

Comment about the proposal to establish a unified information and communications technology (ICT) professional recognition framework in Hong Kong

Chairman, Councilors, Ladies and Gentlemen,

BCS is a leading ICT professional body around the world. Over the years, BCS has devoted tremendous effort in promoting and facilitating professionalism, professional recognition, skills training and certification, and continuing professional development.

As an overseas Section of BCS, we share the same goals and obligation as being practiced at HQ. After consulting with my Committee, we support the **direction** to establish a unified ICT professional recognition framework in Hong Kong. We believe this can help to boost ICT professionalism and raise the status of the ICT professionals in the community.

We are also pleased to see that the proposed “Framework” is based on SFIA Foundation (i.e. Skills Framework for the Information Age) which BCS is a core member and a key contributor in its development.

However, we see in the proposal that many ICT associations, industry associations, SMEs, and the user communities have not been properly consulted. We feel that in order to make it work, it is absolutely critical to ensure their buy-in as their members are also stakeholders who can be affected by the implementation of this “Framework”.

The unified “Framework” is somewhat like one of the pillars of a building foundation. In broader perspective, without the support of other pillars, e.g.: encouraging greater demand for ICT from SMEs, public and private sectors; facilitating ICT innovation from concept to brand; facilitating export of Hong Kong ICT solutions, etc.. Without these, the “Framework” will have very limited meaning to the Profession and to the Community. We therefore urge the Government to take serious and necessary steps to build the rest of pillars in parallel, and do it fast!

Thank you.

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