

Chairman's Report

**by the Postmaster General and Chairman of the Hong Kong PKI Forum
at the 2nd Annual General Meeting on 20 October 2003**

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

We started off a year ago with 16 founding members and I am happy to report today that we are now a 36-member organisation.

We have set for ourselves 4 objectives.

Under objective 1: the enhancement of public and industry awareness of the importance of PKI product and services, our members have individually and collectively made significant contributions, capitalising on the Government's initiative to promote awareness and adoption of IT and its applications, and internet security in particular. A notable example is the successful PKI International Conference we held on 15-16 September attended by 60 overseas and 120 local senior executives.

Under objective 2: promoting the adoption of PKI products and secure e-commerce, we have witnessed more banks adopting and considering PKI based internet banking, the launch of other PKI based services in the areas of personal credit self-report, e-auction, e-shopping, secure wireless e-mail and most important of all, Hong Kong Jockey Club's e-Win. We have started a series of business experience sharing sessions in our regular PKI Steering Committee meetings.

Under objective 3: technology standards, we participated in the discussions led by the Asia PKI Forum. We have concluded the “Interoperability Experiment with Japan” which should help establish a Guideline on Technology Standards to be issued by the Asia PKI Forum shortly.

Under objective 4: which concerns regional and international cooperation, we participated actively in the activities organised by the Asia PKI Forum. In particular, we contributed to the compilation of its “Report on Legal Issues in Cross-Border e-Commerce Transactions” which identifies the disparities, gaps, advantages and restrictions in the different legal jurisdictions. We await the setting up of Asia PKI’s “Business Ideas Bank” which would promote the sharing of business experiences on a regional level.

To conclude, we have had a meaningful year. And I congratulate on the excellent team work of all member organisations. I am honoured and privileged to have led the Forum pass the first year of its infancy. I thank all members for their support and confidence in me and look forward to another year of progress for the Hong Kong PKI Forum.