

## Chairperson's Report

### Hong Kong Public Key Infrastructure Forum Limited

at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting on 8 May, 2009

Dear Fellow Members,

Welcome to the first AGM of the Hong Kong Public Key Infrastructure Forum Limited ("Forum"), a company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

Since last year's AGM under our previous structure as an unincorporated society, we have made a number of important strides in advancing our collective objectives of promoting knowledge about and/or usage of PKI products and services locally as well as abroad. First, we have put forward proposals, or are in discussions, for the Forum and/or certain of our members to participate in various Government-related initiatives, including educating residents on safe computer usage practices under the auspices of a one-year SAR-wide Internet education campaign and promotion of a new electronic Trust Mark being rolled out by E-Mice Solutions ( HK ) Limited, operator of Hongkong Post Certification Authority ("HKPCA") to certify the authenticity of local web-sites.

Secondly, the Forum has submitted an application to the Government's Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF") to seek funding for the creation of a new set of world-class trust criteria that Certification Authorities ("CAs") in the Greater China region would be able to adhere to. Creation of such a set of criteria should help accelerate mutual recognition of digital certificates issued by different CAs in the region by enabling each of them to benchmark their own as well as other CAs' processes against a common standard.

Furthermore, this will create future opportunity for the Forum to secure royalty revenues from third parties (such as accountancy firms) applying such a standard. Thirdly, through membership of the Asia PKI Consortium ("Consortium") (see below), we have initiated discussions with certain other countries or territories in our region on promoting digital certificate usage in a cross-border context.

Fourthly, we are continuing to work with certain of our members as well as the Government to help realize the objective of enabling secure cross-border e-commerce as set out in Supplement V to CEPA.

E-Mice Solutions (HK) Limited represented the Forum at the inaugural AGM of the Consortium in Beijing late last year as well as at a meeting of its Executive working group in March 2009. As the Consortium is considering to hold the next meeting of this working group in Hong Kong this coming June, we are in the initial stages of liaising with the secretariat of the Consortium with regards logistics and other arrangements.

In the event that our application for funding to the ITF (see above) is approved, the Forum will have to hire consultants as well as possibly some full or part-time personnel to help implement this trust criteria project.

E-Mice Solutions (HK) Limited has informally agreed to provide office space (if any) required in the Hong Kong Science Park to house such personnel, on terms acceptable to both our Steering Committee and the ITF.

Given the current tough economic environment and the fact that the Forum had cash of HK\$ 550,000 in its bank accounts as of 31st March 2009, members of the Steering Committee have suggested that (a) we waive the 2009 annual membership fee (January to December 2009) for members in good standing as at 1 January 2009, but (b) as in the past, still continue to require new joining members to pay their first year's dues. The attached schedule sets out the proposed fee structure for new members joining this year.

As I expect any hiring of consultants etc. will mostly (if not entirely) come from subvented funding (see above), I support the proposal for a waiver of 2009 membership fees for existing members.

Lastly, as at the close of the nomination period for membership of the Steering Committee of the Forum, 6 nominations were received which exceeds the minimum requirement of 5 members. As the maximum number of members on the Steering Committee is 16, we look forward to the successful election of all 6 nominees to form the new the Steering Committee until our next AGM.

For and on behalf of  
**E-Mice Solutions (HK) Limited**

**Winston Leong**  
**As Chairperson of the Steering Committee of**  
**Hong Kong Public Key Infrastructure Forum Limited**

**27 April 2009**

**Proposed membership fee for new members joining in the year 2009**

Ordinary Member	HKD 8,000
Ordinary Member ( non-profit making organisation / academic institution ) ( 25% of normal dues )	HKD 2,000
Associate Member	HKD 4,000
Associate Member ( non-profit making organisation / academic institution ) ( 25% of normal dues )	HKD 1,000

**Membership period for newly join members.**

1. for members joining on or before 30 June 2009, the membership period will end on 31 December 2009.
2. for members joining after 30 June 2009, the membership period will end on 30 June 2010.