

HKAS : A Briefing on its Latest Development and New Services

香港認可處：近況及新認可服務簡介

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Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) 香港認可處

- ✦ HKAS is part of Innovation and Technology Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR) Government.
- ✦ 香港認可處是香港特別行政區政府創新科技署轄下工作組別



香港特別行政區政府
創新科技署

- ✦ It was set up in 1998 (previously known as HOKLAS since 1985)
- ✦ It is the official accreditation body (認可機構) in Hong Kong
- ✦ It provides independent and impartial accreditation services

✦ HKAS provides accreditation (認可) services to testing laboratories, certification bodies and inspection bodies under 3 schemes:



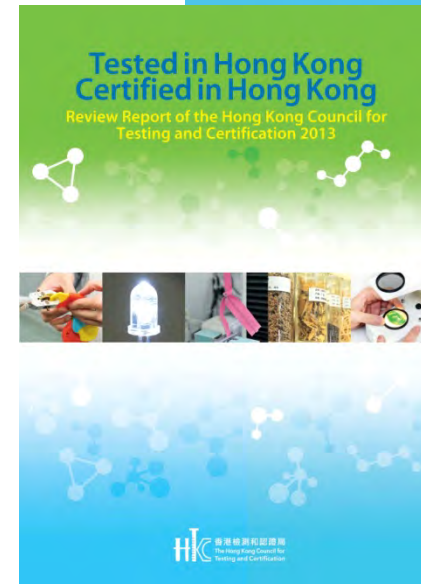
- HOKLAS (香港實驗所認可計劃)
- HKCAS (香港認證機構認可計劃)
- HKIAS (香港檢驗機構認可計劃)

✦ Participation in the 3 schemes is voluntary

✦ The schemes are operated in accordance with international standards

HKCTC's Report

- The Government has been assisting HKCTC in implementing its market-oriented development plan for the Testing and Certification Industry
- The plan has been reviewed recently
- Government continues its commitment in supporting the Industry

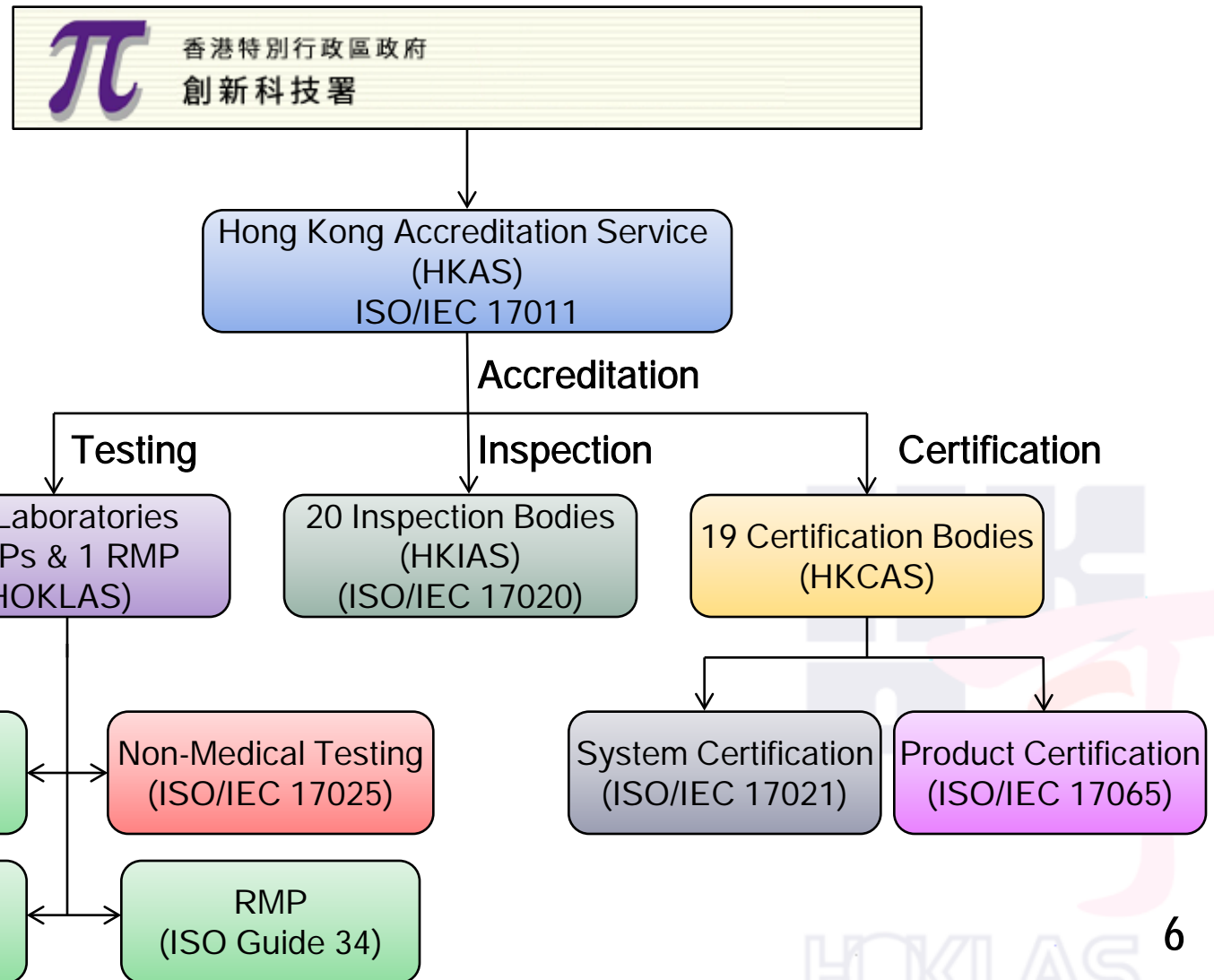




Improvements to Accreditation Service under the Development Plan

- Enhanced support to Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) since Apr 2010
 - Staff increased from 29 to 40 (+38%)
 - Appointed assessors / technical experts increased from 371 to 559 (+50%)
- Accredited organisations increased from 204 to 245 (+20% increase from Apr 2010)

Schematic Diagram of HKAS Accreditation Service



Scope of Service under HOKLAS (17 Test Categories)

- ▼ Calibration Services
- ▼ Chemical Testing
- ▼ Chinese medicine
- ▼ Construction Materials
- ▼ Electrical and Electronic Products
- ▼ Environmental Testing
- ▼ Food
- ▼ Forensic Testing
- ▼ Medical Testing
- ▼ Miscellaneous
- ▼ Pharmaceutical Products
- ▼ Physical and Mechanical Testing
- ▼ Proficiency Testing Providers
- ▼ Reference Material Producers
- ▼ Textiles and Garments
- ▼ Testing Required by the CCC
- ▼ Toys and Children's Products

- New test category for accreditation
- Extended scope of accreditation service

Examples of New Accreditation Services in 2013 under HOKLAS

- ▶ **Food Testing** - Maleic acid in food in response to the discovery of the substance in starch based food products in Taiwan
- ▶ **Food testing** - Testing for supporting Mainland food certification under Supplement IX to CEPA
- ▶ **Construction Materials** - Testing to the new construction standard CS2



Current Scope of Service under HKCAS

(9 Types of accreditation services for CBs)

Offers accreditation service to certification bodies for

- ▶ Quality management system (QMS) certification
- ▶ Environmental management system (EMS) certification
- ▶ Construction, consumer and food product certification
- ▶ Food safety management system (FSMS) certification
- ▶ Occupational health and safety management system (OHSMS) certification
- ▶ Information security management system (ISMS) certification
- ▶ Energy management system (EnMS) certification
- ▶ Residential care homes (elderly persons) service providers' management system certification

Also offers accreditation service to

- ▶ Greenhouse gas (GHG) validation and verification bodies

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Extended Accreditation Services in 2013 under HKCAS

- ▶ Accreditation for certification of QMS to ISO 9001 and EMS to ISO 14001 extended to include three new areas : “Mining and Quarrying”, “Printing” and “Education”;

- ▶ Accreditation for construction product certification extended to new product certification schemes: water closet suite (水廁套件) and mesh reinforcement (鋼筋網);



Scope of Service under HKIAS (3 Types)

Offers accreditation service to inspection bodies for

- ▶ Inspection related to **consumer products** or their production (e.g. toys, textiles and garments, electrical and electronic products)



- ▶ Inspection of **construction products** (e.g. precast concrete façade, waterworks products, welding)

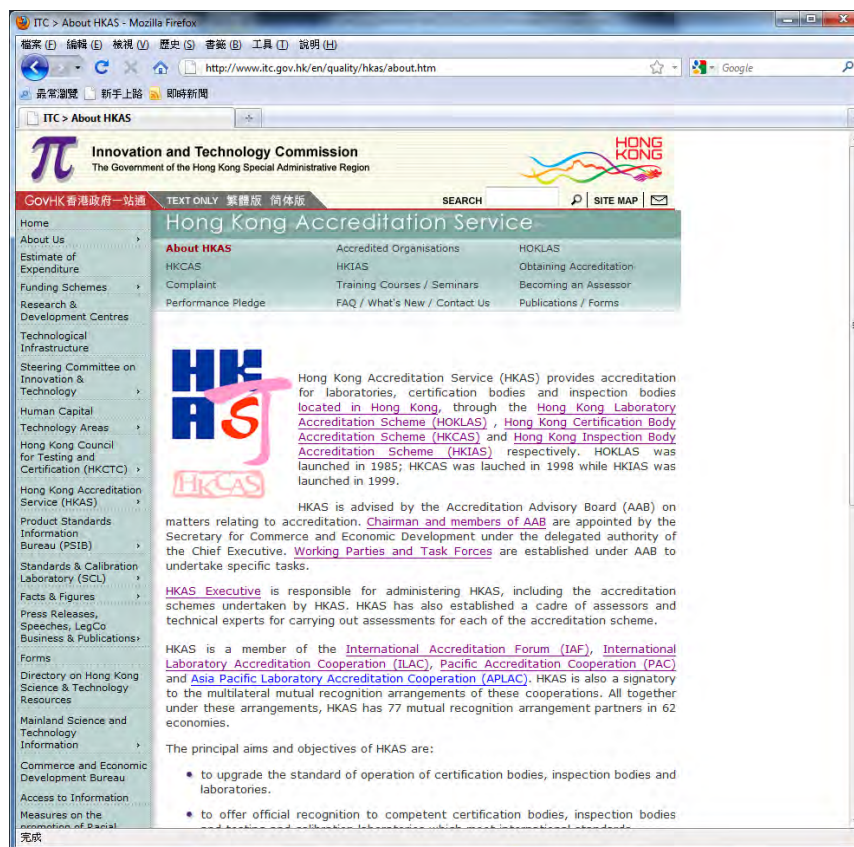


- ▶ **Indoor air quality inspection**



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Cooperation with the industry

- ▶ **Government departments** – contact HKAS at early stage if there are **new initiatives** that require testing
- ▶ **Ad hoc incidents** – contact HKAS for availability of related accreditation service
- ▶ **Seminars** arranged to the industry to introduce new government initiatives
- ▶ **Training workshops** arranged to enhance the industry's capability and provide updated information
- ▶ May arrange **proficiency testing exercises** to demonstrate laboratories' competence



We are partners and we work together
to let that the industry flourish

Thank you