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* Promote Wider Adoption of Cloud Computing

- * HK/GD Practice Guide for Procuring Cloud Services
 - * Booklets distributed to participants of training sessions of the SME Cloud Promotion Campaign from December 2014 to February 2015, SME ICT Experience Day held in April 2015 and SME Cloud Competition Award Presentation held in June 2015.
 - * The Practice Guide had been submitted to the National Standardization Technical Committee for Information Technology (全國信息技術標準 化技術委員會) for consideration of including its content as part of the national cloud standards.

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 - * Promulgate more use cases of cloud services
 - * Called for contribution of use cases and success stories from members of EGCCSS and its WGs, the Government Public Cloud Services Providers and winners of the ICT Award 2015. The collected success stories have been posted on the InfoCloud Portal.
 - * Presentation slides of the training programmes of the SME Cloud Promotion Campaign have been posted on the InfoCloud Portal. (sme_infocloud.gov.hk).

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 - * The SME Cloud Promotion Campaign has produced a 10episode radio drama series on how cloud solutions can help SMEs in various industries.
 - * SME Cloud Competition
 - * Awards presentation ceremony was held on 11 Jun 2015
 - * 12 SMEs were awarded as Best SME Cloud Adopters
 - * 10 cloud solutions were awarded as Best SME Cloud Solutions

Focus Group on Application of Cloud Services (for Key Challenges and Community-wide Issues)

* Nurture Professionals

- * As part of the effort for nurturing professional and cloud industry development, a Focus Group within the WGPIUCS was setup for the following purposes.
 - * Identify key challenges and find some examples of community-wide issues that could be addressed through innovative application of cloud-based services, and
 - * Propose and facilitate initiatives for the development of these services by the local cloud industry

Some Suggestions of the Focus Group

The Focus Group suggested:

- * Cloud services industry can advocate more progressive and responsible use of both public and private data resources in the design and development of cloud-based solutions to address the needs of the community. This will open up new business opportunities.
- * Noting the Government is stepping up the release of Public Sector Information, it suggested that other public sector organizations, academic, and private sector entities should be encouraged to review their data release policies and when appropriate, voluntarily make accessible their data to benefit the community. This can result in a more cohesive community and vibrant economy.
- * The academia and industry can strengthen their collaboration on technical research areas to facilitate the better use of both public and private data resources to serve the public.

