

Chairperson's Report

I would like to recap very briefly the work that we have done in the past 12 months.

We started off in year 2002 with 16 founding members and now we have a total of 31 members who both share the common interest to support secure e-commerce.

We have set for ourselves 4 objectives.

Under Objective 1: the enhancement of public and industry awareness of the importance of PKI products and services, our members have collectively participated in various local IT and electronics exhibitions. We hosted a booth in the International ICT Expo held from 14 to 17 April 2005 at the HK Convention & Exhibition Centre, in which the total number of visitors attending the Expo was over 26,000 and we have been well received by the visitors.

Under Objective 2: promoting the adoption of PKI products and secure e-commerce, we have come in conjunction with 12 banks and financial institution in Hong Kong starting to roll out "two-factor authentication" in e-banking transactions. We also gave presentation at the "Authentication Token for e-Government Services Seminar and Showcase" in March 2005 and at the "Wireless Security and M-Commerce Forum" in July 2005.

Under Objective 3: technology standards and guidelines for use of PKI in business applications, we had a meeting with Dr. Riccardo Genghini, Chairperson of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), Electronic Signatures & Infrastructures Technical Committee in September 2005. Mr. Genghini shared with us the experience in applying certificates and its development stages in Italy. A common framework of technical standards (93/1999/EC) has been set up and is further developed by ETSI. Mr. Genghini would provide more information on the set of technical standards for reference by members to see if they would be useful in Hong Kong.

Under Objective 4: which concerns regional and international cooperation, we

participated actively in the activities and provide information to relevant working groups of the Asia PKI Forum. In the Business Case & Applications Working Group, a business case book is planned for release by the end of 2005 and a second edition is expected in February 2006. For the Legal Infrastructure Working Group, the “Report on CA Responsibilities and Liability for Cross-Border e-Commerce” was being finalized. The Secretariat will follow-up with the Asia PKI Forum to distribute the report to members once available.

I congratulate on the excellent team work of all member organizations and I also wish to thank all members for their support throughout the year.

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