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### Welcome Remarks for HKICT Awards 2022: Smart Business Award Presentation Ceremony

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President Rocky Chong and OC Chairman John Li, distinguished judges, guests and awardees, media friends, ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you so much for joining us at the presentation ceremony of the “Hong Kong ICT Awards 2022: Smart Business Award” today. It is also my great pleasure to congratulate each awardee personally here.

As you know, information and communication technology (ICT) is essential for improving the productivity and competitive advantages of business enterprises as well as the well-beings of the whole society. And the importance of ICT for business has been further proven during the COVID-19 pandemic period. The “Hong Kong ICT Awards 2022: Smart Business Award” provides an excellent platform for local organizations to demonstrate their remarkable ICT and applications that provide innovative and sustainable solutions and values to their stakeholders.

We are extremely pleased to see the strong participation in the ICT Awards scheme this year, especially in the Smart Business Award category. The Organising Committee has received many entries for the 3 award streams, including the newly created award of “Emerging Technologies”. After professional and rigorous assessment, winners were selected based on their success in meeting the 5 judging criteria: creativity, functionality, market potential, quality and impact.

As Chairperson of the Judging Panel, I had the privilege of working with a distinguished panel of assessors and judges, and witnessed many remarkable ICT innovations this year. I sincerely hope that the awards will continue to flourish, so that more original IT products, 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.

Thank you.