

## **Summary of Events in connection with the Voluntary Certification Authority Recognition Scheme**

### **Introduction**

This paper briefs Members on the events relating to the voluntary certification authority recognition scheme established with the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553) (the Ordinance) up to August 2001.

2. At the last meeting of the Advisory Committee on Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities held on 6 March 2001, we presented ACCOP Paper No. 1/2001 which provided a summary of events in connection with the recognition scheme up to February 2001.

### **Related events**

3. Related events that occurred since February 2001 are listed below:

28 March 2001	<p>The Director of Information Technology Services (the Director) issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Supplementary Note to the Code of Practice for Recognized Certification Authorities; and</li><li>ii) Second Supplementary Note to the Guidance Note on Recognition of Certification Authorities and Certificates.</li></ul> <p>The Supplementary Note in (i) requires that a recognized certification authority shall take care of the needs of persons with disabilities in the provision of its services.</p> <p>The Second Supplementary Note in (ii)</p>
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	<p>specifies that, to facilitate accessibility of its web site by persons with disabilities, a certification authority may refer to the "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines" issued by the World Wide Web Consortium.</p>
4 May 2001	<p>The Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting published a notice in the Gazette specifying the manner and format for submission of electronic information to Government which superseded the notice published on 27 October 2000.</p>
26 July 2001	<p>The Director granted recognition to Digi-Sign Certification Services Limited (Digi-Sign) as a recognized certification authority under the Ordinance.</p> <p>The Director also granted recognition to the following certificates issued by Digi-Sign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal ID-Cert Class 1 certificates;</li> <li>- Organizational ID-Cert Class 2 certificates;</li> <li>- ID-Cert Root CA Certificate; and</li> <li>- ID-Cert Signing CA Certificate.</li> </ul>
22 August 2001	<p>The Director granted recognition under the Ordinance to the following certificates issued by Digi-Sign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encipherment ID-Cert Class 3 certificates</li> </ul>

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