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I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Communications Association of Hong Kong (CAHK) on the publication of its "2025 Official Guide to the ICT Industry in Hong Kong." This biennial publication has been playing an important role in the promotion of local ICT industry through the provision of up-to-date information about the developments and latest trends in the communications sector.

It is particularly encouraging to note that under the relentless efforts and commitments of the CAHK and all the market players, the Hong Kong communications sector continued to thrive and shine in the past two years, notwithstanding the trying times we all had to go through during the process of economic recovery from the global pandemic. The development of 5G mobile communications market has been vibrant and strong with local subscriptions doubled in the past two years and exceeded 90% of the population. Mobile network operators (MNOs) are applauded for rolling out extensive 5G networks which cover all populated districts, major shopping centres and the entire mass transit railway system. Such an extensive network coverage not only brings about enhanced communications experience to 5G users, but also unleashes a torrent of innovative applications for business opportunities and establish a dependable communications platform for introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) which will transform our way of life in the digital era.

The Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) is fully committed to implementing various Government policy initiatives to facilitate the continued expansion of 5G infrastructure in Hong Kong. With the passage of the Telecommunications (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 by the Legislative Council in February 2024, OFCA has been working with relevant government departments to implement the statutory requirements to ensure availability of space in and access to specified new and redeveloped buildings for installation of mobile access facilities by MNOs. Moreover, to expand 5G network infrastructure at major public event venues, OFCA has also been actively coordinating relevant parties including government departments, venue managers and MNOs to expedite the installation of radio base stations at identified venues and government premises. OFCA's coordination efforts are delivering results such that 5G network and capacity at those public event venues have progressively been strengthened for the benefits of the community at large.

Looking forward, OFCA will step up our efforts to implement the Government's policy initiative to further enhance telecommunications network coverage. Apart from the implementation of the subsidy scheme for extension of optical fibre networks to remote villages, OFCA is formulating another subsidy scheme for MNOs to expand their mobile network infrastructure in country parks and remote areas. OFCA will work hand in hand with the industry and other stakeholders with a view to launching the scheme in 2025.

In light of the fast-moving communications market and the rapid evolution of information technologies, including the emergence of next generation mobile services, low-altitude economy and development of AI etc., OFCA will, taking into account the relevant international developments and trends, continue to craft our regulatory regime and set out best practices to foster these developments. OFCA will also release

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suitable radio spectrum to the market in a timely manner to enable the early deployment of state-of-the-art communications services and applications in Hong Kong.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support given by CAHK all along to join hands with OFCA to implement a variety of initiatives and measures to facilitate development of the communications sectors and enhancement of consumer protection. I am confident that with the continuous collaboration and close partnership between CAHK and OFCA, Hong Kong's communications industry will continue to prosper and create notable achievements to the next level in the future.

香港通訊業聯會發行《2025 香港通訊業概覽》,我謹此致以衷心祝賀。聯會透過這份雙年刊提供 有關通訊業發展的最新資訊和趨勢,在推廣本地通訊業方面擔當着重要角色。

在過去兩年,儘管我們從全球疫情後的經濟復蘇過程中經歷不少考驗,但在香港通訊業聯會及所有 業界同仁的努力不懈和全情投入下,本港的通訊業依然蓬勃發展並且發光發亮,實在令人鼓舞。5G 流動通訊市場的發展持續興旺,本地 5G 用戶在過去兩年增加了一倍,佔全港人口超過九成。這全賴 流動網絡營辦商鋪設具規模的 5G 網絡,覆蓋所有民居、大型商場及整個港鐵系統,箇中努力值得嘉 許。廣泛的網絡覆蓋不僅為 5G 用戶帶來更好的通訊體驗,也造就了大量創新應用商機,為引進人工 智能 (AI) 建立了可靠的通訊平台,改變我們在數碼時代的生活方式。

通訊事務管理局辦公室(通訊辦)一直致力全面落實政府各項政策措施,推動香港 5G 基建設施的 持續擴展。在 2024 年 2 月立法會通過《2024 年電訊(修訂)條例》後,通訊辦一直與有關政府部門 合作落實法定要求,以確保指明的新建及重建樓宇預留空間,以及讓流動網絡營辦商可進入該等樓 宇裝設流動接達設施。為擴展大型公眾活動場地的 5G 網絡基建設施,通訊辦亦積極協調相關機構 包括政府部門、場地負責人及流動網絡營辦商等,以加快在選定的場地及政府建築物安裝無線電基 站的工程。通訊辦的協調工作已取得一定成果,令公眾活動場地的 5G 網絡及容量逐步加強,讓所有 市民受惠。

展望未來,通訊辦將加緊落實政府進一步提升電訊網絡覆蓋的政策措施。除實施擴展光纖網絡至偏 遠鄉村的資助計劃外,通訊辦現正籌劃另一項資助計劃,鼓勵流動網絡營辦商擴展位於郊野公園及 偏遠地區的流動網絡基建設施。通訊辦將與業界及其他持份者攜手合作,以期於 2025 年推出有關 計劃。

通訊市場瞬息萬變,各種資訊科技推陳出新,包括下一代流動服務、低空經濟,以及 AI 應用等。通訊 辦會繼續留意有關的國際發展趨勢,優化規管制度和樹立最佳做法,以推動各項科技的發展。通訊 辦亦會適時向市場供應合適的無線電頻譜,以促進最先進的通訊服務和應用及早在香港使用。

最後,我要衷心感謝聯會一直以來對通訊辦的鼎力支持,攜手合作推行多項計劃和措施,促進通訊業 的發展並加強消費者保障。我相信透過聯會和通訊辦的持續合作與緊密的夥伴關係,香港的通訊業 未來一定會繼續蓬勃發展,更上一層樓。