Hong Kong Telecom Institute of Information Technology
To Be Established at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology announces today the establishment of the Hong Kong Telecom Institute of Information Technology.

The Institute is to be supported by a seed grant of $100 million from Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited for its first five years of operation (1989-94). The grant will meet start-up needs and operating costs. In announcing the grant, Mr Michael Gale, Chief Executive of Hong Kong Telecom and a Member of the University Council, said, "Money spent on education in the Information Technology field is an investment in the future of Hong Kong. If Hong Kong is to stay competitive, commerce and industry has a vital role to play in developing much needed expertise. In making this grant, Hong Kong Telecom is again demonstrating a major commitment to the future of Hong Kong and in particular, its Information Technology industry."

"The University wishes to express its gratitude to Hong Kong Telecom for its very generous donation and for setting an example for Hong Kong's many local and multinational corporations," said Professor Chia-Wei Woo, Vice-Chancellor and President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, "Interdisciplinary research institutes are central to the academic plans and research funding strategy of our University. They serve as a bridge between the University's academic endeavour and its collaboration with the private sector."

The Institute will concentrate on areas crucial to the development of information technology in Hong Kong. The range of research topics includes the capabilities of real-time telecommunications, circuits and systems, electronic devices and materials, cognitive sciences and artificial intelligence, as well as satellite and space communications. Coupled to the research will be the training of manpower urgently needed by Hong Kong's rapidly expanding information technological industry.

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