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Opening Remarks at the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019 (Smart Business Category) Award Presentation Ceremony

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HKCS President Suen, OC Chairperson Hung, Distinguished Judges, Guests and Friends,

This is a very special and joyful occasion for all of us gathering at this presentation ceremony of the “Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019: Smart Business Award” today.

As you would agree, information and communication technology is essential for improving the productivity and growth of business enterprises as well as enhancing the well-being of their stakeholders and the society, and thus important for Hong Kong to maintain its competitive advantages. The “Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019: Smart Business Award” provides an excellent platform for local companies to demonstrate their ICT products and applications that provide innovative solutions to individuals and organisations.

We are extremely pleased to see the strong participation in the Awards this year, especially in the Smart Business Award category. The organising committee has received over 40 entries for the 4 award streams. After careful assessment, 10 winners were selected based on their achievements in meeting the 5 judging criteria, including creativity, functionality, market potential, impact and quality.

As Chairman of the Judging Panel, I had the privilege of working with a distinguished panel of assessors and judges, and witnessed many remarkable ICT talents and their inventions this year. I sincerely hope that the Awards scheme will continue to flourish, so that more original ICT products and services can be created to benefit businesses and the society as a whole.

So thank you once again for joining us today in congratulating these well-deserved winners. I wish you all an enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you.