the financial year of 2005-2006:

Individual Members (2):

- ◆ Ms. Meehee Song c/o Xecutive Group Ltd.
- ◆ Ms. Yvonne Chia c/o Stevenson, Wong & Co.

As of today, we have a total of 87 Members including 73 Full Members, 2 Associate Company Members and 12 Associate Individual Members.

During the year, some companies had been integrated or restructured, and some individual members had changed their jobs that resulting in withdrawal of membership. We strive to recruit more industry players to join in the years to come but we also rely on our current members to introduce the association to their business associates or partners.

REPRESENTATION

With a good representation of the telecom industry in Hong Kong, the active participation of our members and the active devotion and professional support from the Executive Committee Members, we have honor to be recognized by OFTA and different external bodies, and we have representations in the following committees:

Advisory Committees of OFTA:

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| ◆ Telecom Numbering (NAC) | Representative – Mr. Paul Ho
Alternate – Mr. Gary Chow |
| ◆ Telecom Standards (TSAC) | Representative – Mr. Victor Lai
Alternate – Mr. Franky Lai |
| ◆ Telecom Users & Consumers (UCAC) | Representative – Mr. Gilbert Chan
Alternate – Mr. Hubert Ng |
| ◆ Radio Spectrum (RSAC) | Representative – Mr. Bruce Lam
Alternate – Mr. Stephen Yeung |

Apart from OFTA, the Association also delegates representatives in various advisory boards and committees, such as:

- ◆ Electronics & Communication Industry Safety and Health Committee of the Occupational Safety and Health Council
- ◆ IT Director Committee of HK Productivity Council
- ◆ Information Communications Technology Services Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- ◆ Information and Communications Technology Industry Training Advisory Committee (ITAC) of Education and Manpower Bureau

- ◆ Legislator CK Sin's Advisory Committee Representing Information Technology Functional Constituency
- ◆ Working Group on Wireless Technology organized by Mr. CK Sin, Legislative Councillor

MAJOR ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT

ITAHK Luncheon

The following 2 luncheons were held in the past year.

8 December 2005

Fixed-Mobile Convergence - The 4A vision: "Anywhere, anytime, by anyone and anything"

The luncheon was held at Renaissance Harbour View Hotel on 8 December 2005. Dr. Tim Kelly, Visiting scholar of HKUST Business School and Head of Strategy and Policy Unit, ITU, was invited to share with the participants on the topic of *Fixed-Mobile Convergence - The 4A vision: "Anywhere, anytime, by anyone and anything"*.

21 March 2006

ITAHK Welcome Luncheon for Mr. Wong Wing Ping

To welcome Mr. Wong Wing Ping, Secretary of Commerce, Information and Technology Bureau, on board at the Bureau, the Association organized a welcome luncheon at the Dynasty Club on 21 March 2006. Our members who are the telecom operators were invited to meet with him and share their views on the industry.

Co-organized Events

The Association did not only organize events by itself, it also partnered with other organizations or associations to carry out different events in the past year.

22 September 2005

The Fixed-Mobile Convergence Forum

The Forum was held at HKPC Building on 22 September 2005. There were over 400 participants attended. We invited telecom regulators and industry experts to give talks and discussions in this forum, focusing on the regulator's views and future development of Fixed-Mobile Convergence plus the latest development and licensing framework for Broadband Wireless Access.

9-11 November 2005

*Wireless Mission to Guangzhou & Shenzhen 2005**

The delegation trip was held on 9-11 November 2005 and there were 39 participants from 28 companies / organizations joined this trip. The delegation visited Guangdong Information Industry Department, China Mobile, Netease, China Unicom, UTStartcom, Tencent, and

Shenzhen Bureau of Science, Technology & Information, and also attended the 3G Wireless Technology & Application (Shenzhen) Seminar during the trip.

3 March 2006

Welcome Luncheon for Mr. Wong Wing Ping

The welcome luncheon for Mr. Wong Wing Ping, Secretary of Commerce, Information and Technology Bureau, was held at JW Marriot Hotel on 3 March 2006 and the topic for the luncheon was *Promoting the development of the IT industry – opportunity and challenges*.

12 April 2006

Dinner with China Telecom Delegation

The dinner was held at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on 12 April 2006. The Association members met with over 40 delegates from China Telecom to exchange their views and insights in the future development of the telecom industry.

2 June 2006

Forum on Establishment of the Communication Authority: How it should be done

The forum was held at HKPC Building on 2 June 2006

ITAHK Endorsed / Supporting Events

The Association endorsed and supported a number of quality seminars, forums and exhibitions in the past year for the benefit of members and increase the awareness of the association in the industry or in the public. The endorsed and supporting events were:

- ◆ 3G Wireless Technology & Application (Shenzhen) Seminar – November 2005
- ◆ The Ninth Asia Pacific Telecommunications Roundtable – November 2005
- ◆ TIF Conference – Broadband, Broadcast & Content: Where Does HK Stand? – November 2005
- ◆ Hong Kong Computer Festival 2006 – China HK IT Investment Forum – January 2006
- ◆ Anti-Spam Conference – March 2006
- ◆ The Platform – Seminar and Luncheon for ITU Telecom World 2006 – March 2006
- ◆ TIF – eSecurity in the Broadband Age – March 2006
- ◆ Carrier Ethernet Summit 2006 – April 2006
- ◆ ICT Pavilion at Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Spring Edition) – April 2006
- ◆ TRPC Telecom Training Course – May-June 2006
- ◆ Anti-Spam Seminar – June 2006
- ◆ CommunicAsia 2006 and EnterpriseIT 2006 – June 2006
- ◆ Hong Kong ICT Awards 2006 – Wireless Technology – June 2006
- ◆ Mobile Enterprise 2006 – June 2006
- ◆ Seminar on Promoting IT Professional Status – June 2006
- ◆ 3G Carnival – September 2006
- ◆ Capacity Asia 2006 – October 2006
- ◆ Wireless Broadband Week 2006 – October 2006

- ◆ 3G World Congress – December 2006

ITAHK Golf Cup Challenge

ITAHK Golf Cup Challenge is one of the ITAHK's regular events. In the past year, we organized two Challenges, the first one was held at Mission Hill Golf Club in Autumn 2005 and the second one was held at Xili Golf and Country Club in Spring 2006.

ITAHK Spring Dinner 2006

The ITAHK Spring Dinner 2006 was held at The HK Jockey Club on 28 February 2006. The theme for that night was *FMC (Who will be rewarded the license tonight?)*. There were cute children lion dance show, excited games, funny talk show and, fabulous prizes and lucky draw.

SUPPORTS TO THE TELECOM INDUSTRY

ITU Telecom World 2006

The Association is participating in the ITU Telecom World 2006 proactively to strive for the members' benefit in this prominent event. The Association has been one of the supporting organizations for the business facilitation program and also is one of the authorized agents to sell the ITU Telecom World 2006 exhibition booth of the Hong Kong Pavilions.

Consultation Papers

The Association submitted comments on the following 2 consultation papers in the past year. They are:

- ◆ Government's Consultation Paper on Legislative Proposals to Contain the Problem of Unsolicited Electronic Message
- ◆ Communications and Technology Branch of the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau's Public Consultation on the Establishment of the Communications Authority.

Looking Forward ...

Planning forward, we have scheduled several projects and events at the moment, they are:

2007 Official Guide to Telecommunications in Hong Kong

The publication for the association's biennial publication, "2007 Official Guide to Telecommunications in Hong Kong" is in progress and will be published in November 2006. It will be an 'ITU Telecom World 2006 Special Edition' and complimentary copies will be distributed in ITU Telecom World 2006 and Asian Telecom and Information Exchange (ATIE) Forum 2006, and mailed to government departments, libraries, universities and institutes, and other overseas telecom associations, etc.

In addition to the tradition hardcover format, we will publish two new formats in order to extend the circulation of the directory. They are paperback format and electronic version to be place on the Association's website.

The 11th Asian Telecom and Information Exchange Forum (ATIE)

ITAHK has the honor to host the 11th ATIE Forum that will be held at the Hong Kong Pavilion of ITU Telecom World 2006 on 6 December 2006. Through this forum, the participants can have updates on the ICT industry for the ATIE members' representing countries. We target to attract more local and overseas industry players to join this forum so as to gain more contacts and explore more business opportunities.

Seminar on Mobile Data

The theme & proposed topic for the seminar to be held in September 2006 is *Mobile Data Communications in Hong Kong: What's Next?*. The speakers from overseas and Hong Kong will share their experiences and insights on the mobile data sector

I had been the Chairman of the Association for 6 years and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to all of your supports to me and valuable contributions to the association in the past. Please extend your support to the new Chairman, Mr. Hubert Chan, who really counts on your continuous support rendered to the association in the coming years. Your feedback and opinion would undeniably a strong momentum to the Executive Committee Members for better improvements and endeavors.

Thanks for coming tonight and wishes you all an enjoyable evening. Thank you.

Tony Hau
Chairman
Internet & Telecom Association of Hong Kong
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