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I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the publication of the "2025 Official Guide to AI in Communications" by the Communications Association of Hong Kong ("CAHK").

Intellectual property ("IP") plays a crucial role in fostering creativity, innovation and technological development, especially in the rapidly evolving field of Artificial Intelligence ("AI"). 2025 Official Guide's focus on AI in communications underscores the importance of IP protection in AI development.

By granting private property rights to intellectual creations, we create a sustainable environment where creativity and technological advancements can thrive through rewards to authors, inventors and entrepreneurs alike.

To ensure that our IP regime would remain robust and relevant to support the growth of cutting-edge technologies, the Government is expending dedicated efforts to address copyright and AI issues. In July 2024 we launched a public consultation exercise to collect views and evidence from different stakeholders. This proactive approach would enable us to undertake a comprehensive review of our copyright system and consider appropriate improvement proposals embracing technological advancements for the public good.

The National 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan explicitly supports Hong Kong's development as a Regional Intellectual Property Trading Centre. Comprehensive efforts are underway to champion creation, protection, management and exploitation of IP as drivers of innovation and technology development. In addition, creative works are often embedded with cultural contents. IP trading could leverage market forces to promote cultural exchanges across places. We will leave no stones unturned as we advance the cause of IP in the holistic development of Hong Kong with the support of the motherland.

The CAHK has long played a key role in fostering industry collaboration. I look forward to joining hands with the CAHK to make the most of the potent IP system supporting the development and use of AI and communications technologies.

我衷心祝賀香港通訊業聯會出版《2025 香港通訊業概覽》。

知識產權在推動創意、創新和科技發展方面發揮關鍵作用，在日新月異的人工智能領域上尤為突出。《2025 香港通訊業概覽》聚焦通訊業使用人工智能的情況，彰顯知識產權保護對人工智能發展的重要。

我們賦予創作私有產權，讓作者、發明家和企業家獲取應有的回報，以營造可持續發展的環境，使創意和科技得以蓬勃發展。

為確保本港的知識產權制度保持穩健並能緊貼和支援尖端科技發展，政府正努力不懈，加緊處理知識產權與人工智能的相關事宜。2024 年 7 月，我們展開公眾諮詢，收集不同持份者的意見和實據，積極主動對版權制度進行全面檢視，研究合適的改善方案，以配合科技發展，令社會得益。

國家「十四五」規劃明確支持香港建設區域知識產權貿易中心。知識產權署正全力以赴，鼓吹知識產權的創造、保護、管理及運用，從而推動創新及科技發展。此外，創意作品往往蘊含文化元素，知識產權貿易可借助市場力量，促進各地文化交流。在祖國支持下，我們會不遺餘力推進知識產權事業，配合香港全方位發展。

香港通訊業聯會一直以來在促進業界合作方面擔當重要角色。我期望與貴會攜手協力，善用健全有效的知識產權制度，支持人工智能和通訊科技的發展及應用。