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Dear Sir/ Madam,

## In Support of the Establishment of the Innovation & Technology Bureau

The Hong Kong Information Technology Federation (HKITF) is a non-profit association which has the objective of promoting IT business in Hong Kong. HKITF provides a forum for IT-related businesses in Hong Kong to work together, and also to network with international IT companies. Over the years, HKITF has developed into a dynamic and highly respected organization with over 300 members and works closely with the Government to develop Hong Kong's IT industry. In recent years, HKITF has advised the Government in detail on policy matters, including anti-spam, intellectual property rights and IT quality. HKITF represents the industry on the Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs & Telecommunications Users and Consumers Advisory Committee of the Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA); The Consumer Council and Occupational Safety and Health Council (OSHC) etc.

On behalf of HKITF, we would like to support the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau in Hong Kong as we believe that it can:

· Steer the long term vision of ICT within the government and also in the community
· Coordinate with various bureaus 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
· 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.

We are grateful for this opportunity to provide our comments. Should you have any questions regarding HKITF's position above, please contact us at info@hkitf.org.hk or 3101 8197.

For and on behalf of
Hong Kong Information Technology Federation,

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