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## Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2026 Kicks off Today

Themed by "Hong Kong's Next Five Years: From AI+ to Competitive Advantage"

**November 9, 2026 Hong Kong** -- The Hong Kong International Computer Conference 2026 (HKICC 2026), an annual conference organised by Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), kicks off this morning. The two-day Conference will take place at today and tomorrow at Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The theme of the Conference this year is "Hong Kong's Next Five Years: From AI+ to Competitive Advantage" and it will highlight the opportunities and competitive advantages created by "Artificial Intelligence (AI) +" for Hong Kong economy, society and industries. The Opening Ceremony is officiated by Professor SUN Dong, JP, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr CHEN Dali, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Economic and Financial Affairs II, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR and Prof CUI Peng, Associate Professor, Tsinghua University and Deputy General Secretary, China Computer Federation together with Mr. Dave CHEN, President of Hong Kong Computer Society, Ms. Charlotte WONG, Managing Director and Chief Technology and Operations Officer for Hong Kong and Greater China and North Asia (GCNA) at Standard Chartered as well as Chairperson of HKICC 2026 Conference Committee, and Ir Tony WONG Chi-kwong, SBS, JP, Former Commissioner for Digital Policy, as well as Programme Chairperson of HKICC 2026 Conference Committee.

Mr. Dave CHEN, President of Hong Kong Computer Society said:
*"As the longest-established IT professional organisation in Hong Kong, HKCS has always been committed to advancing professional standards and supporting industry growth. Hong Kong's first Five-Year Plan, announced by the Government of Hong Kong SAR in September 2026, identifies AI as an important industry for the city's future and calls for AI+ to be advanced across the economy and society. The theme of HKICC 2026, "Hong Kong's Next 5 Years: from AI+ to Competitive Advantage", comes at an important time. The Government has outlined plans to strengthen Hong Kong's AI ecosystem, including research, computing infrastructure and talent, and to help industries adopt AI to improve productivity and create new opportunities.*

*For the Society, the key question is how we turn these ambitions into results. Whether it is a large organisation using AI to improve its services, or an SME using it to serve customers and reach new markets, AI creates value when it addresses real needs.*

*At HKCS, we believe the professional community has an important role to play. Our six Specialist Groups and five Industry Groups, together with our CIO and CISO Boards, bring together more than 100 committee members, including professionals, industry leaders and academics. They share knowledge and promote AI applications in business, smart city development and everyday life."*

**HKICC 2026 will highlight the competitive advantages created by AI+ for the next five years of Hong Kong from 4 perspectives**

Mr. Dave Chen pointed out:
*"This year, HKICC has entered the 49th session. Around 1,000 delegates have registered to attend the Conference, representing a variety of local and overseas public and private organisations. HKICC this year will mainly focus on the competitive advantages created by AI+ for the next five years of Hong Kong from four major areas, including "Hong Kong's Next 5 Years: from AI+ to Competitive Advantage". "Navigating the New Frontier: Resilience in the Age of AI and Quantum", "From Assistance to Action: How AI Is Reinventing Enterprise, Work, and Trust" as well as "Physical AI Orchestration: The Physical Layer for Autonomous Robotic Systems".*

*On the first day of HKICC 2026 morning session, we have explored how AI+ can strengthen Hong Kong's competitive advantage. And in the afternoon, our speakers have looked at resilience in the age of AI and quantum, including how we can pursue innovation while protecting our systems and data.*

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is entering a new stage. Intelligent agents can coordinate work and execute business processes, while autonomous machines are extending AI into the physical world. Meanwhile, advances in quantum computing are reshaping the risk environment and increasing the urgency of long-term cyber resilience. The session of "Hong Kong's Next 5 Years: from AI+ to Competitive Advantage" will examine how Hong Kong can turn these shifts into competitive advantage.

Leaders from different industries, government, regulatory bodies, academia and research institutions will discuss how organisations can redesign work through human-AI collaboration, govern AI with clear accountability and prepare critical infrastructure for emerging threats.

- As we stand at the confluence of two transformative shifts - the rapid proliferation of AI and the looming horizon of quantum computing - the landscape of digital risk is undergoing a fundamental change. The "Navigating the New Frontier: Resilience in the Age of AI and Quantum" session will examine how organisations can harness the unprecedented potential of AI to drive innovation, while at the same time fortifying their defences against the systemic threats posted by the quantum transition. From the security & privacy mandates essential to data ethics, to the strategic infrastructure upgrades needed for post-quantum cryptography, speakers will provide a roadmap for navigating this high-stakes environment.

Mr. Dave Chen continued:
*"World class technology experts, business leaders, academics and policy makers will gather and exchange their insights, and I believe the attendees, even though joining via online, will be benefited enormously."*

**About Hong Kong International Computer Conference (HKICC)**

Organised annually by the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) since 1978, the Hong Kong International Computer Conference is one of Hong Kong's most prestigious ICT events. The conference brings together ICT professionals, business executives, and government leaders from around the world to exchange insights and explore opportunities in technology innovation and digital transformation.

**About the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS)**

Founded in 1970, the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS) is the longest-standing non-profit professional organisation dedicated to advancing Hong Kong's Information Technology (IT) profession and industry. Their members come from a broad spectrum of Hong Kong's IT community, from corporations to like-minded individuals, all coming together to raise the profile and standards of the IT profession and industry. As a well-established IT professional body, the Society is committed to professional and industry development as well as community services to ensure the IT sector continues to make a positive impact on peoples' lives with three main goals, namely, 1) talent cultivation and professional development, 2) industry development and collaboration, and 3) the effective use of IT in our community.

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