EXPERT GROUP ON
CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES AND STANDARDS
(EGCCSS)

Notes of the Seventh Meeting
held at 9:00 a.m. on 19 September 2014
in Communal Meeting Room 1, G/F, Central Government Offices, Tamar

Present

Mr Daniel LAI	Chairman	Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO)
Mr Vincent CHAN	Convenor (WGCSP)	(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)
Professor David CHEUNG	Member	(The University of Hong Kong)
Dr Andy CHUN	Member	(City University of Hong Kong)
Dr David CHUNG	Member	(Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited)
Mr Stephen HO	Member	(CITIC Telecom International CPC Limited)
Mr Peter MIAO	Member	(Hong Kong Housing Society)
Mr Terence YEUNG	Member	(Atos Information Technology HK Limited)
Mr Victor LAM	Member	(OGCIO)
Ms Donna CHAN	Member	(OGCIO)
Ms Joyce MOK	Member	(OGCIO)
Mr Jason PUN	Secretary	(OGCIO)

Absent with apologies

Mr Raymond CHENG	Member	(The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)

Dr SUEN, Wai-Mo	Member	(Cluster Technology Limited)
Mr Samson TAI	Member	(IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd)
Dr CK WONG	Convenor (WGPIUCS)	(iASPEC Technologies Limited)
Mr Gary LAI	Member	(OGCIO)
Mr Alex LEE	Member	(OGCIO)

In attendance

Mr Keith LEUNG		(OGCIO)
Mr TS YU		(OGCIO)
Mr Patrick CHAN	Secretariat	(OGCIO)

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Confirmation of notes of last meeting

1.   The notes of the sixth meeting held on 27 May 2014 were confirmed without amendment.

Matter arising from notes of last meeting

2.   The **Secretariat** reported that :

(a) the Working Group on Cloud Security and Privacy ("WGCSP") and the Working Group on Provision, Interoperability and Use of Cloud Services ("WGPIUCS") had been formed (referring to paragraph 6 of the notes of 6th EGCCSS meeting);

(b) the Request for Proposals (RFP) for organising training programmes for the SME Cloud Promotion Campaign was completed in August, whereas the Request for Quotation (RFQ) for acquiring service to organise cloud competitions and promotion activities was issued in September (referring to paragraph 12 of the notes of 6th EGCCSS meeting); and

(c) Members were invited to review the promotion video in June and August and the student team of the Hong Kong Design Institute was revising the video at the moment

(referring to paragraph 16 of the notes of 6th EGCCSS meeting).

Report of progress and work plan by Convenors of Working Groups

3. Upon the **Chairman's** invitation, **Mr Vincent CHAN** reported the progress and work plan of the WGCSP, covering the facilitation for cloud industry development, promotion of wider use of cloud services in the banking and financial sectors, promotion of adoption of cloud security standards, and the nurturing of cloud professionals.

4. Recognising the importance of promotion, the **Chairman** suggested that the WGCSP could explore collaboration opportunities with relevant parties, such as Asia Cloud Computing Association, Cloud Computing Special Interest Group of the Hong Kong Computer Society, and the media specialised on ICT. **Mr Stephen HO** echoed that the industry could help in the promotion by contributing success stories.

WGCSP

5. Regarding cloud services adoption in the banking and financial sectors, **Mr Victor LAM** suggested that WGCSP might approach relevant organisations such as Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), Securities and Futures Commission and Hong Kong Association of Banks to gain a better understanding on the existing barriers and explore how these barriers to the use of cloud services in the banking and financial sectors could be overcome. **Mr Stephen HO** further suggested that the working group might provide HKMA with professional advice on cloud related security solutions. The **Chairman** advised the WGCSP to further refine its direction and move forward with industry engagement.

WGCSP

6. On the **Chairman's** invitation, **Dr David CHUNG** reported the progress and work plan of the WGPIUCS on behalf of the Convenor **Dr CK WONG**, covering the promotion of wider adoption of cloud services, the facilitation for the development

of cloud services provisioning, the promotion of adoption of standards and best practices, and the nurturing of cloud professionals.

7. Regarding nurturing cloud professionals, the **Chairman** pointed out that there was shortage in the supply of technical professionals on cloud computing. **Members** concurred in general that local education institutes could be approached to reflect the needs for more cloud computing training courses / programmes.

WGPIUCS

8. Regarding interoperability, the **Chairman** suggested that Cyberport should explore with Science Park opportunities in testing the interoperability between Cyberport's Community Cloud and Science Park's Cloud.

Dr David CHUNG

Report of progress of initiatives under Hong Kong/Guangdong Cloud Expert Committee

9. On the **Chairman's** invitation, **Dr David CHUNG** reported the progress of the Joint Task Force on the Practice Guide on Procuring Cloud Services applicable to both Hong Kong and Guangdong. He highlighted that several working meetings had been held and the final draft was expected to be available for final round of comments on 1st November. The **Secretary** added that the comments from members of WGPIUCS and WGCSP on the first draft had been collected and incorporated, whereas the comments from members of the EGCCSS and the HK/GD Cloud Expert Committee were being collected. The **Chairman** appealed to all Members to contribute their comments.

All members

10. The **Secretary** further supplemented that the HK/GD Practice Guide would be published under the name of the HK/GD Expert Committee on Cloud Computing and Standards. The **Chairman** suggested an acknowledgement section to be added to express the appreciation to those who had contributed to the HK/GD Practice Guide.

Secretariat

11. Upon member's enquiry on the schedule for the production of the Traditional Chinese version of the HK/GD Practice Guide, the **Secretary** responded that the work would commence once the Simplified Chinese version was finalised and it was aimed to publish the electronic edition of the Traditional Chinese version on InfoCloud on the same date as the official announcement of the Simplified Chinese version on 5 December. Printing of the booklets in Traditional Chinese would be completed in late December.

12. Upon the invitation by the **Chairman**, **Mr TS YU** reported the progress of the pilot adoption of the Guangdong's cloud security management scheme. Two Hong Kong industry players joined the pilot adoption in May 2014 and one of them completed the self-assessment in September. The scheme developer from Guangdong would pay on-site visits to review the assessment of the Hong Kong participants in due course. **Mr TS YU** added that it would take about 4 to 6 months to complete the assessment as the involved industry players participated only on a part-time basis.

13. **Mr Peter MIAO** raised and the **Chairman** concurred that both the Hong Kong industry players and the Guangdong scheme developer could be invited to share their experience at future Secretariat EGCCSS meeting.

Any other business

14. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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