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Information Technology and Broadcasting Panel
Legislative Council

The establishment of a unified Information and Communications Technologies Professional Recognition Framework

Dear Chairman and members of the ITB Panel,

On behalf of the Internet Society Hong Kong (ISOC HK), I would like to advise the members of the ITB Panel that we are in support of establishing the ICT Professional Recognition Framework. Hong Kong is one of the leading cities in ICT development and adoption regionally and globally. It is also home to the regional headquarters of many multinational companies from banking and finance, trading, and electronic commerce industries. The demand of ICT practitioners at all levels is extremely competitive. In order to fill such demanding need, we need a comprehensive framework that is sturdy enough to withstand the change in technologies, but also flexible enough to accept internationally accepted standards and new ICT professions that may be created as a result of the new “E”-conomy. Yet, we do not even have a clear foundation for recognizing the various streams of expertise of the 70,000+ ICT professionals in Hong Kong are practicing.

An ideal framework of such purpose can help set a clear path of cradle to grave for their career in ICT. This could become what the educational system can rely on when designing various curriculums from young children to tertiary educations as goals and objective for their programs. While some may worry that such framework could create barrier to junior ICT practitioners or people with lesser education for entering the profession. If designed and managed properly, which I have confident for OGCIO in doing, will actually ensure all level of ICT practitioners be recognized of their skills and provide a clear training and advancement path.

In summary, ISOC HK recognizes the important of recognizing the qualification of ICT practitioners in various disciplines, and the establishment of the unified Information and Communications Technologies Professional Recognition Framework can help focus our ICT talents and further strengthen our roles in the global ICT development and the supply of ICT professionals for various economic pillars that Hong Kong relies strongly upon.

Thanks and regards,



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