

# Positioning Hong Kong at the Forefront of the Global Information Economy



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## KRA 1: Enhance our world class e-business environment



- Encourage the development of e-business applications that promote the use of our established infrastructure
- Implement sector-specific promotional programmes to encourage the adoption of e-business by SMEs
- Develop Cyberport to spur the development of IT and related business
- Position Hong Kong for China's accession to the World Trade Organization



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## KRA 2: Ensure that the Government leads by example



- Improve efficiency and quality of service
- Provide e-option for 90% of the public services which are amenable to the electronic mode of service delivery by end 2003
- Coming major projects : smart ID card, e-marketplace, ESD through the mobile channel, etc.
- Outsource Government IT projects to speed up development



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## KRA 3: Develop our workforce for the information economy



- Increase IT manpower supply through training and education
- Leverage supply of IT professionals from other places
- Ensure young people are equipped for the information economy

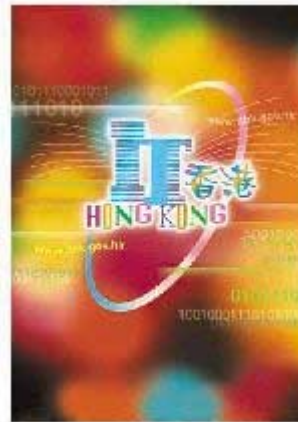


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## KRA 4: Strengthen our community for digital exploitation



- Further promote the use of IT in the community, targeting people with less chance to use IT in their daily lives
- Continue to expand the public facilities for access to IT and the Internet
- Encourage government-related organizations and the private sector to adopt Web accessibility guidelines



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## KRA 5: Leverage our strengths in IT exploitation



- Aim to take a leadership position in the exploitation of advanced and key enabling technologies
  - smart card
  - next generation mobile computing
  - Internet 2

# Hong Kong - The Ideal Place for IT Investment



- The World's Freest Economy
- Strong hard and soft infrastructure
  - extensive broadband coverage
  - more than 1/3 of businesses have Internet connections
  - 84% mobile phone penetration rate
  - 3G networks to be operational by 2002/03
- Gateway to the booming IT market in the Mainland of China
  - familiar with the operation of the Mainland market
  - regional hub for financial, management and logistics



# *Thank You*



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