

DIGITAL 21 STRATEGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Meeting held
on 22 November 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
in Communal Conference Room 3, Ground Floor,
Central Government Offices, Tamar, Hong Kong**

Present

Mr Gregory SO, JP	Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Chairman)
Miss Susie HO, JP	Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Technology)
Mr Daniel LAI, BBS, JP	Government Chief Information Officer
Miss Janet WONG, JP	Commissioner for Innovation and Technology
Ms Cally CHAN	Member
Dr Andy CHUN	Member
Dr George FOK	Member
Ms Shirley HA	Member
Mr Herman LAM	Member
Mr William LEUNG	Member
Mr Joe LOCANDRO	Member
Hon Charles MOK	Member
Ms Agnes NARDI	Member
Ms Susanna SHEN	Member
Mr Kelly SZE	Member
Mr Justin TSANG	Member
Prof Norman TIEN	Member
Prof WONG Kam-fai	Member
Mr Pindar WONG	Member

In attendance

Miss Joey LAM, JP	Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Policy and Customer Service)
Mr Victor LAM	Deputy Government Chief Information Officer (Consulting and Operations)
Mr Andrew TSANG	Administrative Assistant to Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development
Ms Joyce MOK	Assistant Government Chief Information Officer (IT Operations)
Mr Damian LEE	Assistant Government Chief Information Officer (E-government Service Delivery)
Mr Tony WONG	Chief Systems Manager (IT Operations), OGCIO
Mr Jason PUN	Acting Assistant Government Chief Information Officer (Digital Economy Facilitation), OGCIO
Mr Bernard LO	Senior Administrative Officer (E-government Service Delivery), OGCIO (Secretary)
Mr Donald MAK	Senior System Manager (Digital Economy Facilitation), OGCIO
Mr Gary TSANG	Administrative Officer (E-government Service Delivery), OGCIO (Secretary)

Absent with apologies

Miss Eliza LEE, JP	Director-General of Communications
Prof David CHEUNG	Member
Ms Susanna CHIU	Member
Ms Waltraut RITTER	Member
Dr Charleston SIN	Member

Agenda Item I: Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of the 25th D21SAC meeting held on 26 June 2012 were confirmed without amendment.

Agenda Item II: Access and Re-use of Public Sector Information (“PSI”)

2. **Mr Bernard LO** updated Members on the latest development of the PSI initiative, including response to the pilot scheme and awareness campaign, the Government’s decision to make the PSI portal a permanent fixture, the availability of more datasets on the portal as well as the way forward.

3. In response to Members’ questions, **Mr Bernard LO** said that

- another round of awareness building programme could be considered after more datasets were made available;
- in case the data were from non-governmental third parties, consent would be obtained in advance; and
- no service outage on the PSI portal had been recorded. **Mr Victor LAM** added that the PSI data are stored on public cloud platform which would make the PSI portal more stable.

4. Members suggested measuring the success of the project by making reference to overseas experience where appropriate. **GCIO** said that the success of the project could be measured by the benefits it had brought to the community. He added that the cost of providing the PSI data was minimal as the data were readily available.

5. **Members** suggested that to facilitate value-added re-use, there should be less restriction on the use of PSI data to encourage creativity. **Members** further suggested **OGCIO** introduced the PSI scheme to new ICT start-ups and encourage them to use it.

6. **The Chairman** thanked Members for their comments.

Agenda Item III: Government's Cloud Computing Programme

7. **Mr George FOK** and **Ms Cally CHAN** declared interest since their company might have participated in projects related to Government-Cloud. **The Chairman** noted the declarations and considered it unnecessary for them to be excused from the meeting because the information would not involve competitive bidding or pecuniary interest.

8. **Mr Tony Wong** updated Members on the latest developments and upcoming plans for the Government Cloud Computing Programme, covering various e-government initiatives on the three cloud computing platforms, namely, in-house private cloud, outsourced private cloud and public cloud, and the recent effort in facilitating development and related collaboration with Mainland on cloud computing services and standards.

9. In response to Members' questions, **Mr Tony WONG** responded that:

- Private cloud would be used for applications with classified data. B/Ds could choose between using private and public cloud platforms for applications without classified data based on their individual business requirements.
- The most significant incentives for B/Ds to use the outsourced private cloud service were cost saving and shortening of development and implementation time. Also, funding has already been secured by OGCIO to set up the relevant cloud infrastructure for B/Ds.
- OGCIO would encourage B/Ds to use the cloud platforms by showcasing the benefits to them and giving priority to funding approval for cloud computing projects.

10. **Members** also suggested that the Government should consider various aspects such as interoperability of cloud and non-cloud platforms, software licensing, migration of existing system to cloud environment, cloud security as well as experience sharing (such as success stories and best practices) with the industry on cloud computing development.

11. **The Chairman** thanked Members for their comments.

Agenda Item IV – International IT Fest 2013

12. **Mr Jason PUN** briefed the Members that OGCI would hold the “International IT Fest” (IT Fest) for the first time from 8 to 21 April 2013 in collaboration with the industry. The aim was to showcase the accomplishments of the local ICT industry, project Hong Kong’s image as a premier regional ICT hub and foster an environment for ICT innovations and businesses to flourish and position themselves in the global ICT market.

13. **Members** made a number of suggestions on the events to be held, including organizing a dinner to mark the closing of the IT Fest, and holding activities targeting at youngsters with a view to inspiring their interest in ICT.

14. In response to Members’ other suggestions, **GCIO** and **Miss Joey LAM** said that OGCI:

- had invited the Chief Executive to officiate at the opening ceremony to better promote the missions and messages of the IT Fest; and
- would discuss with Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups to include youth-related ICT events in the IT Fest.

15. **The Chairman** thanked Members’ suggestions.

Agenda Item V: Members' Exchange on Industry's Latest Development

16. **The Chairman** said that this would be a standing item for Members to share and exchange views on issues of interest on the latest ICT developments. Members were welcome to let the Secretariat know in advance the topics they would like to discuss or introduce to other Members at the meeting.

17. **The Chairman** remarked that the Digital 21 Strategy, which was first promulgated in 1998 as the blueprint for the ICT development in Hong Kong. It has since been updated thrice in 2001, 2004 and 2008. Since a number of the initiatives had been smoothly implemented and there had been quite some technological advancement in ICT, it would be timely to do another major review.

18. Members made the following suggestions:

- the new strategy could cover various areas, including ICT manpower development, data centre development, ICT infrastructure, cloud computing, mobile technologies, support for ICT startups, cooperation between the industry and the Government for adoption of new technologies, etc; and
- the new strategy should position Hong Kong as a smart city with first-class ICT Infrastructure, and as a centre of excellence for piloting new technologies.

19. **The Chairman** thanked the Members for their suggestions and said that OGCIO would bounce initial ideas with Members. In this connection, a brainstorming session would be organised.

Agenda Item VI: Report on the Progress of Task Forces

20. **GCIO** informed Members that a new task force under the Digital 21 Strategy Advisory Committee, namely the Task Force on ICT Professional Development and Recognition, was set up in early November 2012 to establish an ICT professional recognition framework and explore the feasibility of setting up a statutory registration system for ICT professionals in Hong Kong.

21. At the last meeting of the Task Force on Digital Inclusion held on 13 September 2012, Members of the Task Force noted the successful completion of the projects promoting ICT adoption among the elderly and the progress and development of the elderly portal - eElderly. They were also briefed on the nine funded projects which developed useful ICT-based assistive tools and applications for persons with different disabilities.

22. For the Task Force on Industry Facilitation, Members of the Task Force met on 20 September 2012 and discussed how cloud platforms could facilitate the development of local ICT industry. Members were also introduced to the Government's SME Cloud initiatives and the promotion of testing and certification services in ICT trade in Hong Kong.

23. At the last meeting of Task Force on E-government Service Delivery held on 28 September 2012, Members of the Task Force were briefed on two e-government initiatives, namely the Smart Warrant Card System of Hong Kong Police Force and the e-Registry of Companies Registry. Members were also briefed on the provision of PSI and made suggestions as to what other data should be included in the PSI portal.

24. The Task Force on ICT Professional Development and Recognition held its kick-off meeting on 5 November 2012. Members of the Task Force agreed on an initial list of focus areas and discussed the existing ICT professional development and recognition practices overseas.

Agenda Item VI: Any Other Business

25. There was no other business.

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