

## **Work Report 2004/05**

Sin Chung Kai, Legislative Councillor (IT)

## **Contents**

### **Vision and Mission**

### **Foreword**

### **Working Areas**

- Article 53
- Broadband Wireless Access
- CEPA
- Domain Name Registration
- e-Inclusion
- Fair Competition
- Green
- Housing
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Jobs
- Knowing You
- LegCo Work
- Money
- Nurturing IT Professionals
- Overseas Trips
- Security
- Transport
- Ubiquitous Information Society
- VOIP
- Wireless Technology
- eXpert
- Youth

### **LegCo Work**

- Bills and subsidiary legislation
- Council questions
- Motions
- Panels and Committees

### **Working with the Industry**

- Advisory Committee
- Working Group

### **In Touch with the Public**

- SI Cyber Office
- e-Newsletter/MonITor
- Responding to letters and emails
- Submission/Policy Paper
- Survey
- Forum
- Press Releases
- Articles

- Speech
- Overseas Trips

**Action Plan 2005/06**

## **Vision and Mission**

### **Vision**

My vision is to make Hong Kong a world-class digital city that enjoys human rights, rule of law, fair competition, democracy and economic prosperity.

### **Mission**

My mission is to build a Ubiquitous Information Society (uIS) – a new IT paradigm that will revitalize our ICT industry and enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness regionally. By capitalising on our world-class IT infrastructure that we, as IT professionals, have built up over the past years, I strive to make Hong Kong a model for others to follow and a leader in strategic ICT development. This will expand business opportunities and inspire companies and talent, both in Mainland China and overseas, to come to Hong Kong.

I will also work to enhance the competitiveness of local ICT industries in such a way that we will differentiate ourselves from, and excel over, the rest of Mainland China. The realisation of uIS will lead to the growth of high value-added industries that will create jobs, explore new business markets, tap unexploited opportunities and lead to greater prosperity for our industry.

## Foreword

Hong Kong's IT industry emerged out of the economic doldrums in 2003 with renewed vigour and hope. As the legislator representing the ICT industry, it is imperative that I push for continuous improvements and seek ways to remove restrictions or barriers at policy and regulatory level to ensure that the industry here continues to thrive. Equally important is the need for me to maintain regular dialogue with the industry to keep Government abreast of the needs and aspirations of IT professionals. A great deal of effort is also needed to monitor the performance of the Government to ensure that it operates in a more accountable and transparent manner.

Regarding the establishment of a regulatory framework for the ICT industry, I responded to the public consultation exercises and expressed my views on many issues, including VOIP, Broadband Wireless Access and Unsolicited Electronic Message (UEM). With the proliferation of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) generated spam, I pressed the Government to tackle this growing problem by exploring the feasibility of adopting a "calling party pays" charging formula, which would discourage direct marketing companies from calling indiscriminately on their fixed telephone lines. I expect that legislation, together with a package of measures to tackle UEM -- including IVRS-generated spam -- will be introduced into LegCo for scrutiny in 2005/06.

In order to promote the ICT industry, I dedicated a great deal of effort to the areas of information security, CEPA 3 and the development of wireless technologies in Hong Kong. In 2004/05, I set up three dedicated Working Groups to focus on the above policy areas. Backed by members of the industry, we have been able to come up with a number of proposals based on their valuable advice to facilitate the sustainable growth of the ICT sector.

To tackle the issue of human resources needs of the ICT sector, I will continue to work with the industry to raise the status of our IT professionals. We are well on the way towards reaching a consensus on the minimum benchmark that should be required for the proposed registration framework. While employment has been improving along with the economic recovery, I am concerned that the number of students pursuing IT courses has declined drastically in recent years. As a result, in August 2005, I launched an "IT for

Youth” Campaign to demonstrate to youths and the community the importance that IT, as a key driving force in the long-term economic growth of Hong Kong, can be an exciting, challenging and rewarding career for our younger generation.

Our ICT industry continues to grow and adapt. To ensure this growth is sustainable, it is vital that the needs and opinions of the IT industry are clearly heard by Government. This year, I launched a Company Visit Program in a bid to more clearly understand the needs and difficulties facing enterprises within the ICT industry in their business development. These visits also serve as a very useful vehicle for me to gauge and reflect businesses’ views to the Government on issues pertaining to our industry. Please do drop me an email if you want to share with me your views through this program.

I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to continue to serve the IT industry as the Legislative Councillor representing the Information Technology Functional Constituency for a third term from 6 October, 2004. I am extremely grateful to Members of the Advisory Committee and all IT organizations for their ardent support. My heartfelt appreciation also goes to Members of three Working Groups which I set up to cover policy areas in fostering Closer IT Partnerships with Mainland China, Information Security and Wireless Technology. All of the achievements during the last year owe much of their success to members of the ICT industry for their active participation and valuable advice.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for all the support that members within the ICT sector have given me. Without your full confidence in me over the past seven years, I would not have been able to push for many policy changes that have benefited the industry as well as Hong Kong citizens from all walks of life.



Sin Chung Kai  
Legislative Councillor (IT)

## **Working Areas**

### **Article 53**

In April 2005, the Acting Chief Executive of the HKSAR requested that the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress interpret Article 53 of the Basic Law on the issue determining the term of office of the new Chief Executive. Not only did such a request make a mockery of the rule of law, the increasingly frequent requests for interpretation of the Basic Law is also undermining Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy and the "one country, two systems" principle.

As a democrat committed to the rule of law, I aired his concerns and objections about the interpretation when he was invited to attend a seminar chaired by Standing Committee Deputy Secretary-general Qiao Xiaoyang on 22 April, 2005. During the seminar, I submitted a position paper which stated that the interpretation was insupportable, as the Basic Law is straightforward and clearly states that the term of the Chief Executive be five years after he/she is elected.

### **Broadband Wireless Access**

In December 2004, the Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) invited the public to submit their views on its Consultation Paper on the Licensing Framework for Deployment of Broadband Wireless Access (BWA).<sup>1</sup> OFTA raised a range of key issues for discussion, including a frequency plan, standards, licensing and spectrum allocation issues.

In response to the consultation, I supported the introduction of BWA but he advocated that:

- All industry players, including mobile and fixed telecoms network operators, be allowed to bid for BWA spectrum;
- "Technology neutral" and "market-driven" principles be upheld when formulating the BWA regulatory framework;
- The Government initiate a review of the current licensing system and spectrum policy for the telecoms industry as soon as possible to clarify all outstanding regulatory uncertainties that may discourage

---

<sup>1</sup> BWA refers to access technologies based on the use of high-capability radio links to deliver telecommunications services, including wireless backhaul for fixed or mobile networks, backhaul for connecting hotspots for Wi-Fi wireless local area networks, or wireless local loop for broadband services.

investment in or development of the BWA market.

In July 2005, the Government announced that OFTA would shortly conduct a review of licensing arrangements, the interconnection charging arrangement between fixed and mobile carriers and the fixed/mobile number portability.

## **CEPA**

Despite further liberalization in trade in goods and services under the second phase of CEPA, the value of this agreement to Hong Kong's ICT industry remains relatively insignificant. In November 2004, I invited a group of experts with substantial knowledge of the Mainland market to form a dedicated Working Group on fostering Closer IT Partnerships with Mainland China. The group aims to develop constructive measures that can be put into action in the context of the ICT industry under CEPA.

The Working Group held four meetings and scrutinized the inherent barriers stopping the ICT industry from benefiting from CEPA. Based on the valuable contributions put forward by Working Group members, a wish list on CEPA 3 was formulated. Suggestions included the establishment of a Telecoms Special Zone to allow "Hong Kong-Made Software" to be categorized as national software, as well as measures to eliminate restrictions on trade in digital game products and other barriers still impeding Hong Kong companies from accessing the Mainland market. The list was submitted to the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology (SCIT) for consideration in June 2005.

I also arranged a meeting between SCIT and eight IT trade-related organizations to reflect the views and needs of the ICT sector under CEPA. At the same time, I collaborated with a number of professional bodies and trade associations to organize a forum in May 2005, which enabled members of the industry to express their aspirations on what CEPA 3 should contain to the Government.

In July 2005, SCIT replied that he would consider including some of the suggestions raised by I and the industry during negotiations on the third phase of CEPA in late 2005.

## **Domain Name Registration**

Thousands of Hong Kong-based Websites and email addresses were not accessible for seven hours from 2:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on 1 November, 2004, due to a server breaking down at the Hong Kong Domain Name Registration Company Ltd (HKDNR – the entity responsible for administrating and managing "hk" domain names). As a mission-critical infrastructure, the incident not only affected hundreds of locally registered Web sites and email addresses with certain ".com.hk" domain names, it also damaged Hong

Kong's image as an IT hub for the region.

I called a special meeting of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting of the Legislative Council (ITB Panel of LegCo) to request that the Government and HKDNR brief LegCo members about the incident.

To prevent a repeat of the incident, I urged HKDNR to put in place a comprehensive set of procedure guidelines, emergency plans and policies to handle similar crises. He also advised the Government to closely monitor the overall governance and administration of HKDNR.

As a result, HKDNR has undertaken a number of steps, including an investigation into the incident, as well as a thorough audit with an implementation plan of its IT systems, policies and procedures, in a bid to strengthen the reliability, performance and integrity of its services. I will closely monitor HKDNR's work and request that it report the progress of its implementation plan to the ITB Panel of LegCo in 2005/06.

## **e-Inclusion**

The digital divide issue continues to receive my utmost attention. In view of the proliferation of "phishing" scams in recent months, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) mandated the use of a two-factor authentication system -- a reusable password chosen by the user, plus another password delivered at each logon by SMS, e-Cert or by portable authentication devices -- for Internet banking this year.

I welcomed the move as a step in right direction towards protecting citizens against security threats. However, such initiatives also denied many visually impaired users from accessing online banking services because most of the two-factor authentication solutions are not designed with the needs of people who are visually impaired in mind.

To ensure that HKMA and the Hong Kong Association of Banks understand the needs and difficulties that this group faces using online banking, I worked with the Hong Kong Blind Union to request that these two institutions examine ways to solve the accessibility problem using the two-factor authentication system as soon as possible. I will continue to closely monitor developments relating to this issue in 2005/06.

## **Fair Competition**

I champion the principle of a fair and competitive business environment. When the Government tried to ease worries during the year that there had been government-business collusion in the Cyberport project<sup>2</sup>, he initiated a

---

<sup>2</sup> On 26 and 27 January, 2005, a series of two articles authored by the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology (SCIT) were published in local Chinese and English newspapers. In

special meeting in the ITB Panel of LegCo to seek an explanation and clarification from the Government on this issue. He also requested that more information and correspondence exchanged between the Government and Pacific Century Group (now PCCW) relating to the project be disclosed in a bid to challenge the Government's lack of transparency and unfair practices over the deal.

During his speech in the Motion of Thanks to the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2005/06 and a motion debate on "Enacting a Fair Competition Law" in LegCo, I reiterated the importance of introducing laws in tandem with the establishment of a Competition Commission to break existing market monopolies in Hong Kong.

In June 2005, I was invited to join the Competition Policy Review Committee – an independent taskforce established by the Government to review existing competition policy and the composition, terms of reference and operations of the Competition Policy Advisory Group, which is chaired by the Financial Secretary. The review is expected to be completed in twelve months' time.

## **Green**

Electronic waste, commonly known as "e-waste", is a growing environmental problem for Hong Kong. The issue, however, receives little attention in the community.

As part of his unceasing efforts to foster greater public awareness of the environmental threat posed by e-waste, I wrote articles for newspaper columns and raised a council question in LegCo. Some of his suggestions included:

- Introducing a recycling law or producer responsibility program in Hong Kong to require manufacturers to pay for the recycling of e-waste;
- Implementing a comprehensive campaign to educate citizens about recycling electrical equipment and the proper handling of e-waste;
- Strengthening enforcement efforts to ensure that the operation of e-waste sites complies with the relevant statutory requirements and that no hazardous e-waste will be illegally imported or exported to/from Hong Kong;
- Applying stringent occupational health and safety standards to manufacturing and recycling plants in a bid to protect workers from hazardous materials.

In addition to championing the issue of e-waste, I also worked with the Democratic Party to support a statutory smoking ban in indoor workplaces,

---

the articles, SCIT gave an account of how the Cyberport project was conceived and carried forward in 1999, including the special grounds for awarding the project development right to Pacific Century Group (PCG) (now PCCW) and discussion of the Cyberport project at various committees of the Legislative Council (LegCo).

restaurants and public areas to fully protect citizens and employees against the hazards of second-hand smoke.

## **Housing**

I was reappointed as a Housing Authority Member for two years in April 2005. During the year, he focused on two housing issues, namely, the sale of surplus Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats, and the listing of the Link REIT.

With regards to the former, I raised a question in LegCo, undertook a survey and also a study on the benefits of selling surplus HOS flats to convince the Government to put 16,500 unoccupied HOS flats up for sale as soon as possible. Consequently, the Housing Authority (HA) agreed to study the proper handling of unsold HOS flats in 2005.

For the listing of the Link REIT, I supported the divestment plan as a means to raise revenue for the HA. As a member of the Housing Authority Supervisory Group on Divestment, I monitored the implementation, manpower and staff consultation strategies, as well as the public communication strategy, in relation to the sale of HA's retail and car-parking facilities. As the Link REIT listing will resume shortly, I will continue to monitor the progress of the divestment project in 2005/06.

## **Intellectual Property Rights**

I responded to a consultation exercise launched by the Government in December 2004 seeking the public's views on a number of copyright-related issues.

In his submission, I suggested that:

- A quantitative test should be introduced in the Copyright Ordinance (Cap.528) to determine whether the act of copying for research or private study purposes is fair dealing;
- A non-exhaustive regime of copyright exemption based on the principles of fair dealing should be introduced in Hong Kong;
- The existing period which parallel imports are subject to criminal and civil liability should be shortened;
- In cases of end-user piracy involving computer programs, the burden of proof of infringing copies should not be shifted to defendants;
- Introducing criminal sanctions against any person who manufactures to sell or deal in devices, products or components which circumvent effective technological measures applied to a copy of copyrighted work or who provides services on a commercial scale to enable or facilitate the circumvention of such effective technological measures.

The review of copyright-related issues will continue when respective copyright laws are presented to LegCo in 2005/06.

## Jobs

Long working hours is a common problem facing many ICT professionals. A poor work-life balance can adversely affect family life and the psychological well-being of employees. I, therefore, supports legislation to set a minimum wage and maximum working hours in Hong Kong.

Speaking at a LegCo motion debate on the issue, I urged the Government to enact a law pertaining to maximum working hours for the sake of improving the health and safety of local workers.

On the issue of a minimum wage, he recommended that a study be conducted to explore how the policy of a minimum wage could be implemented in phases across all industrial sectors.

## Knowing You

As an elected legislator acting as a bridge between the Government and the ICT industry, I has maintained regular dialogue with professional bodies, trade associations, academia and companies in the ICT industry. Through various means, I has striven to ascertain the needs and requirements of the industry and kept people and the media informed of his work. During the year, I:

- Launched a Company Visit Program and met with 20 companies to exchange views on a number of issues concerning the development of the ICT industry;
- Conducted 5 surveys on a various issues in the context of the ICT industry, economic policy, housing and CEPA;
- Organized 2 public forums to gauge the public's views on topics related to the Budget and CEPA;
- Revamped his Cyber Office to provide users with the latest information on issues relating to the ICT industry;
- Published 17 issues of his bi-weekly online newsletter, which included 4 special issues, and 2 editions of *MonITor* which was distributed to ITFC voters to keep the public abreast of his work in LegCo;
- Received 96 cases and public comments, which covered a wide range of subjects, including ICT policies, misconduct and deceptive business practices in the telecoms industry, housing and other miscellaneous social problems;
- Was invited to deliver 34 speeches at events and programs organized by the ICT industry and other professional groups;
- Issued 14 press releases;
- Launched a column in the Oriental Daily and posted all articles on his Cyber Office blog to share with the public his views on various social issues;
- Contributed 13 articles to newspapers on topics relating to the ICT

industry and economic issues.

## **LegCo Work**

As stipulated in the Basic Law, the functions of the Legislative Council are to enact, amend or repeal laws, examine and approve budgets introduced by the Government, approve taxation and public expenditure, receive and debate the policy addresses of the Chief Executive, raise questions on the work of the Government as well as to debate any issue concerning public interests.

In 2004/05, some of my work in LegCo included:

- Attending 36 Council Meetings for a 97.3% attendance rate;
- Joining 16 Bills Committees and 4 Sub-committees on Subsidiary Legislation and serving as the Chairman on two of these committees;
- Serving as Chairman of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting and as a Member of 4 other panels, including Commerce and Industry, Constitutional Affairs, Economic Services and Financial Affairs;
- Serving as the Vice Chairman of Member's Interest Committees and as a Member of the Finance, and House Committee;
- Moving 1 motion, amending 1 motion;
- Delivering 30 speeches during motion debates concerning various social issues; and
- Raising 20 council questions.

## **Money**

In March 2005, the Democratic Party (DP) and I submitted their recommendations to the Financial Secretary on 2005/06 Budget. Among these proposals, DP and I:

- Successfully persuaded the Government to introduce an allowance for unemployed dependent parents between 55 and 60 years of age, and raise the Child Tax Allowance to \$40,000 per annum;
- Successfully persuaded the Government that now is not the right time to consider a Goods and Services Tax;
- Called for the introduction of an environmental protection tax, to which the Government responded constructively by agreeing to study the possibility of levying a tax on plastic bags and tyres;
- Successfully demanded that the Government undertake a study on the pros and cons of abolishing the estate duty, and that it maintain the current mechanism and levels of duty on alcoholic beverages.

In response to the 2005/06 Budget, I also raised a total of 71 written questions in a bid to examine the Government's expenditure and plans for the coming year.

<b>Budget questions on:</b>	<b>No. of questions</b>
ICT industry development	5
Innovation Technology	6
IT infrastructure and information security	3
E-government	5
Telecommunications	3
IT manpower and IT in education	5
Broadcasting and film services	3
Subtotal ( <i>related to IT policy</i> )	30
Economic and other social issues	31
Total:	71

## **Nurturing IT Professionals**

As part of my persistent efforts to raise the IT industry's professional status, he worked closely with the Working Group for Registration System for IT Professionals, which is chaired by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, to discuss how a registration framework could be established for IT professionals. Two meetings were held to discuss this issue, and the professional groups set out a minimum benchmark for registration of IT professional. I continues to follow up this issue and the group is expected to consider various approaches that could be used to implement the registration framework in the coming year.

During the year, I also carefully monitored suggestions for the development of a Qualification Framework<sup>3</sup> (QF) for the ICT industry. The framework aims to clearly define the standards of various qualifications and to ensure the quality and the articulation ladders between different levels of qualifications for different industry sectors.

I support the establishment of QF as it will help reduce mismatches between manpower requirements and supply in the ICT industry, thereby improving the quality of the IT workforce in long run. As such, he advised and exchanged views with the Education and Manpower Bureau and Office of the Government Chief Information Officer on how QF could be formed within the ICT industry.

## **Overseas Trips**

During the year, I had the opportunity to participate in a number of overseas trips to promote and raise the profile of Hong Kong's ICT industry worldwide.

In May 2005, I and the Internet Professionals Association led an industry delegation to Bahrain to participate in the Global ICT Summit 2005. The delegation met with the Bahrain Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and the Bahrain Internet Society to explore business opportunities for Hong Kong's ICT industry in the Middle East.

I also joined a delegation organized by the Hong Kong Computer Society to Japan in June 2005. The delegation met with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan, R&D institutes and prominent enterprises to learn more about Japan's IT policies and the latest developments within the wireless and mobile industry. During the visit, I had the chance to introduce the competitive advantages of Hong Kong's ICT industry to MIC.

To develop a better understanding of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology trends and how GIS can be applied in Hong Kong, I attended the 25th ESRI International Users Conference in San Diego in late July 2005.

---

<sup>3</sup> Visit [www.emb.gov.hk](http://www.emb.gov.hk) for more details on QF.

The conference proved to be very useful as participants shared their experiences and best practices relating to GIS technology and its myriad applications in other countries.

## Promoting R&D

Like other major world cities, Hong Kong's industrial competitiveness and quality of life depends on its ability to retain its leading edge in the research & development of information and communication technologies. However, our capabilities in deploying and commercializing R&D deliverables remains disproportionately low, despite the Government's substantial investment in R&D over the past few years.<sup>4</sup> During his last term, I successfully convinced the Government to review the Innovation and Technology Fund in early 2004.

In 2004/05, when Government released the New Strategic Framework for Innovation and Technology Development, I:

- Reviewed the proposal and submitted his ideas on the funding mechanism for the industry's participation in R&D projects under the new strategy; and
- Collaborated with "IT Matters for Hong Kong"<sup>5</sup> and met with the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology in January 2005 to lobby for the establishment of an R&D Centre for ICT. **This idea has been successfully incorporated and the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI) will establish an ICT R&D Center covering four R&D programs<sup>6</sup>.**

To help the industry understand proposals pertaining to the new ICT R&D Center, I also initiated a meeting with ASTRI in June 2005 to allow members of the ICT industry to exchange views on the issue.

---

<sup>4</sup> The HK\$5 billion Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) was launched on 1 November, 1999, to finance projects that contribute to upgrading innovation or technology in industry, as well as those that contribute to the development of industry. As of the end of 2003, the ITF had already supported more than 500 projects at a cost of about HK\$1.43 billion.

<sup>5</sup> The supporting organizations of "IT Matters for Hong Kong" Campaign include: Hong Kong Computer Society, Hong Kong Information Technology Federation, Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association, and Information and Software Industry Association.

<sup>6</sup> The four R&D programs include: advanced personal and home networking technologies, broadband wireless mobile platforms, cellular communications solutions and applications, and digital television broadcast technologies and applications.

## Questions

Raising questions in LegCo is a useful way to monitor and push forward the work of the Government. In 2004/05, I raised a total of 20 questions – 3 oral and 17 written. Some of the issues I raised included:

- Including IT courses in the Continuing Education Fund;
- Promoting the use of wireless services and technologies;
- Migration of the Internet Protocol adopted for Internet infrastructure from version 4 to version 6;
- Handling of e-waste;
- Automated Passenger Clearance System;
- Adoption of vehicle location technology;
- Third Generation Communication and Mobilizing System in the Fire Services Communication Centre;
- Installation of telecommunications transmission equipment on government buildings or land;
- Measures to support the development of Hong Kong's software industry;
- Provision of assistance to Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.

## RTHK

The broadcasting services of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) is one of the key issues that I worked on during the year.

With regard to ongoing concerns about the accommodation needs of RTHK, he urged the Government to expedite the re-provisioning of the new Broadcasting House so that RTHK will be able to upgrade its facilities to prepare for and accelerate implementation of digital broadcasting.

Regarding RTHK's role and programming policy, I reiterated that RTHK should uphold its editorial independence and continue to provide a platform for free and unfettered expression of views.

However, as a public service broadcaster funded by taxpayers, I advocated that RTHK conduct a comprehensive review of its operational efficiency, programming arrangements and the direction of its future services.

To enhance RTHK's accountability to the public, he also recommended that RTHK consider holding open forums for the public to air their views on its broadcasting services.

## **Security**

In view of growing security threats posed by emerging technologies, I established in October 2005 a Working Group on Information Security (IS) with 5 IS-related professional bodies to promote greater awareness of IS.

The Working Group held 5 meetings during the year and came up with a discussion paper outlining IS challenges and recommendations for Hong Kong. The paper was submitted to the Digital 21 Strategy Advisory Committee under the Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau. In June 2005, the Working Group also conducted the Hong Kong Information Security Annual Survey to better understand IT professionals' views on local IS development. As the first survey of its kind in Hong Kong, it attracted widespread media coverage.

In response, the Government set up a task force, which includes the involvement of members of the ICT industry, in July 2005 to devise an action plan for addressing the various IS issues and challenges presented in the discussion paper.

Apart from the Working Group's suggestions, the problem of spamming continued to receive my utmost attention, and he responded to the two rounds of consultation exercises launched by the Government between late-2004 and mid-2005.

In addition, I also expressed his concerns about the proliferation of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS)-generated spam. He requested that OFTA address this growing problem by exploring the possibility of adopting a "calling party pays" charging formula, or to revise the existing settlement arrangements for interconnection charges between fixed and mobile network operators to discourage direct marketing companies from making calls indiscriminately from their fixed telephone lines.

I will continue to monitor the spamming issue and scrutinize the proposed anti-spam law which is expected to be presented to LegCo in 2006.

## **Transport**

Hong Kong lags far behind other cities, such as Japan, Singapore and South Korea, in developing an Intelligent Transport System (ITS). To promote the applications of advanced technologies to improve Hong Kong's transport system, I:

- Met with ITS operators within the ICT industry in February 2005 to evaluate the development of ITS in Hong Kong;
- Convened several meetings with the Transport Department (TD) and ITS operators between March and June to review and assess the need for enhancing the ITS infrastructure;

- Successfully organized a briefing session on ITS for the ICT industry on 7 July, 2005, to provide a useful platform for the Transport Department (TD) to update members within the industry of the Government's ITS strategy and to exchange views on the matter. About 40 participants attended this briefing session.

Following discussions with ICT industry members, I set up a Working Group in August 2005, in collaboration with ITS operators and trade associations in the wireless industries, to explore the possibility of establishing some sort of consortium among ICT and transport operators. In 2005/06, I will continue to work with the industry to push for greater implementation of ITS in Hong Kong.

## **Ubiquitous Information Society**

Published in May 2004, the Ubiquitous Information Society (UIS) is my third blueprint for Hong Kong's ICT development. By capitalizing on the advanced information infrastructure, expertise in value-added services and top-notch IT manpower, I's goal is to establish a new technology paradigm that will revitalize the ICT industry, create jobs and enhance the industrial capabilities of all other sectors, and ultimately position Hong Kong as a leader in the region.

During the year, I has gradually been actualizing his proposals. In the coming years, he will maintain this momentum and continue to work closely with the industry to turn his vision into reality, which will see Hong Kong become a world-class UIS that enjoys human rights, rule of law, fair competition, democracy and economic prosperity.

## **VOIP**

Throughout the year, I continued to monitor and express his views on a regulatory framework for emerging technologies. When OFTA launched its consultation exercise on the regulation of IP technology<sup>7</sup> in October 2004, I responded to the consultation and expressed his views that:

- The "technology neutrality" principle should be upheld to ensure that new regulations do not obstruct the adoption of new technologies;
- IP Telephony services be regarded as "Internet Applications" and need not be regulated under the Fixed Telecommunications Network Services Licensing framework;
- New class number blocks should be allocated to IP Telephony service to enable the public to distinguish IP services from conventional telephony services;

---

<sup>7</sup> IP Telephony or voice over IP are public telecommunications services for voice transmission, which may be integrated with the transmissions of data, text, image, video or multimedia communications, over the Internet or managed IP-based networks.

- All IP Telephony service providers should be subject to policy and regulations of existing interconnection charge arrangements;
- The provision of free access to emergency services, backup power supply and directory enquiries services should not be treated as mandatory requirements for IP Telephony services providers. However, IP Telephony services providers should be required to clearly communicate to their potential customers the limitations of their services before signing any contract.

In response to I and the industry's concerns, OFTA finalized the policy, regulatory and licensing framework of IP Telephony services on 20 June, 2005, in which a number of the policies advocated by I were adopted.

## **Wireless Technology**

As part of his ongoing efforts to promote wireless technologies, I set up a Working Group on Wireless Technology in December 2004 with the goal to develop proposals at policy level to foster widespread adoption of wireless technologies in Hong Kong. The Working Group consists of representatives from four trade associations, in addition to one member who participated in a personal capacity.

During the year, I convened 3 meetings and the Working Group discussed various issues, including a wish list for the wireless industry and the possibility of arranging business networking activities in the Mainland.

For the wish list, the Working Group came up with a Joint Submission containing a package of measures that help address challenges facing the wireless technology industry. The Joint Submission was submitted to the Digital 21 Strategy Advisory Committee in April 2005. The Government agreed to consult various Government bureaux and departments regarding the proposals presented in the Submission.

To facilitate business networking activities in the Mainland, I liaised with the relevant Mainland authorities and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC) to explore ways to increase the presence of local wireless technology industries in Guangdong and surrounding provinces. To facilitate this, TDC agreed to accelerate its efforts to arrange business matching activities in the Mainland market for those in the wireless industry.

In addition to hosting regular working group meetings, I also initiated 2 discussion sessions with ASTRI and the Transport Department to discuss, respectively, an idea to set up an R&D ICT center and an Intelligent Transport System.

## **eXpert**

To regularly gauge opinions within the industry on various issues related to the ICT sector and to enable the industry to monitor my work in LegCo, an Advisory Committee consisting of representatives of different professional bodies was established in 1998.

In 2004/05, 48 members joined the Advisory Committee and 9 meetings were held to seek, among other things, their views on the following issues:

- Inclusion of IT-related courses under the Continuing Education Fund;
- New strategy for Innovation and Technology;
- Liberalization measures under CEPA;
- Infringement activities on peer-to-peer technology;
- Public consultation on the Review of Certain Provisions of the Copyright Ordinance;
- The next wave of e-government;
- Policy Address;
- Budget Address;
- Helping the victims of the Boxing Day Tsunami.

On 5 May, 2005, I also arranged a meeting between Mr. Howard Dickson, the newly appointed Government Chief Information Officer, and Committee members to exchange views on a number of issues and challenges facing the ICT industry.

## Youth

As an information society, a competent and rich pool of IT talent is one of Hong Kong's most precious resources. Regrettably, the number of students pursuing IT-related studies has been suffering from a substantial decline in recent years. The fall in enrolment has not only resulted in a shortage of quality IT manpower, it also threatens to significantly stifle the healthy development of the IT industry, which increasingly relies on innovative and creative minds.

To encourage more youths to pursue an education in IT and to prepare them for a career in the IT sector, in August 2005 I dedicated a great deal of time and effort into organizing an **"IT for Youth"** Campaign, in collaboration with local universities' IT departments, non-profit organizations, professional bodies, trade associations and companies in the ICT industry.

Through public awareness programs, including a manpower study, student survey, publication of an ICT Career Guidance Booklet, school visits, seminars on career choices and media programs, my goal is to demonstrate to students, teachers and career councillors that IT, as a key driving force behind the long-term economic growth of Hong Kong, is an exciting, challenging and rewarding career for all young people to pursue.

## LegCo Work

### Bills and subsidiary legislation

In 2004/05, I joined the following Bills Committees.

<b><u>Bills</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2004	11	9
Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill 2004	2	1
Aviation Security (Amendment) Bill 2005	3	1
Banking (Amendment) Bill 2005 )	4	4
Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2005*	5	5
Chief Executive Election (Amendment) (Term of Office of the Chief Executive) Bill	6	5
Citibank (Hong Kong) Limited (Merger) Bill	1	0
Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Bill	1	0
Revenue (Allowances For Tax) Bill 2005	1	1
Revenue (Personalized Vehicle Registration Marks) Bill 2005	4	3
Revenue (Abolition of Estate Duty) Bill 2005	14	14
Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2005	2	2
Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2005	2	1
Financial Reporting Council Bill	2	2
Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Bill	1	0
Revenue (Profits Tax Exemption for Offshore Funds) Bill 2005	1	1

In 2004/05, I joined the following sub-committees on subsidiary legislation

<b><u>Sub-legislation</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>attendance</u></b>
Subcommittee on International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) (World Trade Organization) Order (Chairman)	2	2
Subcommittee on the Proposed Resolution under Section 4(2) of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109)	1	1
Subcommittee on Proposed Resolutions under Section 22 of the Tung Chung Cable Car Ordinance (Cap. 577)	2	2
Subcommittee on Telecommunications (Designation of Frequency Bands Subject to Payment of Spectrum Utilization Fee) (Amendment) Order 2004, Telecommunications (Method for Determining Spectrum Utilization Fees)	2	2

(Third Generation Mobile Services) (Amendment)  
Regulation 2004 and Telecommunications (Level of  
Spectrum Utilization Fees) (Second Generation  
Mobile Services) (Chairman)

\*I was the Chairman in this committee.

## Council Questions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Abstract</u>
13.10.04	Oral	New facilitation policy for Mainland enterprises to invest in Hong Kong and Macau	Questioned on the measures to be tied in with the implementation of the investment facilitation policy.
3.11.2004	Written	Tax deductions for MPF contributions	Whether the Government has assessed the number of cases each year since the implementation of MPFS in which taxpayers did not raise objection to their tax assessment even though their employee's MPF contributions have not been deducted, and the total amount of money involved, and whether it will review these cases and refund the excess tax collected to the taxpayers concerned.
24.11.04	Written	Inclusion of IT courses in Continuing Education Fund	Whether the Government will consider including under the coverage of CEF those training courses related to the professional skills in information technology, such as information security, systems audit and project management.
8.12.04	Written	Public policy and industry development researches on individual industries	Whether the Government will consider setting up an assistance scheme to encourage associations of the IT and telecommunications industries to conduct public policy researches or industry development researches on their respective sectors.
15.12.04	Written	Promoting the use of wireless services and technologies	Requested the Government to provide the progress report about the pilot projects on wireless and mobile services and technologies recommended to the Government by the Task Force on the Promotion of Wireless Services and Technology.
26.1.05	Written	Qualified domestic institutional investors	Questioned on the details of specific measures to attract

26.1.05	Written	(QDII) scheme Announcements of information on aircraft occurrences	QDII to invest in Hong Kong. Pressed the Government to publish regularly the information of aircraft occurrence.
26.1.05	Written	Migration of the Internet Protocol adopted for Internet infrastructure from version 4 to version 6	Pushed the Government to devise a work plan, such as setting up a coordination task force, establishing a research and development centre to support the development of products and services compatible with IPv6.
2.2.05	Written	Measures to support the development of Hong Kong's software industry	Whether the Government will establish a software centre in Hong Kong to provide software quality testing services and develop the "software development process improvement" technology, so as to support the development of Hong Kong as a collecting and distributing hub of software for the Mainland and overseas regions as well as cooperate with software enterprises in the Mainland to secure orders for outsourced software from all over the world
23.3.05	Written	Credit rating of individuals	Whether the Government will draw up a mechanism to encourage more competition in the market of credit database so that members of the public can submit their credit ratings from another agency to the financial institutions processing their loan applications, in order to avoid rejection of applications due to unjustified credit ratings.
2.3.05	Written	Breakdown of the stock trading system	Questioned on the measures taken by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited to reduce the frequency of computer failure.
9.3.05	Written	Handling of electronic waste	Pushed the Government to formulate a comprehensive policy to tackle the problem of electronic waste.
16.3.05	Written	Automated Passenger Clearance System	Questioned on the utilization and effectiveness of the

20.4.05	Written	Abuse of the Protection of Wages on Insolvency Fund	Automated Passenger Clearance System. Whether the Government will consider scaling the levy rates of the business registration certificates by trades and charge a higher levy on the certificates for those trades which were often involved in arrears of wages.
27.4.05	Written	Third Generation Communication and Mobilizing System in the Fire Services Communication Centre	Requested for the reasons of and measures to tackle the failure of the Third Generation Communication and Mobilizing System in the Fire Services Communication Centre
11.5.05	Written	Provision of assistance to Hong Kong residents in the Mainland	Requested the Government to expand the functions of the Government's offices in the Mainland so as to provide more comprehensive support to Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.
8.6.05	Written	Adoption of vehicle location technology	Whether the Government has studied the feasibility of adopting similar location technology for the vehicle fleets of other government departments, so as to improve the efficiency of vehicle deployment; if it has, of the details of the study, the expenditure involved in the introduction of such technology.
15.6.05	Oral	Disposal of vacant HOS flats	Pushed the Government to advance the sale of the unoccupied HOS flats and setting a higher annual sales figure.
22.6.05	Written	Installation of telecommunications transmission equipment on government buildings or lands	Whether there are new initiatives to facilitate the mobile network operators ' installing telecommunications transmission equipment;
6.7.05	Oral	Proposal to recruit people with political aspirations to serve as administrative assistants to policy secretaries	Requested for the details of the proposal to recruit people with political aspirations to serve as administrative assistants to policy secretaries.

## **Motions**

I moved the following motion in year 2004/05.

### **Investment income of the Exchange Fund (passed)**

That this Council urges the Government to review the existing agreement between the Government and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority on the methodology for sharing the Exchange Fund's investment income, and allocate more investment income of the Exchange Fund to the Government, so as to increase government revenue.

### **Deepening the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (Amendment to original) (passed)**

"That, as the SAR Government has just completed its study on the economic benefits of the first phase of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement ('CEPA I'), and the business sector and professional organizations have respectively expressed their views on ways to improve CEPA, this Council urges the Government to take proactive measures to respond to the aspirations expressed by various sectors in the review of CEPA, including:

- a) strengthening its promotion efforts to attract Mainland enterprises to set up offices in Hong Kong for developing the international market, and pursuing with the Central Authorities the relaxation of the control of capital flows, with a view to implementing the investment facilitation policy for Mainland enterprises to invest in Hong Kong and Macao;
- b) assisting Hong Kong businessmen in overcoming the trade barriers they encounter in various Mainland provinces and cities, improving the customs clearance facilities, and promoting the trading of goods, so as to assist the development of local industries and to create local job opportunities;
- c) stepping up its promotion efforts to encourage low-skilled people of Hong Kong to start their businesses in the Mainland by setting up individually owned stores;
- d) pursuing with the Central Authorities the admittance of Hong Kong professionals to the Mainland to set up their businesses and practice there, so as to facilitate the trade in services;
- e) enhancing its support for those Hong Kong people who work and operate businesses in the Mainland, e.g. by strengthening the

functions of the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong, so as to render assistance to Hong Kong residents who encounter in the Mainland such difficulties as trade or legal disputes and threats to personal safety;

f) discussing with the Central Authorities the early implementation of the Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors scheme for promoting Mainlanders' investments in Hong Kong; and

g) discussing with the Central Authorities according national treatment to Hong Kong companies operating in the Mainland."

## Panels and Committees

In 2004/05, I joined 5 Panels and 3 Committees, including:

<b><u>Panels</u></b>	<b><u>No. of meeting</u></b>	<b><u>attendance</u></b>
Information Technology and Broadcasting*	13	13
Commerce and Industry	11	11
Constitutional Affairs	15	15
Economic Services	14	9
Financial Affairs	14	11
<b><u>Committees</u></b>		
Finance Committee	13	12
Members' Interest Committee	4	4
House Committee	35	28

\*I was the Chairman of this Panel/Committee.

## Working with the Industry

### Advisory Committee

To regularly gauge opinions from the industry on various issues relating to IT & Telecom sector and, to enable the industry to monitor CK's work in LegCo, CK has set up an Advisory Committee that consisted of representatives of different professional bodies and trade associations since 1998.

#### Terms of Reference

1. To discuss and review current IT and Telecoms issues/policies and make recommendations for consideration by the Government.
2. To provide a platform for the Legislator to report the LegCo work and collect the industry views on IT and Telecoms development of Hong Kong.
3. To maintain regular communications and foster closer relationships with individuals and organizations in the IT and Telecoms industry.

#### Membership

<b>Professional Bodies</b>	
<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>	<b><u>Representatives</u></b>
Association Computing Machinery (Hong Kong Chapter)	Dr. Ronnie CHEUNG Dr. Franklin LAM
British Computer Society	Ir KWOK Sui Ping
Hong Kong Computer Society	Dr. CK WONG Mr. Stephen LAU
Information Security and Forensics Society	Mr. FUNG Wai Wa Mr. Vincent IP Mr. Anthony FUNG
Information Systems Audit and Control Association (Hong Kong Chapter)	Ms. Susanna CHIU Mr. Vincent CHAN
Internet Professionals Association	Mr. Ringo LAM Mr. PK CHAN
Professional Information Security Association	Mr. Andy HO Mr. SC LEUNG
Project Management Institute Hong Kong	Ms Rosana HO Mr. Bobby HO
The Hong Kong Association Computer Education	Mr. CHENG Che Hung Mr. KWOK But
The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (IT Division)	Dr. Herman TSUI
The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Hong Kong Section (CAS/COM)	Dr. Peter TAM
The Institute of Electrical and Electronic	Dr. MAK Man Wai

Engineers Hong Kong Section (Computer Chapter)	Dr. Philip Heng Wai LEONG
The Institute of Electronic Engineers Hong Kong	Ms. Robin BRADBEEER Dr. K F TSANG
<b>Trade Association</b>	
Hong Kong Information Technology Federation	Mr. Francis FONG Ms Judy LEUNG
Hong Kong Internet Service Providers Association	Mr. Eddy KUK Mr. Ronald KWAN Mr. Henry YEUNG Mr. Gannis YUEN
Hong Kong Linux Industry Association	Mr. David CHOW
Hong Kong and Mainland Software Industry Cooperation Association	Mr. William CHAN Mr. Joe LUO
Hong Kong Radio Paging Association	Mr. Kit CHAN Mr. Leo KAN
Hong Kong Retail Technology Industry Association	Mr. K K SUEN
Hong Kong Satellite Master Antenna Television Association	Mr. Fred LEE Mr. Derek TSANG
Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association	Mr. Anthony CHUNG Mr. Ken FONG
Information Security and Forensics Society	Mr. FUNG Wai Wa Mr. Anthony FUNG Mr. Vincent IP
Information and Software Industry Association	Mr. Darren LEUNG Mr. Reggie WONG
Internet & Telecom Association of Hong Kong	Mr. Gilbert CHAN Mr. Tony CHEUNG
The Society of External Telecommunications Service Providers	Mr. Tony LEUNG

### Meetings

Total no. of meetings: 9

<u>Date of meeting</u>	<u>Discussion subjects</u>
28.10.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultation exercise on the Regulation of IP Telephony</li> <li>- Consultation exercise on the Administration's proposal to lift prior approval requirement on PCCW-HKT Telephone Limited's prices</li> <li>- "Reforming the Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education - Actions for Investing in the Future"</li> <li>- Public Consultation on the Regulation of Card Issuers for Prepaid Telecommunications Services</li> <li>- Self-education Expenses Qualified for the Deduction as</li> </ul>

Prescribed in Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112)

- 9.12.04
  - Policy Address Proposal to Chief Executive
  - Public consultation paper on unsolicited electronic messages
  - Proposal on Illegal IDD traffic bypass
  - Amendment of Telecommunications (Telecommunications Apparatus) (Exemption from Licensing) Order
  
- 6.1.05
  - Recommendation list for Continuous Education Fund
  - Cyberport project
  - Policy Address
  - Review of the Innovation and Technology Fund and Applied Research Fund
  - Consultation Document on Review of Certain Provisions of Copyright Ordinance
  - New strategy of Innovation and Technology
  - Relief measures for the Victims of South Asia's Tsunami
  
- 17.2.05
  - Unauthorized downloading of copyright works from the Internet
  - Policy Address
  
- 6.3.05
  - The 2005-06 Budget
  - CEPA 3 wish list and CEPA 3 Forum
  - E-government - The Next Wave
  - Report on result of consultation on proposals to contain the problem of unsolicited electronic messages
  - Consultation exercise on the licensing framework for the deployment of BWA
  
- 14.4.05
  - Inclusion of IT-related courses under Continuous Education Fund
  - Response to consultation paper on BWA
  - Revised CEPA 3 wish list
  - Progress on CEPA3 forum
  - The 2005-06 Budget questions
  - Implementation of Computer Information System Integration Qualification Certification under CEPA II
  - IT Easy Link Services
  - Broadcasting services of RTHK
  - Progress report on the four funding schemes for small and medium enterprises
  
- 5.5.05
  - Meeting with Mr. Howard Dickson
- 9.6.05
  - Revised CEPA 3 wish list
  - Progress on CEPA3 forum
  - IT Manpower and University IT student recruitment
  - Tax issues in doing business in China
  - Promoting the Development of the Digital Entertainment Industry in Hong Kong - Strategy and Measures
  - Spamming arising from the use of Interactive Voice Response

## System (IVRS) technology

- 7.7.05 - IT manpower and university IT student recruitment campaign
- Proposed anti-spam legislation
- Broadcasting services of RTHK
- Domestic/private pirated viewing of subscription television programmes
- Consultation exercise on the regulation of IP Telephony
- Proposals on various copyright-related issues

## **Working Groups**

### **1. Closer IT Partnership with Mainland China**

Date of Establishment: March 2005

Total no. of meetings: 4

#### Membership

Mr. Alexander Huang, Regional Director, Great China Region, c/o Microsoft Hong Kong Limited

Dr. C. K. Wong, CEO, c/o iASPEC Services Limited

Ms. Chan M Peggy, Managing Director, c/o Excel Technology Int'l (HK) Ltd

Mr. Charles Mok, President, Hong Kong Information Technology Federation

Mr. Daniel Lai, Head of Information Technology, c/o MTRC

Mr. David Chow, Chairman, Hong Kong Linux Industry Association

Mr. Sam-Lo Yip, c/o EPRO Systems Limited

Ms Satti Wong, Chairman, Information and Software Industry Association

Mr. Sin Chung Kai, Legislative Councillor (IT)

Mr. Timothy Cheung, General Manager, c/o IBM Hong Kong

Ms Yvonne Chia, Solicitor, Partner, Stevenson, Wong & Co.

### **2. Information Security**

Date of establishment: October 2004

Number of meetings: 5

#### Membership

Hong Kong Computer Society, Information Security Specialist Group

Information Security and Forensic Society

Information Systems Audit and Control Association

Information Systems Security Association Hong Kong Chapter

Professional Information Security Association

Mr. Sin Chung Kai, Legislative Councillor (IT)

### **3. Wireless Technology**

Date of establishment: December 2004

Total no of Meetings: 3

#### Membership

Hong Kong Retail Technology Industry Association

Hong Kong Wireless Technology Industry Association

Internet & Telecom Association of Hong Kong

Wimax Forum Asia Pacific

Mr. Jefferson Wat

Mr. Sin Chung Kai, Legislative Councillor (IT)

## In Touch with the Public

### SCK Cyber Office

In February 2005, a new version of the SCK Cyber office was launched. The outlook and content of the Cyber Office was improved to provide users with more updated government information and news from ICT industry, LegCo and my office.

### e-Newsletter

Published on every alternate Thursday during my term in LegCo, this e-Newsletter is designed to keep the public in touch what I is doing. During the year, 17 issues and 4 special issues were published, going to over 3 500 subscribers.

### MonITor

Apart from e-Newsletter, two issues of MonITor which reported my work in LegCo were published.

### Responding to letters and emails

In 2004/05, I received 96 cases and public comments, which covered a wide range of subjects, including ICT policies, misconduct and deceptive business practices in the telecoms industry, housing and other miscellaneous social problems.

### Submission/Policy paper

Policy Address Proposal (IT) 2004 to the Chief Executive	11.04
回應《處理未經收件人許可而發出的電子訊息問題的諮詢文件》 (Chinese only)	11.04
Response to VoIP consultation (Chinese only)	12.04
回應《含酒精稅應課稅品諮詢文件》(Chinese only)	2.05
《民主黨零五/零六年度財政預算案》建議書 (Chinese only)	9.3.05
Response to Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) consultation	18.3.05
Joint submission on Recommendations to the Promotion of Wireless and Mobile Technology Industry in Hong Kong	26.4.05
《立法會動議辯論--外匯基金投資收益》政策文件 (Chinese only)	27.5.05
《回應「檢討《版權條例》的若干條文」諮詢文件》意見書 (Chinese only)	30.5.05
香港資訊科技界對《內地與香港關於建立更緊密經貿關係安排》第 三階段放寬措施的期望 (第四稿) (Chinese only)	19.4.05
居屋政策檢討	9.05

### Survey

市民對新鈔票的調查報告	29.10.04
增外匯基金投資分帳 無痛紓財赤	1.12.04

市民不認同減酒稅 民主黨籲維持酒稅稅制及稅率	30.1.05
市民稱政府在內地支援港人措施不足	23.6.05
Information Security Annual Survey	17.7.05

### Forum

財政預算案前瞻街頭論壇	27.2.05
「尋找新機遇：資訊科技界看 CEPA3」論壇	5.5.05

### Press releases

提升香港競爭力 單仲偕促政府重視科技	14.10.04
民主黨議員見財政司 開源建議為庫房增三百億元	15.11.04
民主黨公佈財政預算案完整建議書 – 以「公平競爭 稅務寬減 消滅貧窮」為重心 提出愈 270 項收入及開支建議	9.3.05
回應財政預算案：務實，但未能紓緩中產的稅務負擔	16.3.05
倡增撥外匯基金投資收益予政府	27.5.05
停售居屋損失過百億 民主黨建議提早重售	30.5.05
提早重售居屋民意調查 近六成人贊成今年重售	28.6.05
IT Professionals plea for more proactive Government involvement in building Hong Kong's information security capabilities	4.7.05
業界促政府訂長遠策略 鞏固香港資訊保安的根基	

### Articles

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Media agency</u>	<u>Date</u>
com.hk 故障揭示資訊基建管理危機 (Chinese only)	信報	4.11.04
Review on domain name administration policies needed	ComputerWorld	1.12.04
More Digital Entertainment Coming Soon	iBulletin, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce	1.1.05
Top ten information security challenges for Hong Kong in 2005	ComputerWorld	10.3.05
電訊業界冀 CEPA3 尋找新機遇 (Chinese only)		28.4.05
Tech solutions for Hong Kong's traffic woes	ComputerWorld	10.8.05

### Column

From 16 March to 10 July 2005, I contributed a series of articles to a column in Oriental Daily on various topics of social issues. The list of article is set out as follows:

唐英年今天應該做的三件事	16.3.05
--------------	---------

唐英年的三粒糖	17.3.05
減稅與減赤並不是魚與熊掌	18.3.05
狼又來了	19.3.05
重整隧道資源刻不容緩	20.3.05
三位財爺各有千秋	21.3.05
八大要素四大支柱	22.3.05
遺產稅與薪俸稅的緩急先後	23.3.05
參選特首	24.3.05
復售居屋一舉三得	25.3.05
電子「寶藥黨」	26.3.05
監管濫發電郵	27.3.05
結婚周年	28.3.05
遊上海	29.3.05
由一人獨大到集體負責	30.3.05
電訊業真正的保本投資	31.3.05
街頭戰士作特首	1.4.05
現代版「垂簾聽政」	2.4.05
BT 等於無品味 (Bad Taste) ?	3.4.05
電力電訊南轅北轍	4.4.05
疑人要用 用人也疑	5.4.05
監察議員	6.4.05
曾蔭權的第一把火	7.4.05
修改《基本法》	8.4.05
教宗叮囑，你們聽見嗎？	9.4.05
建構和諧社會	10.4.05
匯聚資訊科技的光芒	11.4.05
港台的新大樓	12.4.05
電訊業的新秩序	13.4.05
頻譜	14.4.05
話停就停	15.4.05
紅客黑客	16.4.05
電子廢物	17.4.05
機械式謾罵	18.4.05
出售領匯皆大歡喜	19.4.05
一年一度傾 CEPA	20.4.05
也豪賭一場	21.4.05
與喬曉陽會面	22.4.05
我要去遊行	23.4.05
回鄉證	24.4.05
資歷架構	25.4.05
笑談普通話	26.4.05
董建華的反對票	27.4.05
蠱惑天王	28.4.05
讓港人發聲	29.4.05

IDD 任打的啟示	30.4.05
五一勞動節	1.5.05
理財之道	2.5.05
威武文明之師	3.5.05
五四青年節	4.5.05
當香港軟件走進內	5.5.05
大中華自由貿易區	6.5.05
精神特質	7.5.05
不一樣的媽媽	8.5.05
擴建會展不宜再拖	9.5.05
漢武大帝	10.5.05
香港．湖北周	11.5.05
稅務政策點、線、面	12.5.05
IT 人才荒再現？	13.5.05
消防處的 CC3	14.5.05
網絡上的禮儀	15.5.05
規管預繳服務	16.5.05
更遠還是更近？	17.5.05
28.8 元的故事	18.5.05
數碼「新世代」	19.5.05
升國旗	20.5.05
豔舞求出路？	21.5.05
內購樓花須增透明度	22.5.05
誰要舊電腦？	23.5.05
難以抗拒的誘惑	24.5.05
區議會訪京	25.5.05
虛擬間諜	26.5.05
劇假！情真？	27.5.05
駕車自由行	28.5.05
李永達何懼之有？	29.5.05
停售居屋損失過百億	30.5.05
無烟每一天	31.5.05
雙重認證又如何	1.6.05
新加坡的資訊保安策略	2.6.05
外匯基金投資收益議案	3.6.05
誰也不能隱藏歷史	4.6.05
推動公平競爭的法門	5.6.05
無所不在	6.6.05
可以做更好	7.6.05
為旅發局「衡工量值」	8.6.05
香港總督曾蔭權	9.6.05
食物營養標籤	10.6.05
手掌靜脈取代指紋	11.6.05
3G.4G	12.6.05

無線網絡新生代	13.6.05
若太吸引怎麼辦？	14.6.05
促銷電話氾濫	15.6.05
未知天命	16.6.05
曲終人未散	17.6.05
智能運輸要急起直追	18.6.05
不要問只要信？	19.6.05
亞洲資訊科研發展	20.6.05
業界參與，有利科研發展	21.6.05
IP 電話服務新政策	22.6.05
濫發電子訊息怎樣管？	23.6.05
反濫發訊息的執法問題	24.6.05
香港電台的身份危機	25.6.05
BBC 的改革	26.6.05
曾蔭權的旋轉門	27.6.05
政務助理 – 非培訓政治人才	28.6.05
網上訂票	29.6.05
不要搞我	30.6.05
新的七．一意義	1.7.05
網絡公民的責任	2.7.05
兩局合併宜盡快上馬	3.7.05
公私營合作 發展智能運輸	4.7.05
聽得到的網頁	5.7.05
又要瞓街	6.7.05
三分還是五分？	7.7.05
抖暑	8.7.05
「人在做、天在看」	9.7.05
在誰人的面上貼金	10.7.05

## **Speech**

IT sector: trends and problems	7.10.04
<i>Luncheon Seminar of Information Technology Management Club, The Hong Kong Management Association</i>	
Speech delivered at the Grand Opening Ceremony of Ricoh Solution Fair 2004	11.10.04
<i>Ricoh Hong Kong Limited</i>	
Cyber Law	13.10.04
<i>Information Technology Seminar organized by Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Tsing Yi)</i>	
Wish list heard over election period	25.10.04
<i>IT Matters for Hong Kong</i>	
Supporting Corporate Human Resource Development via IT (and the related public policies)	28.10.04
<i>Enhancing Human Capital in the 21st Century organized by Institute of Professional Education and Knowledge</i>	

Guest Lecture: Computing Professionals in Society <i>Department of Computing of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>	30.10.04
On the Threshold of Ubiquitous IT <i>Fuji Xerox DocuWorld 2004 organized by Fuji Xerox</i>	1.11.04
Work with the IT industry: my action plan <i>Luncheon Seminar organized by ITAccountant Association</i>	4.11.04
Asia Game Show Press Conference <i>CMP Asia Ltd</i>	20.11.04
開幕辭 <i>長者 IT 博覽會開啟典禮</i> <i>長者網絡發展協會「老有網」</i>	22.11.04
IT Customer Service: Public Perspective <i>CIO conference organized by Hutchison Whampoa Limited</i>	22.11.04
3rd Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Excellence Awards - Kick off ceremony <i>organized by OGCIO, HKPC, HKDEA, WTIA</i>	30.11.04
"Linux: Open Opportunity in an Open World" Conference <i>IBM China / Hong Kong Limited</i>	1.12.04
Spam - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly <i>Information Technology Training and Development Centre - Vocational Training Council</i>	2.12.04
Wireless Library Service - SMS Notifications" Launch Ceremony <i>The University of Hong Kong</i>	2.12.04
Opening Ceremony of the Advanced Study Institute: Croucher <i>Foundation Advanced Study Institute on Cryptography and Wireless Security</i>	11.12.04
E-government & governance <i>Roundtable - HK Avant-garde Policy Research Institute</i>	21.1.05
New Telecommunications Challenges in Hong Kong <i>Nokia (HK) Limited</i>	4.3.05
IT professional in the information society <i>Guest Lecture, Department of Electronic Engineering of The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i>	7.3.05
致辭 <i>內地(湖南/貴州/重慶) - 香港網上姊妹學校計劃啟航典禮</i> <i>香港教育工作者聯會、聯校資訊科技學會</i>	9.3.05
E-Transformation of Business Community <i>IT Carnival 2005 organized by Department of Computing and Department of Business Administration, IVE (Shatin)</i>	11.3.05
Opening remarks <i>Opening Ceremony, Final Year Projects Exhibition</i> <i>Department of Information System, City University of Hong Kong</i>	17.3.05
IT professional in the information society <i>Guest Lecture, Computer Science Department of City University of Hong Kong</i>	30.3.05
本港資訊科技業界如何推廣 IT 方案及工商企業應把握機遇與世界經濟接軌 <i>「CEPA 實施一年, 香港工商界對人才與 IT 設備投資取向」問卷</i>	30.3.05

調查報告新聞發佈會

資訊財務師協會

IT professional in the information society <i>Guest Lecture, Multimedia Computing Programme of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>	1.4.05
IT professional in the information society <i>Master of Computer Science Seminar of The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i>	2.4.05
Project Management Certification in Greater China <i>The Project Management Institute Pavilion International ICT Expo 2005</i>	16.4.05
Facing cutting edge public issues in creating an innovative society for Hong Kong <i>Seminar series - Breathing Life into the Knowledge-based Economy</i>	22.4.05
E-Government: Global Best Practices <i>Session Inauguration Speech delivered at Global ICT Summit Bahrain 2005</i>	14.5.05
IT Industry in Hong Kong <i>Hong Kong Computer Society ICT Visit to Japan</i>	5-9.6.05
香港電訊業：現況與前瞻 <i>iMBA, Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>	14.6.05
Opening remarks <i>Business Solution Forum for SMBs</i>	16.6.05
Building a Ubiquitous Information Society <i>BiCSi 2005 Hong Kong Conference</i>	24.6.05
The role of IT in Knowledge Management <i>Symposium on "Knowledge Management - Towards Organizational Excellence"</i>	8.7.05

**Overseas Visits**

The Global ICT Summit 2005 in Bahrain <i>(led by CK and Internet Professionals Association)</i>	5.05
CALD Executive Committee Meeting and Executive Visit to Bangkok <i>(organized by Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats)</i>	6.05
ICT Visit to Japan <i>(organized by Hong Kong Computer Society)</i>	6.05
The 25 <sup>th</sup> ESRI International Users Conference in San Diego <i>(invited by ESRI China, Hong Kong)</i>	7.05

## **2005/06 Action Plan**

**Key issues to be addressed in the coming year include:**

- **Intelligent Transport System**
- **Adoption of Wireless Technology in Public Housing**
- **IT in a Health Setting**
- **Geospatial Information Services**
- **Merger of the Telecommunications Authority and the Broadcasting Authority**
- **Unified Licensing Framework for the Telecommunications Industry and Frequency Spectrum Review**
- **Anti-spam Legislation**
- **Review of the Copyright Ordinance**
- **Broadcasting Services of RTHK**
- **Digital Rights Management**
- **IT for Youth Campaign**
- **CEPA 4**
- **Monitoring the Progress of the Innovation and Technology Fund**
- **Policy Address**
- **Budget for 2006/07**

\*\*\*