Tested In Hong Kong
Certified In Hong Kong
Testing and Certification Industry

- The industry provides three types of services:
  - Testing
  - Inspection
  - Certification

- One of the six economic areas where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages
Role of the Industry

- Render support to our daily life, e.g.
  - Medical testing – health
  - Construction materials testing – safety
  - Food testing – nutrition/hygiene
- Facilitate external trade
  - Testing and inspection for products manufactured in Pearl River Delta Region
- Assist sustainable development
  - Certification of management systems for industry and commerce
Established in September 2009 to spearhead the development of the T&C industry

A Report was submitted to the Chief Executive on 31 March, 2010 and Government has accepted all recommendations

Vision – Hong Kong to develop into a testing and certification hub in the region by reinforcing the branding of “Tested in Hong Kong, Certified in Hong Kong”
Recommendation - adoption of a dual approach

(I) making general improvements to the accreditation service and factors of production of the industry

(II) putting focused efforts to specific trades
Recommendations on the General Front
Enhancement of the Accreditation System

- to retain the current mode of Government providing accreditation service

- to meet changing needs, Hong Kong Accreditation Services (HKAS) needs to
  - possess adequate manpower resources to support the industry
  - provide training to staff to ensure high professional standards in performing assessment
  - recruit necessary expertise to provide new accreditation services
Enhancement of the Factors of Production

Manpower

- to attract talents – cooperate with universities, VTC and the industry
  - to enable students to gain more understanding about the industry and possible career opportunities
  - to promote more internship opportunities
- to ensure adequate manpower supply to address sudden surge in demand – encourage educational institutes to develop specialized/short-term courses
- to enhance professionalism of practitioners – organize relevant and state-of-the-art seminars/workshops
Enhancement of the Factors of Production

Manpower

- to support professional recognition scheme
- to ensure adequate supply of quality assessors
- to liaise closely with relevant stakeholders and to relay the industry’s needs and suggestions to educational institutes to ensure that manpower supply can support the industry
Enhancement of the Factors of Production

Technology

- to encourage wider use of Innovation and Technology Fund to enhance the technical capability
- to encourage collaboration with technology institutions
- to increase transfer of technical know-how
Enhancement of the Factors of Production

Technology

- to promote knowledge of international standards
- to encourage investment in R&D through the R&D Cash Rebate Scheme
Enhancement of the Factors of Production

Capital

- to promote use of Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme
- to promote shared facilities provided by Hong Kong Productivity Council and Science Park
Enhancement of the Factors of Production

Land

- to facilitate the setting up of testing laboratories in Industrial Estates
- to keep in view Government initiatives to revitalize industrial buildings
- to keep in view Government’s plans to increase land supply for the industry
Recommendations on the Selection of Specific Trades
Mature Trades

- to keep industry abreast of latest development in testing standards etc.
- should any problem arise that affects the mature trades, the Council will promptly examine the situation and make recommendations to Government as appropriate (textiles, clothing and footwear; toys and games; electrical products; and medical testing)
Selected Trades

- to assist the industry to seize further business opportunities in four selected trades (Chinese medicine, construction materials, food and jewellery)
  - to establish a platform for cooperation
  - to research into the possibility of introducing new testing or certification schemes and develop new schemes with input from local stakeholders/overseas experts
Selected Trades

- to conduct appropriate trial schemes
- to liaise with HKAS to make available the necessary accreditation services
- to promote new testing or certification schemes both within and outside Hong Kong
Emerging Trades

- to monitor closely developments in the two emerging trades
  - environmental protection
  - information and communications technologies
- to work further with the relevant trades
Recognition of Assessment Results

- HKAS to continue to participate actively in the international accreditation community
- HKAS to conduct further research into the regulatory regimes of other economies as necessary
- To continue pursuing discussions with the Mainland authorities through CEPA to seek their agreement to accept testing reports of accredited laboratories in Hong Kong
Promotion

- to focus on accredited establishments in the industry and the world-class standard of accreditation services by HKAS, with “Tested in Hong Kong, Certified in Hong Kong” branding as theme of promotional activities

- local promotion
  - to encourage and facilitate more establishments in the industry to obtain accreditation
  - to facilitate Government departments and various sectors to make good use of the services provided by the industry
  - to raise the profile and public awareness of the industry
Promotion

- promotion outside Hong Kong
  - to work together with Hong Kong Trade Development Council and trade associations to enhance the awareness of the “Tested in Hong Kong, Certified in Hong Kong” branding and connect the industry to potential customers
  - to work together with Hong Kong Productivity Council and trade associations to strengthen connection with manufacturers in the Pearl River Delta Region
  - HKAS to participate in major trade fairs
  - Government’s Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland and overseas to assist in the promotion of Hong Kong’s testing and certification industry through their regular liaison work
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