

## Trend of Electronic Identity Development Seminar

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The seminar featured welcome and opening remarks, where CEO of HKSTP, Mr. Albert Wong, Convener of Steering Committee of Smart City Consortium, Mr. Eric Yeung, Chairperson of Board of Directors of Cyberport, Mr. George Lam as well as the Vice President of Lingnan University of Prof. Joshua Mok presented as the guests of honor, speakers from Hong Kong and Mainland China of the keynotes which addressed the electronic identity, blockchain and lastly the panel discussion to talk about the electronic identity and its applications.

The international seminar themed “Trend of Electronic Identity Development” organized by Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation (HKSTP) and Smart City Consortium (SCC) was held on 23 September 2016 in Charles Kao Auditorium, Hong Kong Science Park. Asia PKI Consortium participated as one of the supporting organizations. Experts from Mainland China, Japan and Thailand as well as industrial leaders from Hong Kong came to share their valuable experiences in electronic identity including its developmental trend and innovative applications.

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eID is developing at a rapid speed in various industries such as finance, logistics, online medicine, e-Commerce, and telecommunication in China. One of the keynote speakers, Director of eIDLink, Mr. Hongjie Guo, the Operator of the Third Research Institute of the Ministry of Public Security, PRC, said there is an extensive using of eID cards currently, and is studying on how to benefit Hong Kong on cross border business. The good news is, the pilot application adopting eID is under development by Everbright Securities for Mainland Chinese to open Hong Kong stock accounts from long distance. Hong Kong has ranked first globally in technology infrastructure for five consecutive years according to the World Competitiveness Yearbook. It is encouraging to see Hong Kong has started to develop eID applications to provide an easier and more secure way for Hong Kong citizens to conduct electronic activities online.

During the panel discussion, experts from mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan and Thailand addressed the issue of electronic identity and its applications. According to Mr. Mitrpant Chaichana, Deputy Executive Director of Electronic Transactions Development Agency, Thailand is also developing its own national electronic identity for easier e-business as well as online transaction without boundary.

Cyber security is the elementary task for any online activities. Based on the trend of electronic identity development, it is our wish that Asian countries could work together to develop a unified mechanism relying on government CAs, not just to develop interoperability of electronic, but also to realize interoperability for a trusted internet world.

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