



IT Manpower

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Information Technology and Broadcasting

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Objectives



- build a competent IT workforce to ensure Hong Kong has the capability to compete in the global information economy
- provide adequate and quality IT manpower to meet market demand

Implementation progress of measures recommended by the IT Manpower Task Force



- expand post-secondary programme
 - 1,300 places in IT-related disciplines for F.5 and F.7 school leavers
- encourage world-renowned private IT training institutions to operate in Hong Kong
 - HKU SPACE and NIIT
- develop professional IT talents in the Cyberport
 - Cyberport Institute inaugurated in June 2002
 - 5 industrial founding partners: Cisco, HP, IBM, Microsoft & Oracle

Implementation progress of measures recommended by the IT Manpower Task Force (Cont'd)



- **accredit IT skills below degree level**
 - VTC's IT Skills Assessment Centre
 - HKCS's International Computer Driving Licence
- **encourage Hong Kong and Mainland talents overseas to work here**
 - “Meet-the-students” sessions in overseas visits
 - Keep overseas Hong Kong student associations informed of latest ICT development in Hong Kong
- **intensify exchange/internship programme with emphasis on IT**
 - Pilot sponsorship scheme of summer IT exchange programme
 - Internship and Placement Service of the Cyberport Institute

Implementation progress of measures recommended by the IT Manpower Task Force (Cont'd)



- provide professional IT training for secondary students in collaboration with the industry
 - “Train-the-trainer” programme
 - IT summer camps
 - Secondary Schools IT Training Scheme
- enhance IT content in university programmes
 - IT programmes for IT and non-IT university students
 - IT exit-tests
- promote and accept credit transfer/exemption in universities for IT-related disciplines
 - Higher education review: to introduce a credit unit accumulation and transfer system among UGC-funded institutions

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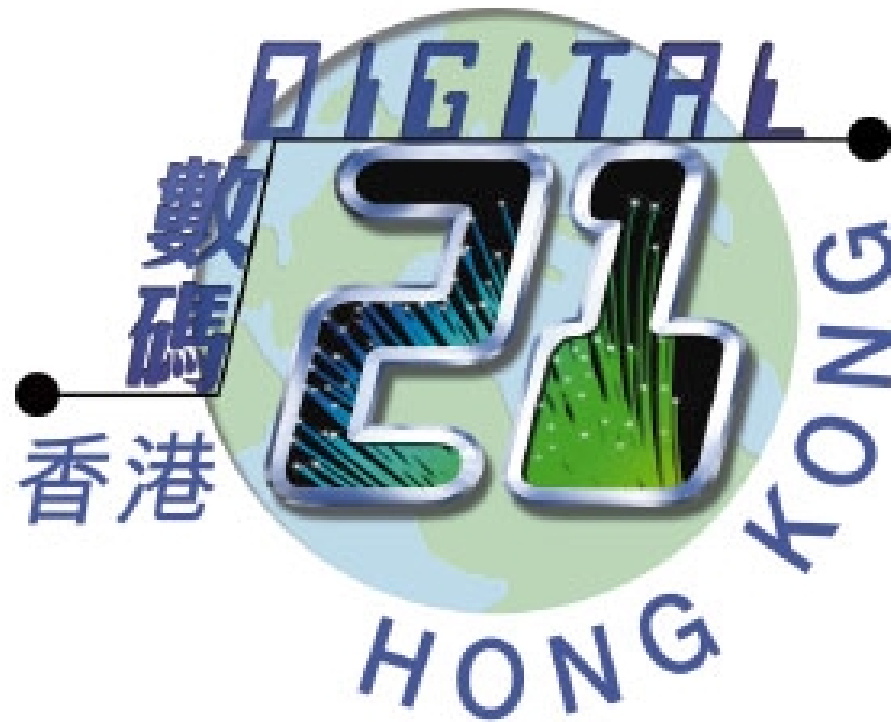


- IT corporate schools
 - Interest free loan for non-profit making education institutions to organise self-financing, full-time and accredited sub-degree IT programmes
 - Cyberport Institute
- admit Mainland IT professionals
 - 158 IT applications approved by December 2002
- streamline the admission regime for overseas IT professionals
 - 99% of the applications can be processed within two weeks

Way Forward



- Continue to implement measures recommended by the IT Manpower Task Force to ensure adequate provision of quality IT manpower in Hong Kong



Thank you