



Views from The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation on the 2014 Digital 21 Strategy

The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTPC) is pleased to provide views on the captioned consultation as set out below for your consideration.

2. We are in support of the Government's initiative to deploy a smarter city strategy. In particular Digital 21 should chart out the roadmap of our city's digital strategy, by giving a vision and milestones of achieving the smarter digital city, a big picture that excites citizens in Hong Kong.
3. We welcome the idea to accelerate the adoption of cloud computing, big data analytics, and Internet of Things. Nevertheless, the Government should also be mindful that industries are facing shortage of skilled professionals. Cohesive coordination with higher education institutes and vocation training centre is recommended to train up the necessary professionals.
4. We recommend the Government to identify a test site for piloting the future smart city. For example, it can start with the Science Park and CUHK plus the new land next to Hong Kong Science Park. This test site should show case smart grid, smart transportation, smart traffic control, smart home, smart office etc.
5. In order to propel the development of smart city, aside from opening up the government data, a standard interface should be developed to allow various applications to integrate into a backbone for communication. SMEs can develop their innovative products and services with easy plug and play through such standard interface. We recommend the Government be the first user of applications compliant to the interface, hence giving local innovation to be adopted by our Government.
6. Lastly, we understand that the Government is considering the deployment of digital transaction within the Government services. We believe a well-defined time table and customer centric approach will accelerate the adoption and enable a higher engagement rate with businesses and general publics.

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