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Ms YUE Tin-po  
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Legislative Council Complex,  
1 Legislative Council Road,  
Central,  
Hong Kong

Dear Ms Yue,

**Motion passed by  
the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting  
on 17 May 2014**

At the special meeting of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting on 17 May 2014, a motion was passed for the item **“Proposal to establish a unified information and communications technology professional recognition framework in Hong Kong”**.

In response to the motion, a progress report is provided at the **Annex** for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Chan', written over a light grey rectangular background.

(Miss Donna CHAN)  
for Government Chief Information Officer

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**Motion on “Proposal to establish a unified information and communications technology professional recognition framework in Hong Kong” passed by the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting at its meeting on 17 May 2014**

**Progress Report**

The motion on “Proposal to establish a unified information and communications technology (ICT) professional recognition framework in Hong Kong”, moved by Hon Steven HO Chun-yin as amended by Hon YIU Si-wing, was passed by the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting (ITB Panel) of the Legislative Council at its meeting on 17 May 2014. The wording of the motion passed is at the [Appendix](#).

**Progress Report**

In response to the comments gathered in the meeting of the ITB Panel on 14 April 2014 and the special meeting on 17 May 2014, the Task Force on ICT Professional Development and Recognition (“Task Force”) has made further deliberations and proceeded to form three working groups involving wider industry participation to examine three key areas in more details, the working groups are:

- Working Group on Cross Recognition with Mainland and the World
- Working Group on Impacts to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- Working Group on Recognising Practitioners / Technologists

The “Working Group on Cross Recognition with Mainland and the World” will explore cross recognition opportunities with the Mainland and other jurisdictions, develop a high level framework for the cross recognition and propose an action plan to pave way for cross recognition arrangements under the proposed ICT professional recognition framework (“proposed framework”).

The “Working Group on Impacts to SMEs” will study and analyse the impact of the proposed framework on SMEs and recommend ways to enhance the proposed framework to assist the SMEs and provide incentives for adoption.

The “Working Group on Recognising Practitioners / Technologists” will study the feasibility of including the recognition of ICT practitioners / technologists (e.g. comparable to Level 3 of Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA)) in addition to the recognition of ICT professionals (comparable to Level 5 of SFIA) under the proposed framework and recommend an action plan to include such recognition in the proposed framework.

In addition to Task Force members, more industry players are also co-opted into the working groups to draw on their expertise and experience to facilitate inputs from different angles for formulation of a more comprehensive set of recommendations. The working groups have commenced their work in October 2014 and would deliver their respective recommendations to the Task Force within the first half of 2015. The Task Force will then suitably revise the proposed framework before conducting a more comprehensive and extensive industry and public consultation exercise. The proposed framework will only be implemented when the industry and the public have reached a general consensus. We will further consult the ITB Panel at an appropriate juncture.

**Office of the Government Chief Information Officer  
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau  
November 2014**

**Motion on “Proposal to establish a unified information and communications technology professional recognition framework in Hong Kong” passed by the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting at its meeting on 17 May 2014**

That, as this Panel considers the Government’s proposal to establish a unified information and communications technology (“ICT”) professional recognition framework not comprehensive and has doubts about its effectiveness, the consultation period should be extended to make way for a more comprehensive and extensive consultation exercise, and the proposal should not be considered for implementation until the industry and the public have reached a consensus.

That this Panel demands that the Government, prior to implementing a new ICT professional recognition mechanism, must draw up a policy on the future supply and management of ICT personnel, put forward specific operational and monitoring measures, as well as ensure that Hong Kong’s ICT professional qualifications will be recognized in the Mainland and overseas.

**Moved by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin**

**Amended by: Hon YIU Si-wing**