

## **Chairperson's Report**

### **Hong Kong PKI Forum**

#### **At the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2007**

I would like to recap briefly the work that Hong Kong PKI Forum has done since the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

We started off in year 2002 with 16 founding members and now we have a total of 46 members who share the common interest to support secure e-commerce. Some of the members just joined the HKPKI Forum in 2007 and we are pleased to take this opportunity to welcome these new members.

We have set ourselves 4 objectives in running the Forum.

Under Objective 1: To enhance public and industry awareness of the importance of PKI products and services. On 29 June 2006, we were invited by the Professional Information Security Association (PISA) to give a seminar on situation of PKI implementation in Asia and share some examples of PKI applications. On 7 December 2006, we organized a PKI Application Campaign at the University of Hong Kong. The response of the Campaign was very satisfactory and there were 20 groups of participants to compete for the champion. The competition have strengthened and promoted the awareness of the importance of PKI products.

Under Objective 2: To promote the adoption of PKI products and services for the promotion of secure e-commerce activities. We have uploaded a free software tool "e-Cert File Guard" developed by the University of Hong Kong in the website of Hongkong Post CA. The software provides an easy way for users to digitally sign, encrypt or decrypt electronic documents with digital certificate. The software also provides a user-friendly graphical interface and can be easily installed in PC to support the e-Cert on smart ID cards,

Under Objective 3: To recommend globally accepted technology standards and guidelines for use of PKI in business applications. From time to time, there are comments that the installation of e-Cert software for use of PKI applications is too complicated. We have introduced a tool to make the import of the e-Cert on floppy disk to I.E. certificate store more easily and conveniently. In addition, we have also issued an installation CD to e-Cert users which require fewer steps in installation of the smart card reader and e-Cert.

Under Objective 4: To represent Hong Kong, China, at international forums including the Asia PKI Forum and to foster regional and international cooperation in PKI related matters such as cross-certification, application development, and interoperability arrangement which concern regional and international cooperation. We participated in the activities of Asia PKI Forum and provided information to its relevant working groups. We appreciated that one of our HKPKI Forum members, KPMG, represented us in attending the Asia PKI Forum AGM in Chengdu held in 25-27 July 2006. KPMG has also conducted a presentation and shared the information collected during the participation in the AGM with our working committee members.

As the Chairman of the HKPKI Forum, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members for the support in the past years and would like to request for your unfailing continuous support in the year to come.

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Chairperson of the Hong Kong PKI Forum

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