

**WORKING GROUP ON  
PROVISION, INTEROPERABILITY AND USE OF CLOUD SERVICES**

**Notes of the Second Meeting  
held at 2:30 p.m. on 27 January 2015  
in Communal Meeting Room 2, G/F, Central Government Offices, Tamar**

**Present**

Dr CK WONG	Convenor	(iASPEC Technologies Limited)
Dr Henry CHAN	Member	(The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
Mr Stephen HO	Member	(CITIC Telecom International CPC Limited)
Mr Peter MIAO	Member	(Hong Kong Housing Society)
Mr Alan CHAN	Member	(Microsoft Hong Kong Limited)
Mr Sampson CHING	Member	(CLP Power Hong Kong Limited)
Ms Anna GAMVROS	Member	(Baker & McKenzie)
Mr Terence GRAHAM	Member	(The University of Hong Kong)
Mr Allan LEUNG	Member	(SME Global Alliance)
Dr Paul LIU	Member	(Liu Po Shan Memorial School)
Dr Victor NG	Member	(Hong Kong Productivity Council)
Mr Philip WONG	Member	(Hong Kong Jockey Club)
Ms Donna CHAN	Member	OGCIO
Mr Keith LEUNG	Member	OGCIO
Mr Daniel CHEUNG	Member	OGCIO
Mr Jason PUN	Secretary	OGCIO

**In attendance**

Mr Donald MAK		OGCIO
Ms Vanessa YUNG		OGCIO
Mr Patrick CHAN	Secretariat	OGCIO

**Absent with apologies**

Dr David CHUNG	Member	(Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd.)
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Prof David CHEUNG	Member	(The University of Hong Kong)
Dr SUEN Wai-Mo	Member	(Cluster Technology Limited)
Mr Samson TAI	Member	(IBM Hong Kong)
Mr Terence YEUNG	Member	(Atos Information Technology HK Limited)
Mr Stacy BAIRD	Member	(Asia Cloud Computing Association)
Mr Nick CHAN	Member	(Squire Sanders)
Mr Ken WONG	Member	(Google Hong Kong)
Dr YAN Shi Xing	Member	(HP Lab Singapore)
Dr Richard YEE	Member	(HSBC Technology and Services Asia)

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### Confirmation of minutes of last meeting

1. The minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of WGPIUCS were confirmed without amendment.

### Matters arising from the last meeting

2. The action in paragraph 5 of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of WGPIUCS was about the requirements on member for observing the Standing Order in their work for the Working Groups. There was no further follow-up action required.

### Update on SME Cloud Promotion Campaign

3. **The Convenor** invited **Mr Donald MAK** to brief the meeting on the SME Cloud Promotion Campaign. **Mr MAK** presented the initiatives of promoting cloud adoption to SME, including the Training Programmes for SMEs, Cloud Competition and other promotion and publicity activities.
4. **Some members** opined that the relatively low cloud adoption rate reflected by various surveys might be due to the respondent SMEs'

unawareness of that cloud technology was being adopted behind the services they were using in their daily business operation. **Some Members** suggested using easily understandable examples to help survey respondents in identifying the cloud computing ingredients of different IT services. Besides, it would be beneficial to the industry if surveys in future could provide information on the maturity level of cloud computing usage of SMEs.

5. Regarding the promotion and publicity, **Mr Donald MAK** said that the use cases/success stories collected during the Competition would become part of the publicity materials. **Mr Terence GRAHAM** responded that the Cloud Competition was a great idea and the information of the Best Cloud Solutions collected would be very useful for the SMEs. He further asked whether there would be a portal or other means to disseminate the information on cloud solutions to SMEs. **Ms Vanessa YUNG** responded that OGCIO would disseminate the information through the SME Cloud Promotion thematic website under InfoCloud portal (<https://sme.infocloud.gov.hk/>).

### **Progress update on WGPIUCS**

6. **Mr Patrick CHAN** updated the meeting on the progress of work of the Working Group, including the promotion of the wider adoption of cloud computing, the promotion of the development of cloud services provisioning, the promotion of the adoption of standards and best practices, and the work related to nurturing the cloud professionals.
7. Regarding the promotion of the wider adoption of cloud computing, **Members** were interested to know the popularity of the online version of HK/GD Practice Guide for Procuring Cloud Services (HK/GD Practice Guide). **Mr Patrick Chan** responded that the PDF version HK/GD Practice Guide had about 100 downloads per week since it was published on InfoCloud on 5

December 2014.

8. Regarding the promotion of the development of cloud services provisioning, **the Convenor** commented that the PSI served a good start for public-private cloud initiatives. The approach adopted by OGCI0 of first opening up the government data to the public was on the right track to achieve this objective and it would facilitate the private sector to develop cloud applications that make the best use of the PSI datasets. **The Convenor** further opined that public-private interaction should be encouraged so that the PSI datasets could be used most effectively in order to serve the citizens better and facilitate industry development. **The Convenor** supplemented that two local Universities (Chinese University and City University) had already set up laboratories for using the PSI data.
9. **Mr Sampson CHING** enquired if OGCI0 had information on the organisations or individuals who had used the PSI datasets. **Mr Jason PUN** responded that OGCI0 had collected a number of applications and solutions that were developed with PSI datasets to serve as showcases. However, OGCI0 did not have a full list of such organisations or individuals because no registration was required for downloading and using PSI datasets.

### **Brief update on Expert Group and WGCSP**

10. **Mr Patrick CHAN** updated the meeting on the work of the Expert Group and WGCSP. He reported the achievement of HK/GD Cloud Expert Committee in the past year, the work of WGCSP including pilot adoption of Guangdong-led Cloud Security Assessment & Certification Scheme, promotion on the wider use of cloud services in the banking sector and promotion of ISO/IEC 27001 certification.
11. **Members** were interested in the initiative of WGCSP on the promotion of wider cloud usage in the banking sector. Although it was generally considered that the challenges banking industry

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faced in the adoption of cloud were great, **Members** opined that wider cloud adoption by banking industry, if realised, could also benefit the adoption of cloud services and solutions by SMEs too.

## Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**The Secretariat**

**Expert Group on Cloud Computing Services and Standards**

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