

To whom it may concern,

With regards to the 2007 Digital 21 Strategy, I have the following comments:

Wi-Fi is a very popular communication technology among computer equipments and handheld devices nowadays. However, the number of Wi-Fi hotspots in Hong Kong is very few when compared to other major worldwide cities. The current commercial Wi-Fi hotspot operators are also in limited numbers and only focused in specific locations.

I think the government should review the current policy on barring of outdoor installations of Wi-Fi access points. Metropolitan Wi-Fi not only can promote the use of computer technology in everyday life, there are a lot of commercial and industrial applications that can take advantage of it.

To name a few, intelligent transport system, mobile entertainment, telemetry and remote monitoring will have immediate benefits out of a metropolitan Wi-Fi network. With the lower costs on equipment and network infrastructure, the ROI will be much less than current competing communications technologies. The ultimate beneficiary will be the general public.

I would urge the government to promote the idea of metropolitan Wi-Fi and provide clearer guidelines for interesting parties to pursue in constructing such a network.

Regards,

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