

Digital Divide Programme Spending in 2002-03

Items	Responsible bureaux/ departments/agencies	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
<i>Education and training</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage schools to make their computer facilities available to students after normal school hours by the provision of grants 	Education Department (ED)	18.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To collaborate with the industry in providing professional IT training to secondary school students 	Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB), Information Technology Services Department (ITSD), ED	0.10 (sponsorship from the industry not included)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To organise IT vocational training programmes 	Vocational Training Council	545.20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To organise IT training programmes 	Employees Retraining Board	59.00
<i>Enhancing access to IT facilities</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue with the Super Cyber Centre and Community Cyber Points projects, etc. to provide free computer facilities for public use 	Home Affairs Department (HAD), Social Welfare Department (SWD), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Post Office	13.69

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To set up a district cyber centre in Yuen Long 	HAD	1.65
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To install computer facilities and provide free Internet access for rehabilitation units 	SWD	14.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide financial assistance from the Central Fund for Personal Computers to people with disabilities for purchasing computer facilities so that they can work independently 	SWD	1.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To install additional assistive software at Community Cyber Points designed for use by the visually impaired 	ITSD, HAD	0.48
<i>Raising knowledge and awareness</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue with the “IT Hong Kong (ITHK)” campaign including producing television programmes and updating information on the “ITHK” web site to promote the wider use of IT 	ITBB, ITSD	1.55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To organise IT awareness courses for housewives, new arrivals, parents and the general public 	ITBB, ITSD, HAD	1.65
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide IT awareness courses for people with disabilities and train the trainers 	SWD	2.90

• To launch the “IT Easy Link” service in partnership with the Hong Kong Computer Society	ITBB, ITSD	2.50
• To organise talks on computer awareness in public libraries	LCSD	0.90
• To set up a portal for people with disabilities, providing information on support services for people with disabilities, chatroom facility and on-line registration of computer courses, etc.	SWD	0.50
• To improve Government web sites to enhance web accessibility for people with disabilities	Home Affairs Bureau, ITSD, Information Services Department	2.30
• To provide a simplified Chinese character version of Government web pages	ITSD	9.96
• To provide free Internet access for elderly service units	SWD	1.65
	Total	677.03

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