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I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the Communications Association of Hong Kong (CAHK) for publishing the “2025 Official Guide to ICT Industry in Hong Kong”.

The HKSAR Government promulgated the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology (I&T) Development Blueprint in 2022, putting forward Artificial Intelligence (AI) as one of the I&T industries of strategic importance, and an important driver for economic development in Hong Kong. The Government has been actively applying AI technologies to promote the development of smart city and digital government. A number of e-government services have applied AI technologies. To further leverage AI and other emerging technologies to expedite the development of digital government, we will progressively launch from 2024 onwards over a hundred of digital government initiatives, such as enhancing security in public cargo working areas by employing AI technologies and enhancing the 1823 enquiry service through AI chatbot.

We have also spared no effort in promoting the development of our local AI technology ecosystem. Over the past two years, we have successfully attracted a number of top-notch Mainland and overseas enterprises and excellent AI companies to set foot in Hong Kong. Cyberport is establishing the AI Supercomputing Centre (AISC) at full speed, with the first phase of facilities to be operational later in 2024. We have also allocated \$3 billion for a three-year AI Subsidy Scheme to support local universities, research institutes, etc. to leverage the AISC’s computing power, and to launch promotional and educational activities that promote the development of AI ecosystem.

Since the launch of 5G services in 2020, various industry sectors have proactively developed innovation 5G+AI applications and associated products for use at the business level. With the joint efforts of every sector in the society, I believe that the development of digitalisation in Hong Kong will definitely achieve greater breakthroughs and achievements. The HKSAR Government has just established the Digital Policy Office (DPO) in July 2024, responsible for formulating data-driven, people-centric and outcome-based digital policies to drive digitalisation within the Government, and leveraging digital technologies to enhance government efficiency as well as providing more digital government services that will bring convenience to the public and benefit the business sector. I look forward for DPO to continue to collaborate with CAHK and the community to embrace opportunities that come along with the digitalisation in Hong Kong.

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香港特區政府在 2022 年公布《香港創新科技發展藍圖》，提出人工智能是其中一項具策略性意義的創科產業，以及香港重要的產業發展方向。特區政府一直積極應用人工智能技術，以促進智慧城市和數字政府的發展。至今，不少電子政務已應用了人工智能技術，而為進一步利用人工智能及其他新興技術加快數字政府的發展，我們在 2024 年陸續推出數字政府「百項方案」，例如利用人工智能提升公眾貨物裝卸區的保安，以及在 1823 查詢服務中擴展人工智能聊天機械人服務等。

特區政府亦一直積極推動人工智能技術生態圈的發展。過去兩年，我們成功吸引了不少海內外龍頭企業及人工智能優秀企業在港開展業務。數碼港正在全速建立人工智能超算中心，首階段設施在 2024 年稍後啟用。我們亦已撥款 30 億元推行為期三年的人工智能資助計劃，以資助本地院校、研發機構等善用超算中心的算力，以及進行推動人工智能生態圈發展的推廣和教育活動。

自 5G 服務於 2020 年推出後，各行業均積極拓展 5G+AI 創新應用和研發各種配合 5G+AI 應用的商用產品。我相信在各界的通力合作下，香港的數字化發展必將取得更大突破和成就。特區政府剛在 2024 年 7 月成立「數字政策辦公室」，負責制定以數據、市民和結果為本的數字政策，在政府內牽頭推動數字化轉型，以數字科技提升政府效率及提供更多便民利商的公共服務。我期望數字辦與香港通訊業聯會和社會各界繼續攜手合作，一同擁抱香港數字化發展的機遇。