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Dear Madams/Sirs,

Re: Consultation on Digital 21 Strategy– Comments and Views submitted by Policy Group, Hong Kong University Graduates Association

The Hong Kong University Graduates Association is pleased to forward our comments for the consultation on Digital 21 policy. Our views and comments are listed as follow:-

Not adequate coverage on various important technological areas: The Digital 21 Policy does not have enough solid coverage on various important technologies including but not limited to ICT convergence, adoption of IPv6, digital media and entertainment convergence as well as WIMAX implementation. It is suggested that the government should put more efforts with solid implementation plans and measurable deliverables in the development of these technological areas.

Hong Kong as the Telecom Gateway for China: It is proposed the Hong Kong should position as the major Telecom hub and gateway in China. By doing so, we can leverage our strengths on telecom infrastructure and bring in more foreign investment and revenue to Hong Kong

Government role in Standardization: The Government should play a more proactive role in formulating standards and developing platforms for the industry. The government should work closely with the standardization bodies in China, especially in the area of RFID, DTTV and 3G standards where there will be national standards in these areas. Hong Kong is a good test-bed for China to test and pilot run these new standards.

Lack of support on IT education: There is not enough support in education on IT. It is suggested that the government should play a proactive role to coordinate more supporting activities to IT education.

IP Right in Government contract: The IP right for Government projects should be shared between the Government and the implementation organizations so as to encourage more local technology developments

In conclusion, it is suggested that there should be a long-term vision on Digital 21 Strategy. There should be actionable implementation plans, measurable deliverables and accountable parties mentioned in the strategy. We hope the aforementioned views and comments are useful.

Best regards,

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