Summary of Minutes of the Consultative and Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting of Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited held on Wednesday 17 June 2009

- 1. <u>Attendance</u>: Attending CAP members met with the Chairman and four other directors of the HKIRC to discuss the following issues.
- 2. Terms of Reference of the CAP: Members confirmed the terms of reference of the CAP.
- 3. Proposed revision of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HKIRC and the government of HKSAR: Members were briefed on the background and the framework of the MOU. Members noted that the full MOU will be drafted by government lawyer and presented to the LegCo after Board and CAP have commented on it.
- 4. <u>2008 HKIRC Annual Reports and Accounts</u>: Members noted the company's annual report and accounts of 2008. HKIRC had a turnover of HK\$24.7 millions and had made a surplus of HK\$7.3 millions. The net worth of HKIRC was HK\$26.7 millions and the bank balance was about HK\$15.9 millions. CAP member enquired about the market share and market penetration of '.hk' in Hong Kong.
- 5. <u>Rules for approval of domain names</u>: Chairman briefed the members on the rules for approval of domain names. Members also noted the list of reserved domain names. Chairman welcomed CAP members to send their comments to HKIRC on these rules.
- 6. <u>HKIRC surplus</u>: Some members thought that the fees for '.hk' should be reduced for the benefit of the public in case there is a surplus. Most of the members supported the idea of spending money on improving the infrastructure and services to users. It was suggested that HKIRC should conduct proper market research and take into consideration the future adoption of Registry/ Registrar Model when considering the pricing and the use of the surplus. Improving the user-friendliness of the website, provision of one-stop shop services and digital inclusion projects are also worth considering.
- 7. <u>2009 AGM</u>: Chairman invited the CAP members to attend the HKIRC AGM on 29 June 2009.