

Submission to Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting

RE: Proposal to establish the Innovation and Technology Bureau

We have pleasure in submitting the following comments on the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Bureau (the ITB).

We recognize the need to advance the competition capabilities of innovation and technology industries in Hong Kong, particularly given the fast pace of development in information technology and the continued growth of the electronic commerce. The effect of technologies and social well-being of a society is an intriguing piece of art that can no longer be isolated and developed in separate directions. Establishing the bureau allows the government to develop proper ICT policies that could mutually enhance the multi-faceted economic environment of Hong Kong. Following are our opinions with respect to the establishment of ITB by the Government:

1. We strongly support the initiative by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region to establish the ITB.
2. We fully agree that the ITB can cohere stakeholders of the innovation and technology fields and further optimize the competitiveness and economy of Hong Kong.

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