



To: Clerk to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

**Re: Proposal to establish the Innovation and Technology Bureau**

Thank you for inviting the eLearning Consortium (eLC) to comment on the suggestion of setting up the Innovation and Technology Bureau in Hong Kong.

eLC's mission is to facilitate the Student Centric eLearning Transformation through the use of Open Standards Technologies, Fair and Open Competition, Digital Inclusion, Collaborative and Sustainable Business model. Our supporters include stakeholders from different segments of the education industry, including Large to Small Business and Education Organizations from the ICT industry, Education Publishing, Parents and Educators, as well as Social and Government entities.

We believe technology is a necessity to learning and teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Over the years, eLC has been actively engaged with the education and technology community through industry events and online means. It has always been the wish of eLC and its members to see the establishment of a bureau dedicated to the ICT industry. We believe the Innovation and Technology Bureau, if established, can

- Steer the long term vision of ICT within the government and also in the community
- Coordinate with various bureaus (such as the Education Bureau) to map out and prioritize the areas where ICT can make a difference
- Facilitate ICT best practice learning across the bureaus
- Orchestrate the various ICT investment and resources going into the community e.g. the ILSP investment, the wireless campus investment
- Promote the healthy development of ICT industry in order to support Hong Kong's long term economic growth

Technology is evolving rapidly and we urge the legislators and government to speed up the formation of the Innovation and Technology Bureau. Should you have any questions regarding eLC's position above, please contact Mr. Erwin Huang.

With kind regards,

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