

I would like to congratulate the Communications Association of Hong Kong (CAHK) on the publication of its "2017 Official Guide to ICT Industry in Hong Kong".

Technology continues to advance at a rapid pace and new and innovative services are constantly emerging. Over the last two years, we have seen accelerated development of over-the-top (OTT) applications and fourth-generation

(4G) mobile broadband services. The growing popularity of OTT applications and devices has further driven the convergence of broadcasting, telecommunications and information services. 4G services support faster information transfer. With the growing maturity of 5G mobile technologies in the coming few years, we will definitely see more innovative mobile applications, broader utilisation of cloud computing, more ubiquitous connections of people and machines through the Internet of Things (IoT) and ultimately the smart city concept coming into fruition. The quantum leaps would not have been possible without the vision and hard work of our ICT industry and Hong Kong's fair and competitive business environment.

CAHK, an association of the ICT industry players, forges consensus within the industry and fosters industry's collaboration. With the launch of a series of industry self-regulatory initiatives, CAHK's unflagging effort has successfully stepped up the protection for consumers in the telecommunications sector. Riding on the concerted effort of CAHK and the industry over the years, I am sure the ever-growing telecommunications industry in Hong Kong will scale new heights in the years to come.

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Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 我僅此祝賀香港通訊業聯會出版《2017香港通訊業概覽》。

科技發展一日千里,各項創新服務不斷湧現。過去兩年,我們看到 over-the-top(OTT)應用系統及第四代(4G)流動寬頻服務迅速發 展。OTT應用系統及裝置日益普及,促使廣播、電訊及資訊服務 進一步匯流。4G服務支援資訊更快速傳送。隨著第五代(5G)流 動技術在未來數年日益成熟,我們當會看到更多創新的流動應用系 統推出,令雲端運算更廣泛地應用,並使人與機器透過物聯網更容 易隨時隨地互聯互通,最終使智能城市的概念得以實現。上述的飛 躍發展,全賴我們資訊及通訊科技業界的願景及努力,以及香港公 平且具競爭的商業環境。

香港通訊業聯會作為資訊及通訊科技業的聯會,凝聚資訊及通訊 科技業內的共識,以及推動業界的合作。隨著一系列自行規管計 劃的推出,聯會不懈的努力已成功加強消費者在電訊方面的保 障。憑著聯會與業界多年來的同心協力,我深信香港蓬勃的電訊 業將能在未來的日子更上一層樓。

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