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Master of Ceremony said, “Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO), thank you for watching the Virtual Awards Presentation Ceremony of the Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme 2021. My name is Janice Kau, your Master of Ceremony today. The Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme 2021 aims to give recognition to elderly individuals for their outstanding achievements in either the ICT Outreach Programme for the Elderly or the Enriched ICT Training Programme for the Elderly organised by the OGCIO. This year, 13 elderly individuals have been nominated by the non-profit-making organisations (NPOs) and the Elder Academies (EAs) implementing these two programmes. And later we will watch the videos of the awards presentation. Now, may I invite Mr Alfred Sit, the Secretary for Innovation and Technology (S for IT) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to deliver an opening remarks. Mr Sit, please.”

Mr Alfred Sit (S for IT) said, “Ladies and gentlemen. I am very glad to meet you all today at the Virtual Awards Presentation Ceremony of the Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme 2021. First of all, I would like to congratulate the 13 Elderly IT Stars and thank the 13 NPOs and EAs who submitted the nominations for their support for this Recognition Scheme. The Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme is organised by the OGCIO. Its objective is to give recognition to elderly individuals who have made full use of digital technology to improve the quality of their life and bring about positive influence on their friends and society. All elderly individuals being commended have made great efforts in taking up and making use of digital technology. Through this Recognition Scheme, we hope to make members of the public understand the needs and ability of the elderly in applying digital technology and also enhance the public’s knowledge of the Outreach and the Training Programmes. This time, the 13 Elderly IT Stars were nominated by the NPOs and EAs responsible for the implementation of the last round of the ICT Outreach and the ICT Training Programmes for the Elderly. These two programmes are the major initiatives of the HKSAR Government to encourage wider adoption of digital technology by the elderly. Through ICT outreach activities and training courses with interesting technological elements, we hope to enhance the interest and ability of the elderly in taking up digital technology. Thus encouraging them to embrace digital life. All the elderly individuals being commended are the ones either benefitting the most from or contributing the most to these programmes. Many of them have made good use of digital technology to strengthen family bonding and even leverage their knowledge of digital

technology acquired from the Outreach Programme to contribute to the community by becoming digital volunteers. Also, some of them have made videos about their daily life and scenery using digital technology for sharing with others. Thus encouraging more elderly people to join them in taking up digital technology to enhance the quality of their life. These 13 Elderly IT Stars have not only attained great results in their learning of digital technology, but also made use of what they have learnt to contribute to the community. The awards they received are indeed well deserved. I know that the Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO), Mr Victor Lam, has visited the elderly individuals being commended one by one, and presented the awards to them. We can share their joy by watching video highlights of the award presentation sessions later. Finally, may I express my appreciation to all the NPOs and EAs for their wholehearted efforts in organising various activities for the elderly under the Outreach Programme and the Training Programme. I look forward to the continuing collaboration with them in implementing digital inclusion initiatives to build a caring and inclusive society. Thank you very much.”

Master of Ceremony said, “Thank you Mr Sit. As mentioned by Mr Sit, Mr Lam has already presented awards and certificates of appreciation to 13 Elderly IT Stars and their nominating organisations respectively. Now, let us watch the videos of the awards being presented to five of the Elderly IT Stars as well as the sharing sessions given by the representatives of their nominating organisations. One of them is the oldest among all the award winners. Let’s watch the videos now.”

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Elderly IT Star: Mrs Wong Tam Man Har

Nominating organisation: TM Hope Elder Academy (TM Hope)

Mrs Wong Tam Man Har said, “I am 90 years and 7 months old. I am happy to be given the Elderly IT Stars award. Nowadays, many things are becoming “smart”, such as smart living and smart robotics. It is never too old to learn. Don’t be put off learning by old age. We should keep learning even at advanced age.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “You are 90 years old, and you still work hard to take up digital technology. It is indeed an honour to us. The elderly can make use of digital technology to improve their daily life and even encourage more elderly people to take up digital technology. Thank you very much.”

Mr William O De Guzman (Project Coordinator, TM Hope) said, “We are much more confident to give guidance to the elderly, given that an elderly person at such an advanced age is still able

to take up digital technology. From her (Mrs Wong) story, we come to realise that the elderly are also able to learn more about digital technology. This makes us more determined to organise more courses for them.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Granny Wong lives in another district. She did her learning through online classroom?”

Mr William O De Guzman (Project Coordinator, TM Hope) said, “Yes, online classroom can break physical barriers.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Thank you very much.”

Mr William O De Guzman (Project Coordinator, TM Hope) said, “Thank you for your programme.”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Katie Ting

Nominating organisation: Elder Academy at Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Ms Katie Ting said, “First of all, I would like to thank the OGCIO for giving me the Elderly IT Stars award. I am very honoured and elated.”

Professor Paul Lam (President, Hong Kong Metropolitan University) said, “We are delighted to collaborate with the OGCIO. Through the Elder Academy operated by the Li Ka Shing School of Professional and Continuing Education, we have been organising the enriched ICT training courses for the elderly with a view to providing opportunities of continuous learning to the elderly, promoting active ageing and a sense of self-worthiness, as well as motivating the elderly to make use of digital technology for active integration into today’s society, so that the elderly can enjoy the convenience brought about by digital life.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Thank you for your continuous support.”

Professor Paul Lam (President, Hong Kong Metropolitan University) said, “We will continue supporting the programme.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Thank you very much.”

All guests said, “Elderly IT Stars, yeah!”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Ho Kwai Chun

Nominating organisation: Kiangsu-Chekiang (Shatin) Elder Academy (KCEA)

Ms Ho Kwai Chun said, “Thank you OGCI and Evangelical Lutheran Church - Hong Kong (ELCHK), for making me become one of the Elderly IT Stars. Since I have learnt more about the digital technology, I found that I am on a new horizon. Digital technology is really convenient and useful.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “A lot of information can be found.”

Ms Queenie Chan (Chief Executive (Social Service Head Office), ELCHK) said, “Opening up new opportunities for her.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Kwai Chun, you are so amazing!”

Ms Queenie Chan (Chief Executive (Social Service Head Office), ELCHK) said, “We are grateful to the OGCI for its support given to KCEA, so that the elderly will have more opportunities to learn about digital technology, enabling them to embrace smart living.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Thank you KCEA.”

Ms Queenie Chan (Chief Executive (Social Service Head Office), ELCHK) said, “Thank you Mr Lam.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Learning to use digital technology is not easy for the elderly. The most important thing is to study hard. Thank you for your (KCEA) support.”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Lo Wai Ling

Nominating organisation: Po Leung Kuk (PLK)

Ms Lo Wai Ling said, “I am happy to become an Elderly IT Star. I love watching Cantonese operas and cooking shows, and many other interesting programmes.”

Ms Connie Lau (Service Manager (Elderly Services), PLK) said, “Can you see me? We are here to congratulate Wai Ling on receiving the award today.”

Ms Connie Lau (Service Manager (Elderly Services), PLK) said, “Now, let us say goodbye.”

Guests said, “Goodbye.”

A colleague of PLK said, “When the amber light is on, the elderly can chat with the robot, and Kebbi Air (the robot) will make response.”

Ms Lo Wai Ling said, “What is the temperature today?”

Kebbi Air (the robot) said, “The temperature is approximately 19.01 degree Celsius to 21.15 degree Celsius.”

Master of Ceremony, who hosted the awards presentation ceremony at the venue, said, “May I invite Ms Lau, please.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Thank you Po Leung Kuk. Congratulations to Wai Ling! Congratulations to Connie!”

All guests said, “Yeah!”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Kwok Kam Lin

Nominating organisation: Pui Shing Elder Academy (PSEA)

Ms Katherine Wong (Assistant Project Officer (Smart E@ ICT Gear), Yan Chai Hospital Wan Shing Memorial Social Centre for the Elderly) said, “PSEA is pleased to see one of its students, Ms Kwok Kam Lin, receiving an award at the Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme organised by OGCI0.”

Ms Kwok Kam Lin said, “Hi! I am Kam Lin. I find the training course catering well to the daily needs of the elderly, letting us put into practice what we have learnt and adapt to the lifestyle of modern society. Therefore I was joyous when I attended classes. I hope the OGCI0 will continue to subsidise relevant courses. I also hope Yan Chai and PSEA will continue to co-organise IT courses that are helpful to us.”

Master of Ceremony said, “The proactive attitude of these five IT stars in taking up digital technology should be emulated by all of us. Now, let’s watch the videos of Mr Lam presenting awards to four other Elderly IT Stars. Through making videos and broadcasting

live on social media, they have encouraged other elderly people with common hobbies to use digital technology. Now, let's watch the awards presentation and sharing sessions.”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Lee Yuk Ying

Nominating organisation: New Territories West Elder Academies Cluster (NTWEAC)

Ms Lee Yuk Ying said, “I am a Tai Chi Fan tutor. I am so happy to receive the Elderly IT Stars award. After learning more about digital technology, I have made short videos about the learning and teaching of Tai Chi for sharing with my students. Knowing how to use digital technology enables us to strengthen bonding with our family members and other elderly people. We can even integrate technology with our hobbies too.”

Ms Lee Yuk Ying said to guests, “Grandma, so you know (digital technology) too”. I am very happy, and I also have more to share with others. And they also said, “You are so smart”. I also hope the elderly whom I know can join me to do the learning.”

Mr Chan How Chi (Chairman, Elder Academy Development Foundation Committee, Convenor, NTWEAC) said, “We are grateful to the OGCIIO for its funding support to the NTWEAC, in implementing the two-year Enriched ICT Training Programme for the Elderly, and organising digital activities for the elderly to provide them with an opportunity to acquire digital knowledge.”

A student volunteer of enriched ICT training courses for the elderly, surnamed Lam, said, “I have some knowledge about this (digital knowledge), so I hope I can help the elderly with taking up digital technology. During their study, the elderly had many things they did not understand. I would explain to them patiently. After participating in this scheme, I care more about the elderly around me, including the elderly at my home.”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms So Sui Ying

Nominating organisation: Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service (HKLSS)

Ms So Sui Ying said, “I am so happy to receive the Elderly IT Stars award. I have never thought that I could get the award. My children were impressed by this.”

A robot said, “Hello! Welcome to the Harmony Garden Lutheran Centre for the Elderly. Today, we are pleased to have the presence of Mr Victor Lam, JP, GCIO and Dr Annissa Lui,

JP, Chief Executive of the HKLSS and other guests at this Awards Presentation Ceremony of the Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Congratulations to Dr Lui!”

Dr Annissa Lui (Chief Executive, HKLSS) said, “Thank you OGCIIO for your support in making this event a success, and Sui Ying has also benefited. Some elders are afraid to use digital technology by themselves, but if some of them can step out and encourage others of their age, the situation will be very different.”

All guests said, “Smart Living. You Know I Know!”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Chan Lai Chu

Nominating organisation: The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (NAAC)

Ms Chan Lai Chu said, “I am very happy to become the Elderly IT Star. During the pandemic, digital technology is really helpful to the elderly people. One of its most important uses is being able to chat and interact with family members, such as my grandchildren, through video communications.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Congratulations! You have been helping many people with technology. Thank you Lai Chu.”

Ms Elina Fung (Executive Director, NAAC) said, “Lai Chu has been proactively participating in IT related training and volunteer services. She has also visited centres or residential homes regularly to teach other elderly people to use IT. She has established a good rapport with these elderly people and is well-received by them.”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Chung Siu Ling

Nominating organisation: HKSKH Eastern District Elder Academy (HKSKH-EDEA)

Ms Chung Siu Ling said, “I’m happy to receive the Elderly IT Stars award. Thanks to the OGCIIO for organising free digital training courses, and I hope that we can participate in more similar courses in the future.”

Ms Chung Siu Ling said to her students in the online classroom, “Let’s turn the lower part

upside down, and now we put the dried flowers into the transparent pen holder. Usually I will put in the dried flowers with larger size first. That's great!"

Mr Tommy Wong (Service Director, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited) said, "HKSKH-EDEA congratulates to Siu Ling for earning the Elderly IT Stars award. Siu Ling's achievements in learning the application of digital technology exemplify the fruit of HKSKH's elderly services, which is taking care of the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of the elderly people, and they can also enjoy life in an environment they are familiar with. Thus transforming their lives and allowing them to live in abundance."

Master of Ceremony said, "Now, we will introduce the last four Elderly IT Stars. They became volunteers and used what they have learnt to help other elderly people after participating in ICT outreach activities and ICT training courses. Let's watch the awards presentations by Mr Lam and experience sharing session by the winners."

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Elderly IT Star: Mr John Shiu

Nominating organisation: Institute of Active Ageing, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (IAA, PolyU)

Mr John Shiu said, "I am really happy to become the Elderly IT Star. Since I have learnt to use digital technology, I gain a fruitful life. Now I can make use of digital technology to do many different things. By using WeChat and other communication methods, say e-mail, I can chat with my friends, and also with my brothers and sisters living in Chicago, US, and I can get their responses quickly. It's so convenient that it seems all of us are living in Hong Kong."

Mr John Shiu said to guests, "My attitude is to keep learning into an old age, which means "Try to stay young and useful" in English. I am already 83 years old, I still feel young, and believe that I can still do something meaningful. I help others, and do more volunteer work."

Dr Bai Xue (Director, IAA, PolyU) said, "Thank you for the OGCI's funding support, so that we could help enhance the elderly people's digital capabilities. I am pleased to witness John being awarded. Our IAA has been teaching elderly people with apps that are commonly used in their daily living, such as apps for buses and location maps, which can facilitate their daily living. At the same time, John has been proactively teaching his friends or other elderly people with the knowledge he acquired."

All guests said, "Let's have fun with digital technology. Yeah!"

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Chan Yuk Lin

Nominating organisation: Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department (YCHSS)

Ms Chan Yuk Lin said, “Nice to meet you all. I am happy to become an Elderly IT Star. After taking up digital technology, I become happier and feel a lot more confident as well. It’s because I have learnt more things, and I have been participating in different volunteer works. For instance, I have been a volunteer in a VR game activity organised by the centre.”

Ms Chan Yuk Lin said to guests, “I took a photo during the birthday celebration, but only the cake was seen in the photo. Since I am keen to learn, the photo was edited with different graphics, such as tangerine, apple and emoji. I was very satisfied when I saw my finished product. Thank you GCIO.”

Ms Umi Leung (Centre-In-Charge, Yan Chai Hospital Chan Feng Men Ling Integrated Community Development Centre) said, “YCHSS is pleased to know that Ms Chan Yuk Lin was awarded as the Elderly IT Star. Granny Yuk Lin is a very energetic elder and she is so eager to learn, also she finds it very challenging in using latest technology products which is a new experience to her. It is impressive that she has changed her role, from a participant to a volunteer, and taught other elders to use the latest technology products. She has also shared her knowledge with others. We are happy to provide a platform which connects the elderly people and other organisations to learn digital technology.”

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Elderly IT Star: Ms Apple Leung

Nominating organisation: Hong Kong Chinese Women’s Club (HKCWC)

Ms Apple Leung said, “I am so happy to be given the Elderly IT Stars award. I could interact with robots and use a drone at the elderly centre, and I could use WhatsApp to communicate with my friends. I also do volunteer work to teach other elderly people to use iPad and play games with it. I am happy to see that they are very smart.”

Ms Anita Wong (Elderly Service Director, HKCWC) said, “Thank you all!”

Mr Jason Leung (Centre-in-Charge, HKCWC, Dr Ellen Li Learning Centre) said, “Lai King is a very good example. She knew nothing about digital technology at the very beginning, but now she can promote the usage of wearable devices, robots and smartphones to others.”

Ms Anita Wong (Elderly Service Director, HKCWC) said, “We look forward to our continuing collaboration with the OGCIIO and hope that more elderly people will be able to participate in digital activities.”

All guests said, “Smart IT Elders, yeah!”

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Elderly IT Star: Mr Choi Che Shing

Nominating organisation: Hong Kong Island Elder Academies Cluster

Mr Choi Che Shing said, “I am happy to receive the Elderly IT Stars award. I feel happy to be a volunteer of digital activities, because I can share my experience of using digital technology with other elderly people during the volunteer work, and my digital technology knowledge was also enriched. The word “technology” sounds complicated, but as long as you are willing to learn, you can master it gradually.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, “Congratulations to all of you!”

Ms Joey Hung (Chief Officer (Elderly Service), Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association) said, “Thank you for the support from all of you!”

Ms Joey Hung (Chief Officer (Elderly Service), Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association) said to guests, “They usually have lessons here. Courses funded by the OGCIIO are held here too. Elderly participants would also become volunteers to teach other elderly people about digital technology knowledge after completing their courses. Che Shing has not only finished the course, but has also become a volunteer in this centre. For example, he teaches the elderly people to install and use LeaveHomeSafe. Many elderly people ask him about using this app, such as how to scan the QR codes at the venues. On-duty volunteers will provide assistance in the centre.”

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said to Mr Choi Che Shing, “Thank you for your assistance.”

All guests said, “Yeah!”

Master of Ceremony said, “Congratulations to all the Elderly IT Stars! Do you want to join our activities after watching the videos? Let me share with you a good news. We will launch a new round of “Enriched ICT Training Programme for the Elderly”, please follow our e100.hk

Facebook page to get in touch with us. We will also introduce each Elderly IT Star in this Facebook page! Before the end of this video, Mr Lam would like to share with us about his visits to the Elderly IT Stars. Let's watch Victor's sharing now, Mr Lam, please!"

Mr Victor Lam (GCIO) said, "Through this valuable opportunity, I have visited 13 Elderly IT Stars. In addition to presenting awards to them, I have also listened to their sharing about learning and using digital technology. From their stories, I understand the difficulties that elders face when they encounter digital technology. I am also aware of the changes and happiness that digital technology has brought to their lives. I am happy to see these 13 Elderly IT Stars have overcome difficulties and learnt to use digital technology to make their life more fruitful and independent. Their studious attitude and hardwork deserve our respect. I am particularly impressed by one of the Elderly IT Stars, who is an elder at the age of 90. She shared with me about her learning path of digital technology in online classrooms. She told me that her granddaughter gave her a smartphone as an encouragement after knowing that she was learning about how to use smartphones. I and other OGCIO colleagues present admired this elder very much for her bravery to step out of her comfort zone and embrace new things. Now she not only uses digital technology to make her life more enjoyable, but also enhance the connection with her family members and the society. As the saying goes, "It's never too late". I hope all other elders could take these 13 Elderly IT Stars as role models, and learn how to use digital technology to make their daily life more enjoyable and fruitful."

Master of Ceremony said, "Thank you GCIO. The Virtual Awards Presentation Ceremony of the Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme 2021 comes to an end. Thank you again for watching. Byebye."

13 Elderly IT Stars said the following slogans one by one, "
The digital new era,
Smart City, Smart Living,
Smart Elderly,
Age is not a limit,
Keep learning into an old age,
Make good use of digital technology,
Enabling our daily life more convenient,
And our life to be more fruitful,
I can do it, so can you,
Let's support,
The Elderly IT Stars Recognition Scheme."

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