

My warmest congratulations to the Communications Association Hong Kong (CAHK) on its publication of the "2021 Official Guide to ICT Industry in Hong Kong".

With its unwavering commitment to fostering the development of Hong Kong's communications industry, CAHK has made invaluable contributions to the sector. The biennial Guide published by CAHK provides the sector and the general public with relevant information of communications industry, including analysis on the future development trends of

communications technology. It serves as a timely reference and research tool for the industry as well as other sectors.

Under the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, virtual workplace and online service models have become the "new normal". Different sectors are accelerating their pace of digital transformation through adopting a wide array of ICT solutions to maintain operations, deliver services and better still, expand businesses. Under the "new normal", reliable network support and cybersecurity are of utmost importance to ensure smooth information flow. The 5G communications network launched this year provides a vital infrastructure to support the provision of high-speed mobile services. Coupled with the development and application of diversified innovation and technology solutions, it will create boundless business opportunities for enterprises in different sectors, especially the ICT sector and lay the cornerstone for smart city development in Hong Kong.

With the support of CAHK and the industry, the HKSAR Government will continue to promote the application of 5G communications technology in different fields to facilitate innovation and technology development and create more opportunities for building a smart Hong Kong, with a view to sustaining Hong Kong's competitiveness and steady development under the "new normal".

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Secretary for Innovation and Technology Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region 恭賀香港通訊業聯會出版《2021香港通訊業概覽》。

香港通訊業聯會在促進香港通訊行業發展貢獻良多。由聯會出版的雙年刊物《2021香港通訊業概覽》為業界及社會大眾提供通訊業的相關資訊,包括通訊科技的未來發展趨勢分析,為行業及其他界別提供一個適時的參考及研究工具。

受到 2019 冠狀病毒病疫情影響,遙距工作及服務模式已成為「新常態」,各行各業均加快數碼轉型的步伐,利用不同資訊科技方案繼續營運及提供服務,甚至擴展業務。在「新常態」下,為了確保資訊的流通,網絡支援及安全是重中之重。今年推出的 5G 通訊網絡是支援高速流動服務的重要基建,配合多元創新科技方案拓展應用,相信會為不同類型的企業,尤其是資訊及通訊科技業界開拓無限機遇,亦為香港發展智慧城市奠下基石。

在聯會和業界的支持下,特區政府會繼續推動 5G 通訊科技在不同領域的應用,帶動更多創新科技和建設智慧香港的機會,確保香港在「新常態」下保持競爭力、穩步發展。

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