

Industry and Technology Committee Committee's Activities 2009/2010

History

The Industry and Technology Committee was formed in 1999, expanding from the former Textiles Committee (1975-1979) and the Industrial Affairs Committee (1980-1998). Its evolution reflects the development of Hong Kong economy.

Mission

To study and advise the General Committee and Directorate on issues, reports and legislation, including draft legislation, having a bearing on industry and the impact of technology on industry.

Committee's Focus 2009/2010

Given the current economic situation, the Committee should seek ways to help members advance themselves to cope with challenges and to seek new opportunities. The work of the Industry and Technology Committee for 2009/2010 has been focusing on the following major areas:

1. Advocacy – Promotion of Testing and Certification Services

The Chief Executive pledged on 3 April 2009 to explore economic areas with high potential, of which testing and certification sector was identified as one of six economic pillars. Following the recommendation of the Task Force on Economic Challenges, the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification (Council) was established on 17 September 2009.

The Industry and Technology Committee formed a Working Group for Testing and Certification Industry and met on 23 September 2009 to gather views on promoting testing and certification services of Hong Kong companies, followed by a submission to the Government on 22 October 2009.

The Committee will continue to identify key subjects of interest and develop recommendations to the responsible authorities.

2. Hong Kong Awards for Industries: Innovation and Creativity

It is a business awards scheme championed by the HKSAR Government, so as the annual flagship project of the Committee. The HKGCC is the Leading Organiser of the Innovation and Creativity category.

The 2009 Awards Scheme was concluded at the Presentation Ceremony on 18 January 2010. Six winners were awarded for their innovative business practices, but there was no grand award winner for the 2009 awards scheme.

The 2010/11 Awards Scheme will be launched after summer.

3. Industry-Design Cooperation

A series of roundtables had been organised with the Hong Kong Design Centre (HKDC) in 2009 to help members make use of design tools to transform and upgrade businesses.

11 Mar 09 Design x Innovation = Transformation and Upgrading
20 May 09 Enhancing Competitiveness through Effective Design Partnership
30 Sep 09 Creating an Innovative Business Through a Better User Experience Design

More design roundtables could be organised in 2010 if suitable designers are identified by the HKDC.

4. Industry and University Collaboration

A technology visit to the HKUST was organised on 28 April 2009 to explore new technologies applicable to industry and business.

A technology visit to the University of Hong Kong will be organised in April 2010. The Committee will also seek opportunity of organising company visits, helping members learn more about business development of specific sectors.

5. Innovators Series

To explore the possibility of organising a series of events, with technologists introduced by the Hong Kong Science Park and the Cyberport, winners of the Hong Kong Awards for Industries, and other innovators to speak on their success stories.