WORKING GROUP ON
CLOUD SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Notes of the Ninth Meeting
held at 10:00 a.m. on 15 August 2014
in Communal Meeting Room 1, G/F, Central Government Offices, Tamar

Present

Mr Vincent CHAN	Convenor	(Ernst & Young Advisory Services Limited)
Dr Aldar CHAN	Member	(Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited)
Dr Henry CHAN	Member	(The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
Mr Eric FAN	Member	(UDomain Web Hosting Co Ltd)
Dr Ricci IEONG	Member	(eWalker Consulting (HK) Limited)
Mr Dale JOHNSTONE	Member	(ISO Working Group on Information Security Management Systems)
Mr Otto LEE	Member	(Thomson Reuters)
Mr SC LEUNG	Member	(Hong Kong Productivity Council)
Mr Henry NG	Member	(Thales Transport & Security (Hong Kong) Ltd)
Mr Ronald PONG	Member	(Nexusguard Consulting Limited)
Mr Ted SUEN	Member	(MTR Corporation Limited)
Mr Ronald TSE	Member	(Ribose)
Mr Michael YUNG	Member	(Asia Miles Limited)
Mr Owen WONG	Member	(OGCIO)
Mr Patrick CHAN	Secretary	(OGCIO)

In attendance

Mr Michael WONG		(OGCIO)

Absent with apologies

Professor David CHEUNG	Member	(The University of Hong Kong)

Dr Andy CHUN	Member	(City University of Hong Kong)
Ms Clara HO	Member	(The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)
Ir Stephen LAU	Member	(Hong Kong Computer Society)
Mr SH LIM	Member	(Hong Kong Jockey Club)
Mr Michael MUDD	Member	(Asia Cloud Computing Association)
Mr Samson TAI	Member	(IBM Software Group)
Mr Terence YEUNG	Member	(Atos Information Technology HK Limited)

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Opening of the meeting

1. **The Convenor** welcomed Members to the meeting.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

2. The notes of the eighth Working Group meeting held on 21 January 2014 were confirmed without amendment.

Matters arising from the last meeting

3. Nil.

Standing Order for the Expert Group and Working Groups

4. **The Convenor** invited the **Secretariat** to provide summary on the standing order of EGCCSS. **Mr Patrick CHAN** presented the standing order and particularly highlighted that the WGCSP members were required to observe the one-tier reporting system for declaration of interest under which whenever any Member perceived a potential conflict of interest in a matter placed before the Working Group, he/she should make a full disclosure of his/her interest. **Mr Patrick CHAN** referred **Members** to the paper EGCCSS-6-2 Standing Order v1.0 for details. **Members** were requested to note and follow that Standing Order in their

work for the Working Groups.

Update on Cloud Expert Group and Working Groups

5. **Mr Patrick CHAN** updated the meeting on the latest development of the Cloud Expert Group and Working Groups.

6. With the contribution of the HK/GD Joint Task Force, the first draft of the Practice Guide for Procuring Cloud Services applicable to the Mainland and Hong Kong was compiled. **Mr Patrick CHAN** had invited Members to give comment on the Key Area 5 by 19 August 2014.

7. **Mr Dale JOHNSTONE** asked whether the HK-GD version of the Practice Guide for Procuring Cloud Services ("Practice Guide") and the Hong Kong version of the Practice Guide would be one publication or two. **Mr Patrick CHAN** replied that they were two documents at the moment. **The Convenor** supplemented that the Hong Kong version of the Practice Guide was for SMEs in Hong Kong while the HK-GD version was for Mainland and Hong Kong.

8. Upon enquiry from **Members** on the pilot on Guangdong security management standards, **Mr Michael WONG** and **Mr Ronald TSE** supplemented that the pilot local player would need to conduct a self-assessment and then Guangdong CEPREI would compile an analysis report and conduct a physical audit.

Update on the Cloud Security Roundtable held on 19 June 2014

9. Upon the invitation by **the Convenor, Mr Michael WONG** provided a brief update on the Cloud Security Roundtable held on 19 June 2014.

10. Regarding the point of local certification standard, **Mr Ted SUEN** opined that there would be extra cost incurred on cloud

services providers and consumers if there was local certification standard for Hong Kong. If there was no big difference between the localised requirements and the international standards, there was no point to develop a certification standard and branding for Hong Kong. **The Convenor** echoed that there would be cost and effort required to maintain a localised standard. **Mr Ted SUEN** added that, without the benefit of scale of economy, a localised standard for Hong Kong would not be cost justified and it would be better to leverage international standards. **Mr Dale JOHNSTONE** opined that we could contribute to the international standards.

Discussion on the work plan

11. **The Convenor** proposed four directions (i.e. Promote Cloud Industry Development, Promote Wider Use in Financial Sector, Promote Adoption of Standards and Nurture Professionals) of the working group for the coming year and **Members** were invited to discuss on them.

12. **The Convenor** presented that there were two ways to promote cloud industry development. One was the pilot on GD cloud assessment scheme by local service providers while the other was the development of a "Practice Guide for Procuring Cloud Services applicable to the Mainland and Hong Kong". In response to the enquiry of **Members**, **the Convenor** shared his view that the pilot could provide a chance for local player to try the scheme and provide feedback to GD side. Upon invitation by the Convenor, **Mr Dale JOHNSTONE** updated the meeting on the progress of the development of the ISO/IEC 27017 and 27018.

13. Regarding promote wider use of cloud services in the banking and financial services sector, **the Convenor** mentioned that there were a lot of challenges in financial sector adopting cloud services. Members shared their knowledge on the use of cloud

services by the sector. The **Convenor** suggested to establish a focus group with representatives from the sector, touch base with HKMA and HK Association of Banks, and arrange a roundtable to address the challenges and pain points of the sector in adopting cloud services.

14. Regarding the direction to promote the adoption of standards, there was deliberation on the viability of a self-assessment scheme for HK. Some members suggested to provide some guidelines to the standards available in the market for SMEs in Hong Kong to refer when using cloud services.

15. With regard to nurturing professionals, **Dr Henry CHAN** said that more information about the cloud security training should be provided for university students as they might want to join the career in cloud security. **Dr Ricci IEONG** supplemented that he could help on the discussion with universities on cloud security training.

16. Members generally agreed on the work plan. The **Convenor** expressed his appreciation to members' input to the work plan.

Any other business

17. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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