

## **Public Consultation on “2007 Digital 21 Strategy”**

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### **Consolidated Comments/Suggestions:**

#### **1. Relationship with PRD**

There was insufficient liaison with Mainland on cooperation in matters relating to technology and innovation. We are afraid that the vibrant ICT industry may decline similar to that of manufacturing industry if there is no strategy plan to coordinate with Mainland to define the roles, division of labor; and thus, prioritize the action plans.

#### **2. Insufficient supports and weak to provide a suitable legal environment to cultivate strong ICT.**

The bills associated with ICT are far from satisfaction. The bills and their associated legal regulations should not be technology driven, but objective-driven. In many cases, the bills should be well thought of rather than try to address issues in a piece-wise manner. The information security and SPAM mail are examples. The bills should have the objectives in mind first rather than wait until there is a viable technology.

#### **3. Stronger support to improve digital inclusion and reduce digital division.**

We welcome to see there is policy to improve digital inclusion and knowledge-based society. Support to children of low-income families and disabled people are still not enough. Government should take more initiatives, and incentive programmes, to achieve the goals.

#### **4. Insufficient policy to accelerate the implementation to reach the targets**

Strategy had identified many key technological areas but lack formal policy to accelerate its implementation. In other words, the targets are too vague. For instance, as indicated in page 26, there is no formal policy in accelerating the rate of adoption of the next generation Internet and its target is not clear.