

**Report of the Hong Kong Council
for Testing and Certification 2011-2012**

Foreword

The Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification (the Council) was established to advise the Government on the overall development strategy and initiatives for promoting the growth of the testing and certification industry, one of the six economic areas where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages and has good potential for further development.

2. In April 2010, the Government accepted a three-year market-oriented development plan for the industry formulated by the Council. Last year, the Council prepared an annual report summarising implementation progress of the industry development plan in the first year, i.e. from April 2010 to March 2011. This is the second annual report of the Council, which reports on the second year implementation of the development plan.

3. In Year 2011-12, while continuing with the various initiatives introduced last year to improve the factors of production for the industry (such as coordinating technical seminars for practitioners and promoting wider use of the Innovation and Technology Fund to upgrade the technology of the industry), the Council made targeted efforts at developing and promoting new services in four selected trades, namely Chinese medicines, construction materials, food and jewellery.

4. The Council also supported the industry in coping with the surge in local demand for particular testing. In response to the nuclear plant incident in Japan and the concern over addition of phthalates (plasticisers) in food in Taiwan last year, technical seminars and workshops were arranged on radiation detection and measurement as well as testing on phthalates (plasticisers) in food so that practitioners in the industry could be equipped with the latest technology knowledge to provide relevant testing services.

5. Testing demand arising from international trade represents a very significant portion of the business of the industry. The economic uncertainty in the major overseas market brings challenges to the industry. The Council has stepped up promotion of Hong Kong's testing and certification services to potential users by using various platforms of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. In May 2012, the Council set up two new panels to explore with the industry new business opportunities in environmental protection and information and communications technologies sectors.

6. With regard to access to the Mainland market, starting from April 2012, the types of products processed in Hong Kong that qualified Hong Kong testing laboratories could provide testing under the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System would be expanded from 4 to 22. This represents another step in the seeking of wider acceptance of Hong Kong's testing and

certification result in the Mainland market. The Council would assist the industry in exploring the business potential.

7. Finally, I would like to express the Council's gratitude to the concerned Government departments, public organisations, practitioners in the testing and certification industry, as well as the Conveners and members of the Council's Panels for their contributions and support in Year 2011-12.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C L Ching', written in a cursive style.

Prof CHING Pak-chung
Chairman
Hong Kong Council for Testing and
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25 September 2012

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REPORT OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR TESTING AND CERTIFICATION 2011-2012

HONG KONG COUNCIL FOR TESTING AND CERTIFICATION

In September 2009, the Government established the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification (HKCTC) to advise on the overall development strategy for the testing and certification industry. Its terms of reference are at *Annex 1*.

Annex 1

2. HKCTC is chaired by Professor Ching Pak-chung, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Members come from the testing and certification industry, business sector, relevant professional bodies, public organisations as well as Government departments. HKCTC's membership list is at *Annex 2*. The Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) provides secretariat support to HKCTC.

Annex 2

THREE-YEAR MARKET-ORIENTED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

3. In April 2010, the Government accepted the three-year market-oriented development plan for the testing and certification industry submitted by HKCTC. HKCTC recommended that the Government adopt a dual approach – making improvements on the general front while putting focused efforts on specific trades with particular potential.

4. Last year, HKCTC prepared an annual report on the progress of implementing the industry development plan from April 2010 to March 2011. This report is the second annual report of HKCTC. It includes the 2010 statistics of the industry, which are the latest figures, while 2011 statistics will be available only in early 2013. This report also summarises the work of HKCTC, relevant Government departments and public organisations in implementing the industry development plan from April 2011 to March 2012 (Year 2011-12).

INDUSTRY PROFILE (2010 FIGURES)

Number of Establishments

5. There were about 705 establishments engaging in testing, inspection and certification activities in 2010, of which 610 were private independent establishments:

Category	Number
Private independent establishments engaging in testing, inspection and certification activities as their major economic activity	610
Manufacturers and exporters engaging 100 persons or more and with in-house laboratories for testing activities	45
Laboratories in government departments/public organisations (including those in the hospitals of the Hospital Authority and those accredited by Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) in local universities)	50

Sizes of Establishments

6. The vast majority (94%) of the private independent establishments were small and medium enterprises (SMEs) engaging fewer than 50 persons. They accounted for 28% of the total persons engaged and 24% of the total business receipts in the industry. Some 40 establishments engaging 50 persons or above accounted for the majority of employment and business receipts – 72% of the persons engaged and 76% of the total business receipts in the industry.

Persons Engaged

7. The number of persons engaged in testing, inspection and certification activities was 15 840 in 2010, of which 12 390 persons were engaged by private independent establishments. About 9 290 (59% of 15 840) were professionals and associate professionals whose main duties were to provide testing, inspection and certification services.

Business Receipts

8. The total business receipts of the private independent establishments in the industry were \$8.9 billion in 2010. The direct economic contribution to Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was \$5.2 billion. Breakdowns of the business receipts are shown below:

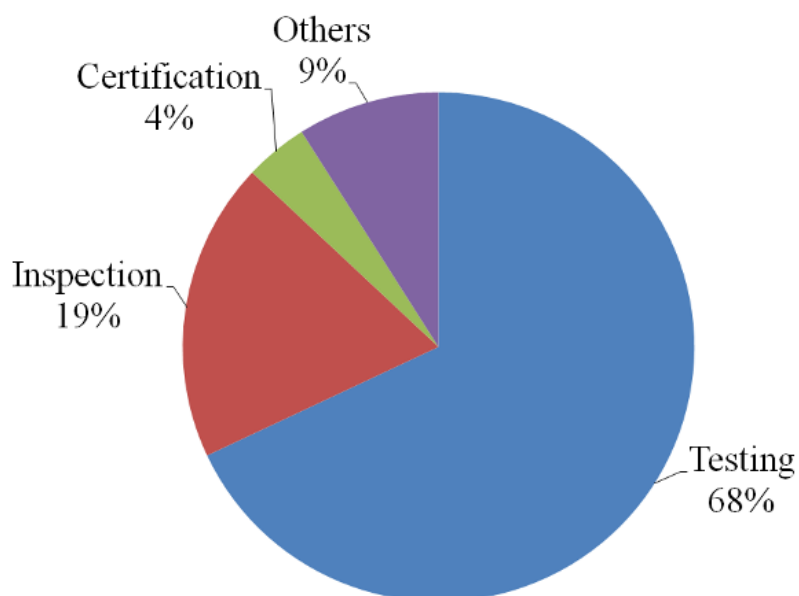


Figure 1 Business receipts by type of services

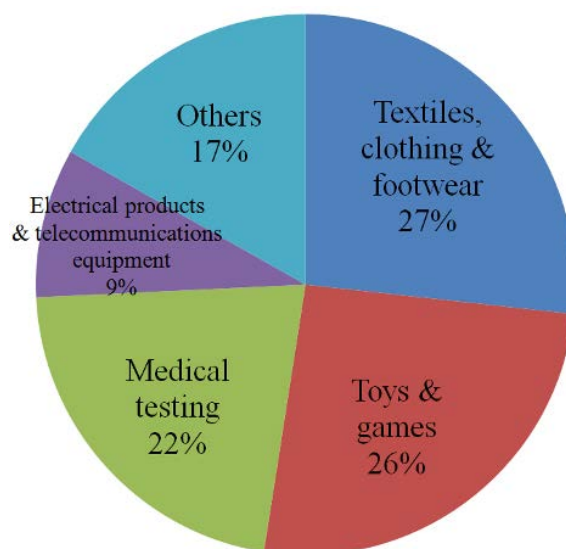


Figure 2 Further breakdowns of business receipts from testing
(Note: Percentages add up to more than 100% due to rounding.)

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GENERAL FRONT

9. Efforts for improvements on the general front cover two major aspects – accreditation service and factors of production for the testing and certification industry.

Accreditation Service

10. The accreditation service provided by ITC's Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) is the cornerstone for the development of the testing and certification industry. The service provides third-party assurance that accredited testing and certification bodies meet the management and technical requirements of the relevant international standards, hence enhancing users' confidence in Hong Kong's testing and certification services. HKAS has been working closely with HKCTC and other stakeholders to deliver more and better accreditation services in response to the industry's needs. The number of accredited bodies increased from 216 in April 2011 to 222 (+2.8%) in April 2012.

11. To support the testing and certification industry in expanding its service scope, HKAS introduced new accreditation services in Year 2011-12 for the following testing and certification activities:

- (a) authentication of food by species using DNA sequences analysis;
- (b) certification of occupational health and safety management system to OHSAS 18001 standard;
- (c) certification of information security management system to ISO/IEC 27001 standard;
- (d) testing and certification under the US Energy Star Program;
- (e) testing for primary aromatic amines and formaldehyde in food contact materials; and
- (f) testing for phthalate plasticisers in food.

12. HKAS was also developing new accreditation services for certification of energy management system to ISO 50001 standard and greenhouse gas validation and verification according to ISO 14065 standard, for example.

Factors of Production

Manpower

13. The Hong Kong Baptist University and The Open University of Hong Kong have launched degree programmes focusing on testing and certification. The Hong Kong Baptist University will offer a new "Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Analytical and Testing Services" programme for Academic Year 2012-13. The Open University of Hong Kong launched a part-time "Master of Science in Testing and Certification" programme in April 2012, in addition to the existing distance-learning "Bachelor of Science in Product Design, Testing and Certification" programme launched since April 2010. The Open University of Hong Kong is also planning to introduce a full-time bachelor's degree programme on testing and certification in 2013.

14. In the past three years, the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) has been offering 11 Higher Diploma programmes in Applied Science & Engineering Discipline with testing and certification elements included in the curricula for a total of over 1 700 students. With the "3+3+4" Education Reform, IVE will revamp the testing and certification related programmes into ten new ones in September 2012 (see *Annex 3* for existing and new programmes).

15. Enrolment to IVE's Higher Diploma programmes with testing and certification elements has been encouraging over the years. The relevant enrolment rate has been on the rise and remained over 100 percent, reflecting that these Higher Diploma programmes have been continuously over-subscribed by IVE applicants.

16. HKCTC coordinated efforts to increase students' awareness and understanding of the industry so as to assist the industry in attracting talents:

- (a) HKCTC set up booths in the career fairs of two universities and coordinated industry representatives to give seven career talks at six universities. VTC also organised six career talks for its full-time graduating students in applied science and engineering courses;



Figure 3 Career talk at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Figure 4 Career booth at The University of Hong Kong

- (b) At the invitation of HKCTC, accredited organisations offered 92 internship places for summer 2011. In view of the positive response last year, HKCTC again wrote to accredited organisations in early 2012 inviting them to offer internship places for summer 2012. Offers received would be sent to universities and VTC for follow-up. Separately, VTC organised internships for about 250 students to enable them to gain hands-on experience in testing laboratories in Year 2011-12.
17. HKCTC also coordinated action to enhance practitioners' skills and promote further development of professionalism:
- (a) HKCTC, HKAS, VTC and the Government Laboratory organised about 100 technical seminars/workshops/short courses in Year 2011-12. These included four technical seminars/workshops organised by HKCTC and HKAS to upgrade practitioners' technical

knowledge of carrying out radiation detection and measurement so as to meet the surge in local demand following the damage to the Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan in 2011;



Figure 5 Technical seminar on how product certification helps in risk management organised by HKCTC and HKAS



Figure 6 Technical seminar on food certification and authentication organised by HKCTC and HKAS

- (b) High professional integrity has always been well recognised as one of the major competitive edges of Hong Kong's testing and certification industry. To uphold this edge, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has developed a "Corruption Prevention Guide for Testing and Certification Industry" to provide tailor-made internal control measures for the industry. HKCTC and ICAC jointly launched the Guide at the Ethical Management Seminar for the industry held on 3 November 2011. To complement this initiative, HKAS has required all accredited organisations to develop and implement a code of conduct accordingly; and

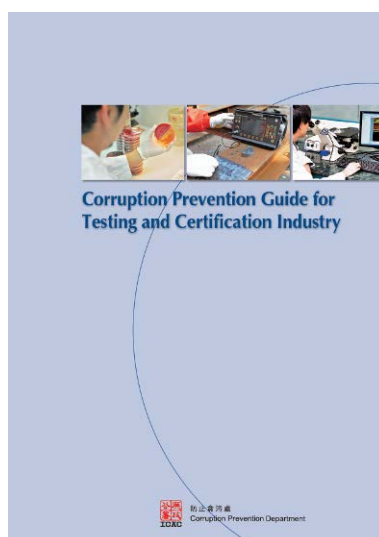


Figure 7 Corruption Prevention Guide for Testing and Certification Industry developed by ICAC

- (c) The Hong Kong Association for Testing, Inspection and Certification received Government funding to develop a voluntary professional recognition scheme for testing personnel in the industry. A lot of very experienced professionals in the industry provided voluntary assistance in the development of the scheme, contributing to the successful launch of the scheme in September 2011.

Capital and Technology

18. ITC has been encouraging wider use of the Innovation and Technology Fund to enhance the technical capability of the industry. In Year 2011-12, the Fund provided \$7.3 million to five projects to support development of new testing technologies and certification services. Examples included the development of a low-cost detector for deteriorated food and a DNA-based method to identify Chinese herbal medicines.

19. Proficiency testing helped testing laboratories to assess their technical capability. In Year 2011-12, the Government Laboratory continued to organise proficiency testing programmes to meet the need of the industry. Four proficiency testing programmes were completed, two were in progress and a new one was under planning. These programmes covered forensic, environmental and food testing.

20. The Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) and the Science Park

provide laboratory facilities and equipment for shared use by the industry. By making use of these facilities, testing laboratories would not need to make huge capital investment even if the business volume for the relevant tests is not high.

21. In August 2011, HKPC set up a new electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) anechoic chamber with funding of \$9.9 million from the Government. The new chamber will enable local testing organisations to test products according to the latest EMC requirements in the overseas market.

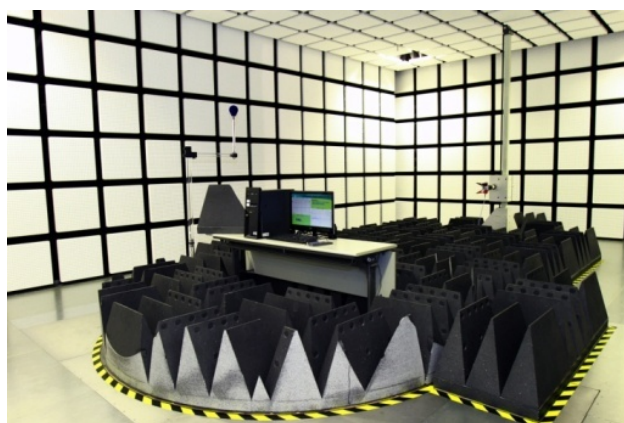


Figure 8 EMC anechoic chamber of HKPC

22. HKCTC has been promoting these shared facilities to the industry. In Year 2010-11, HKCTC worked with HKPC to arrange a seminar-cum-laboratory tour to introduce HKPC's shared facilities to the testing and certification industry. As the response was encouraging, in Year 2011-12 HKCTC organised a similar seminar-cum-laboratory tour to the Hong Kong Science Park for the industry to help them get acquainted with advanced facilities for various testing such as materials analysis, wireless communications and semi-conductor lighting.

Land

23. The position remains largely the same as in the last annual report. The stock in industrial and commercial premises in Hong Kong should generally be able to cope with the demand of the industry. HKCTC would continue to closely monitor the situation.

FOCUSED EFFORTS ON SPECIFIC TRADES

24. HKCTC has formed Panels for the following four selected trades which have good potential in using testing and certification services:

- (a) Chinese medicines;
- (b) construction materials;
- (c) food; and
- (d) jewellery.

The Panels comprise members from the relevant trades, testing and certification industry, academia, relevant Government departments and public bodies. These Panels provide cooperation platforms for stakeholders to develop and promote new testing and certification services. Membership lists of the Panels are at *Annexes 4-7*.

Annexes 4-7

Chinese Medicines

25. The Chinese Medicines Panel has been assisting testing laboratories in raising their technical capability in Chinese medicines testing. It coordinated a proficiency testing programme for assay testing so that testing laboratories can assess their technical competence by comparing testing results with those of other laboratories. Ten Chinese herbal medicines were selected to be tested according to the Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards (香港中藥材標準). Thirteen laboratories, including the Shenzhen Institute for Drug Control (深圳市藥品檢驗所), participated in the programme. The result of the exercise will be available in June 2012. Participation in inter-laboratory comparison is required if testing laboratories want to apply for accreditation on authentication of Chinese medicines from HKAS.

26. The Panel is also organising a part-time course for practitioners of testing laboratories on microscopic identification according to the Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards. The course will commence in late April 2012 and end in early August 2012.



Figure 9 Part-time course on microscopic identification organised by the Chinese Medicines Panel for practitioners of testing laboratories

27. With the support of the Panel, HKPC would develop a product certification scheme for Chinese medicines. The scheme would aim to improve the quality of Chinese medicines, enhance the confidence of consumers, and bring new demand for testing and certification services. The development of the scheme will commence in June 2012 and pilot run has been planned for early 2013.

Construction Materials

28. There has been rapid development in product certification services for construction materials in recent years. Local product certification schemes for 11 types of construction materials have been developed for accredited certification bodies to provide services.

29. The Construction Materials Panel has been making efforts to publicise the merits of product certification to the construction industry and promote the local product certification schemes for construction materials. Briefings and presentations have been given to professional bodies and trade associations such as the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Hong Kong Construction Association. A full-day seminar targeted at practitioners in both the construction industry and the testing and certification industry was organised in November 2011. Experts from the Mainland, Australia, Singapore and the United Kingdom were invited to share overseas experience of product certification for construction materials.

30. The work of the Panel has been strongly supported by the Housing Authority. To upgrade the quality of its buildings and set an example for the

local construction industry, the Housing Authority has been taking the lead in requiring product certification for selected construction materials by phases, including fire rated doors, panel wall partitions, cement products, tile adhesive, ceramic tiles, repair mortar, aluminium window and frictional hinge. HKAS has already accredited certification bodies to provide product certification services for the first five types of construction materials and is processing accreditation applications from certification bodies to provide product certification services for repair mortar and aluminium window.

Food

31. The Food Panel has been supporting the development of new testing and certification:

- (a) authentication for selected high-valued food (e.g. abalone, dried scallop and bird's nest) through DNA sequences analysis being developed by The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The project has identified the relevant DNAs that may characterise the authenticity of the selected food products. The next stage will involve DNA sequencing and validation. Upon completion of the project by the end of 2012, a database will be developed. Private testing laboratories with DNA sequencing equipment will be able to provide authentication services for the selected food based on DNA information in the database; and
- (b) a food hygiene management certification scheme for the local catering industry being developed by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The scheme would be based on the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point and give special attention to the needs of SMEs to facilitate their adoption. The project is supported by major trade associations and players in both the catering industry and the testing and certification industry. Upon the development of the certification system, accredited certification bodies will be able to provide certification services for catering establishments based on the system. Trial run of the scheme was planned from late 2012 to early 2013.

Both projects received funding support from the Innovation and Technology Fund.

32. To update practitioners with the latest development in food testing and certification services, the Food Panel organised a seminar on "Perspective in Global Food Safety and Quality Certification" in June 2011 and a Symposium on Food Identification and Authentication in January 2012. Both seminars were well received, each with over 200 participants.

Jewellery

33. With the recommendation of the Jewellery Panel, HKCTC sponsored the Gemmological Association of Hong Kong (GAHK) to develop a consolidated set of standard testing methods for kosmochlor and omphacite. This will supplement the existing standard testing methods for jadeite jade so that a complete set of standard testing methods will be available for all three types of Fei Cui. The initiative is strongly supported by the Customs and Excise Department. GAHK has conducted research into various testing methods adopted by the trade and drafted a standard testing method based on its findings. At the next stage, GAHK would carry out testing using Fei Cui samples to validate and fine-tune the testing methods. A pilot will also be conducted by a laboratory to seek accreditation from HKAS. Experience from the accreditation exercise will be used to finalise the testing methods. The standard testing methods for kosmochlor and omphacite are expected to be available for use by the testing industry and the jewellery trade in late 2012.

34. The Jewellery Panel has stepped up the promotion of Hong Kong's existing accredited testing services for jadeite jade and diamond. The Panel has worked together with the jewellery trade and the testing industry in producing a pamphlet for distribution to retail shops through trade associations. The pamphlet is also made available for visitors at entry points in Hong Kong. Separately, both the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Hong Kong Consumer Council also provide information on how to locate testing laboratories for gemstones at their websites.

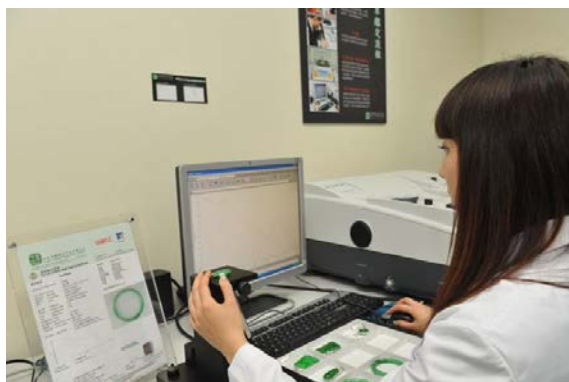


Figure 10 Infrared spectrum
examination of jadeite jade

Emerging Trades

35. The environmental protection trade and the information and communications technologies trade are two emerging areas that may have good potential in developing testing and certification services. HKCTC was making preparation to form two new Panels to explore new business opportunities for testing and certification in these two trades in May 2012.

SEEKING WIDER RECOGNITION OF HONG KONG'S ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Overseas Market

36. Through joining mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs) administered by international and regional accreditation cooperation bodies, the accreditation granted by HKAS to testing and certification organisations is recognised by over 80 accreditation bodies in about 65 economies, including Hong Kong's major trading partners. In Year 2011-12, HKAS succeeded in expanding the scope of its MRAs with the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation and the International Accreditation Forum to cover environmental management system certification and product certification.

37. To raise the international profile of HKAS and Hong Kong's testing and certification industry, HKAS will host the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation in June 2012.

The Mainland Market

38. Through the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), starting from January 2011 laboratories accredited by HKAS are allowed to perform testing of four types of products (i.e. toys, circuit installation, information technology equipment and lighting apparatus) processed in Hong Kong for the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) System in cooperation with designated Mainland certification bodies. HKAS has accorded priority to process applications from laboratories seeking accreditation to perform CCC testing. Nine testing laboratories have been accredited and they are in different stages of concluding cooperation agreements with designated certification bodies in the Mainland.

39. The pilot scheme would be extended to all products under CCC system processed in Hong Kong with effect from 1 April 2012. This would offer local testing laboratories more opportunities to undertake testing work for the Mainland market. To assist testing laboratories in understanding more about the arrangements and link them up with the designated certification bodies in the Mainland, HKCTC co-organised a seminar on the new liberalisation under CEPA for the industry in February 2012. Speakers from the Mainland's Certification and Accreditation Administration were invited to explain the relevant procedures. Experts were invited to brief Hong Kong's testing laboratories on technical requirements for CCC testing. A tour to Hong Kong's accredited laboratories was also arranged for Mainland officials and representatives from Mainland's designated certification bodies to facilitate cooperation.

PROMOTION

Promotion of Hong Kong's Testing and Certification Services

40. HKCTC and HKAS continued to promote the branding of "Tested in Hong Kong, Certified in Hong Kong" to potential service users both locally and outside Hong Kong through Hong Kong Trade Development Council's (HKTDC) platforms. In Year 2011-12, HKCTC and HKAS set up promotional booths in 16 local trade fairs and in the SmarHK fair in Guangzhou organised by HKTDC. HKTDC also assisted HKCTC in distributing promotional materials to visitors in the Hong Kong Pavilion in 18 trade fairs that HKTDC participated outside Hong Kong. The list of trade fairs is at **Annex 8**.

Annex 8

41. Advertisements to promote Hong Kong's testing and certification services were placed in the catalogues of trade fairs and in the lightboxes in the venue of local trade fairs to capitalise on the target participants patronising the trade fairs. Photos showing the promotional booth in trade fairs and an advertisement are at **Annex 9**. Videos were also produced for showing in trade fairs to enhance the promotional effect. Where appropriate, HKTDC also arranged representatives from HKCTC and HKAS to meet with overseas journalists during trade fairs.

Annex 9



Figure 11 Promotional booth in a local trade fair

42. HKCTC also lined up speakers for seminars organised by HKTDC to promote Hong Kong's testing and certification services. For example, HKCTC lined up a speaker from HKAS to attend an outreach seminar organised by HKTDC in Putian, Fujian in the Mainland in September 2011.

Raising the Profile and Public Awareness of the Industry

43. In Year 2011-12, HKCTC continued to set up a promotional booth in the Inno-Carnival of the Innotech Month 2011 held in the Science Park in November 2011 to introduce testing and certification services to students and the general public. An advertorial series of 17 half-page reports was also arranged in selected Chinese and English newspapers from October 2011 to April 2012. Photos of the promotional booth and some examples of advertorials are also at *Annex 9*.

Annex 9

WAY FORWARD

44. In Year 2012-13, HKCTC will continue to work closely with the Government and the industry in overseeing the implementation of the three-year industry development plan proposed by HKCTC in March 2010. HKCTC will also conduct a review on the implementation of the three-year plan. Adjustments to the current approach in promoting the development of the industry will be proposed, after taking into account the implementation experience and views from practitioners in the industry.

Annex 1

**Terms of Reference of
Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification**

(revised on 17 September 2011)

To advise the Chief Executive on -

- (a) the overall development strategy of the industry;
- (b) new business opportunities worth exploring for the industry, having regard to latest developments in the Mainland and overseas markets;
and
- (c) measures needed to raise the professional standing and community awareness of the industry.

Annex 2

Membership List of Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification

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Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council or representative

Executive Director of Vocational Training Council or representative

Director-General of Trade and Industry or representative

Commissioner for Innovation and Technology or representative

Annex 3

Higher Diploma Programmes with Testing and Certification Elements Launched by Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education of Vocational Training Council

- There were 11 Higher Diploma programmes with testing and certification elements as of Academic Year 2011-12, including:
 1. Analytical Science and Biotechnology
 2. Pharmaceutical Technology
 3. Environmental Resources Management
 4. Food Science & Safety
 5. Applied and Analytical Chemistry
 6. Chemical Technology with Management
 7. Environmental Protection and Management
 8. Environmental Science (Monitoring and Assessment)
 9. Health Food Business
 10. Applied Science (Testing and Certification)
 11. Product Testing

- In view of the "3+3+4" Education Reform, the 11 programmes above will be revamped into the following ten new Higher Diploma programmes to be launched in September 2012:
 1. Environmental Science
 2. Food and Nutritional Science
 3. Analytical Science
 4. Biotechnology
 5. Chemical Technology
 6. Environmental Protection and Management
 7. Food Business Operations and Management
 8. Pharmaceutical Science
 9. Biomedical Science
 10. Product Testing

Annex 4

**Membership List of Panel on Promoting Testing and Certification Services
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Prof ZHAO Zhong-zhen

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Representative of Government Laboratory

Representative of Hospital Authority

Representative of Hong Kong Productivity Council

Representative of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (till 16 Sep 2011)

Representative of Vocational Training Council

Annex 5

**Membership List of Panel on Promoting Testing and Certification Services
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Representative of Architectural Services Department

Representative of Buildings Department

Representative of Housing Department

Representative of MTR Corporation Ltd

Representative of Hong Kong Productivity Council

Representative of Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Representative of Vocational Training Council

Annex 6

**Membership List of Panel on Promoting
Testing and Certification Services in Food Trade**

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Representative of Government Laboratory

Representative of Hong Kong Consumer Council

Representative of Hong Kong Productivity Council

Representative of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (from 15 Oct 2011)

Representative of Vegetable Marketing Organisation

Annex 7

**Membership List of Panel on Promoting
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Annex 8

List of Trade Fairs

HKCTC set up promotional booths in the following trade fairs organised by HKTDC in Hong Kong and Guangzhou:

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| Apr 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hong Kong Electronic Fair (Spring Ed)• Hong Kong International Lighting Fair (Spring Ed)• Hong Kong Houseware Fair• Hong Kong International Home Textiles Fair |
| May 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SmartHK - Guangzhou, China |
| Jul 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HK Summer Sourcing Show for Gifts, Houseware & Toys• Hong Kong Fashion Week for Spring/Summer |
| Aug 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Expo• International Conference & Exhibition of Modernization of Chinese Medicine & Health Products (ICMCM) |
| Oct 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Autumn Ed)• Hong Kong International Lighting Fair (Autumn Ed)• ECO Expo Asia• Hong Kong International Building and Decoration Materials and Hardware Fair |
| Dec 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World SME EXPO |
| Jan 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hong Kong Toys & Games Fair• Hong Kong Fashion Week for Fall/Winter |
| Feb 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hong Kong International Jewellery Show |

HKTDC helped to distribute promotional materials in the following trade fairs outside Hong Kong:

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| Apr 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jinjiang Footwear (International) Expo - China |
| Jun 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BIO International Convention - Washington DC, USA• China Cross-Straits Technology and Projects Fair |
| Jul 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Fashion Fair - Tokyo, Japan |
| Aug 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAGIC - Las Vegas, USA |
| Sep 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IFA - Berlin, Germany |
| Oct 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anuga - Cologne, Germany• GITEEX - Dubai, UAE• China Toy Expo, Shanghai• CEATEC Japan |

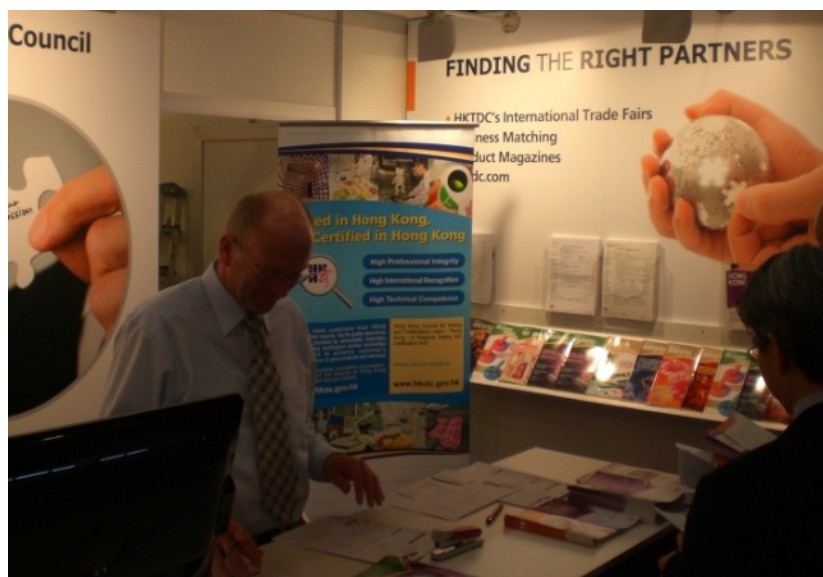
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| Nov 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• China Hi-Tech Fair• Asia Electronics Exhibition in Shanghai |
| Jan 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer Electronics Show - Las Vegas, USA• Expo Riva Schuh - International Shoe Fair (Summer Ed) - Riva del Garda, Italy |
| Feb 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair - Nuremburg, Germany• American International Toy Fair, New York |
| Mar 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BASEL WORLD 2011 The New World Watch and Jewellery - Switzerland• CeBIT - Hanover, Germany |

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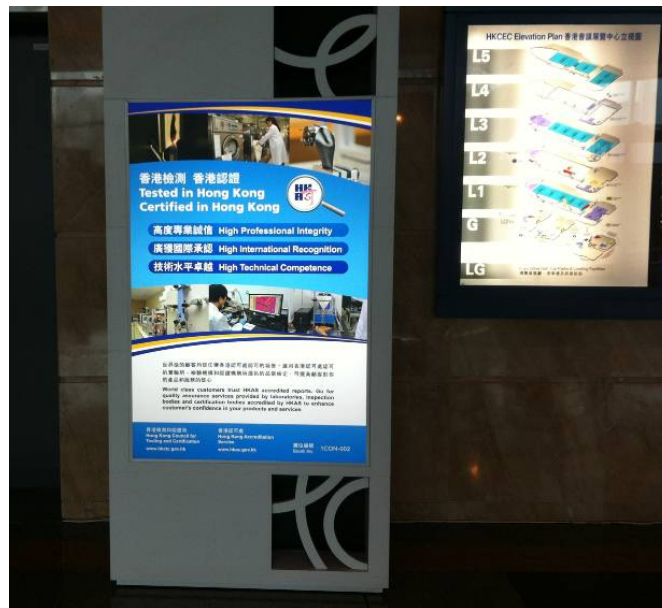
Efforts of Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification to Promote Testing and Certification Industry of Hong Kong



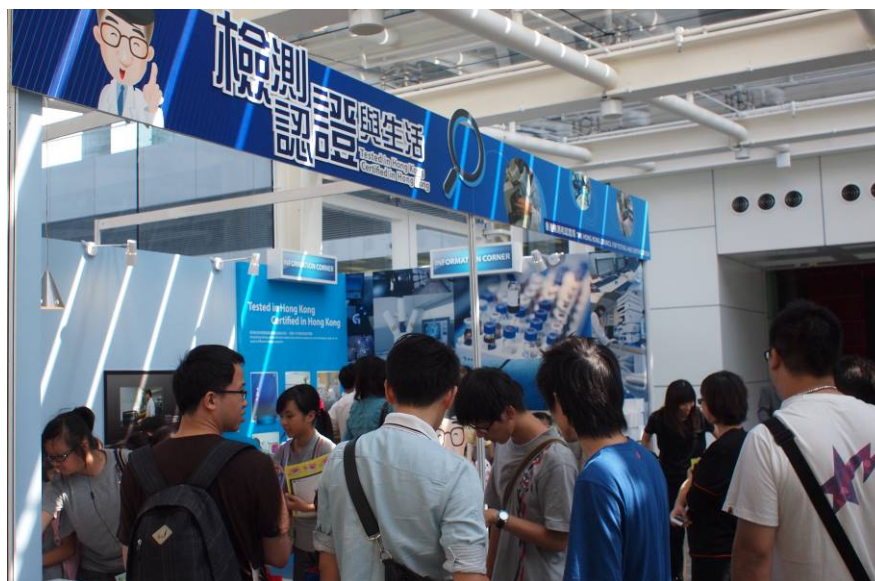
Promotional booth in the Hong Kong Electronics Fair
(Autumn Ed) in October 2011



Promotional booth in an overseas trade fair



Advertisement in a lightbox in a local trade fair of HKTDC



Promotional booth (exterior) at Inno-Carnival 2011

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Advertorial on authentication of Chinese medicines published
in December 2011

提升「香港檢測·香港認證」認受性

香港擁有完善的認可制度，以及有良好信譽及高水平的檢測及認證機構，備受世界肯定。這些都有賴各個範疇的專家參與認可諮詢委員會及其小組的工作，以及各範疇的技術評審人員，多年來協助監察檢測和認證行業服務水平。創新科技署、認可諮詢委員會及香港檢測和認證局早前聯辦大型研討會，讓這些專家交流經驗，更請來深圳官員參與，進一步促進港深兩地更緊密的合作。

檢測和認證業於○九年被列為本港六項優勢產業之一，本港約有570間從事檢測及認證產業的私營機構，包括主要的國際檢測及認證機構，僱員人數超過12,000人，支援各行各業的發展。創新科技署署長王榮珍於研討會上表示，感謝各界的專家一貫的支持，希望研討會能讓大家深入了解香港檢測和認證業的全貌，從互相交流探討中，提升行業的協同效應，並加強港深兩地的合作。



■一直協助檢測和認證業發展的專家參與研討會。

認可諮詢委員會 多年與業界一同成長

認可諮詢委員會於九八年成立，為香港認可處提供意見並協助制定認可準則，以提升業界水平。多年來與業界一同成長。現時，委員會及各小組成員共約200多人，分別來自檢測和認證業、相關行業、學術界、專業團體、政府部門和公眾機構。另外，有超過460名技術評審人員協助認可處進行實地評審工作，確保檢測和認證機構的能力符合國際標準。認可處執行李幸華指出，認可處多年來設計多項多邊互認協議，令行業所發出的認可報告和證書，獲全球65個經濟體系的認可機構承認，增加其認受性。

認可諮詢委員會主席麥國輝表示，該委員會主席團向港大教授介紹認可諮詢委員會的最新工作，例如制定有關中藥材管理、科學認證，在CEPA下中國國際性認證制度(CCC)測試、食品監管制度，以及各管理系統認證等認可準則。

他亦指，健全的認可制度非常重要，有助提升行業整體的水平。

行業與民生和外貿息息相關

諮詢委員會認可工作小組主席及房屋署副署長馮宜萱介紹有關推行建築材料產品認證的經驗，並指公共房屋已逐漸採用具認證的建材，以加強樓宇安全與質素。諮詢委員會成員、長和醫院副院長李耀輝醫生在研討會指出，認可能對醫藥業的重要性。能向社會檢定中心行政總裁陳文則探討認可資格如何為消費品測試實驗室增加商機。

香港檢測和認證局主席、中文大學副校長程伯中教授指出，檢測和認證業與市民生活及對外貿易息息相關。民生包括醫療化驗、食品及建材測試等；外貿包括支援玩具、製衣及電子產品出口等。為香港及珠三角地區經濟發展貢獻良多。他亦介紹香港檢測和認證局的工作，包括在本地和國外推廣「香港檢測·香港認證」的品牌。

中央支持港港開拓內地商機

商務及經濟發展局局長蘇錦樑指出，今年是香港檢測和認證業重要的一年，中央多項措施均表示對香港檢測和認證業的支持和肯定。內地亦應應CEPA允許認可認可的香港實驗室，與內地指定機構開展合作，承擔本地加工並需要CCC認證的產品的檢測任務。

隨著中央放寬港港檢測和認證業發展內地市場，港深雙方交流合作應能開展。是次研討會更邀請深圳當局相關官員出席，協助業界了解內地檢測及認證的情況。



■創新科技署署長王榮珍(左五)、認可諮詢委員會主席馮宜萱(左六)及香港檢測和認證局主席程伯中教授(左八)與出席研討會的嘉賓合照。



■深圳檢驗檢疫局局長劉勝利表示，深港雙方的聯繫更加緊密，以保障供應產品質量安全及促進港深兩地經濟發展。

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深港檢測認證合作空間巨大

深圳檢驗檢疫局局長劉勝利表示，目前深港雙方檢驗檢疫的合作已覆蓋糧、食、衛等多個領域，建立港口岸衛生安全聯防聯控體系。他相信深港雙方在檢驗檢疫、低碳認證、CCC認證等方面的技術交流將大有可為，實現優勢互補、資源分享，共促發展。

負責監督貿易技術的深圳海關副關長劉利表示，由於香港是國際性的金融、航運及地區貿易中心，並為第11大貿易實體，兩地貿易關係自主創

新形城市，預料港深兩地檢測認證的合作有龐大的發展空間。



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Advertorial on promoting recognition of "Tested in Hong Kong, Certified in Hong Kong" published in December 2011

制訂測試方法 助分辨天然翡翠

香港是珠寶之地，但每年出口珠寶達400多萬，為世界第4大珠寶出口中心，因此香港檢測和認證局翡翠測試服務為有發展潛力的行業之一，期望打造香港成為國際性的珠寶測試中心。當中翡翠的測試方法，尤其是中國市場，天然翡翠的價格更可上千萬港元。但原來在2004年之前並沒有統一的測試方法，為此香港珠寶業手制訂「香港標準天然翡翠測試方法」，而政府認可處則於2005年推出相關的計劃，以認可有能力的實驗室提供天然和合成翡翠的測試服務。

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Advertorial on development of testing methods for Fei Cui published in January 2012

Government support to the testing and certification industry to bring international recognition

The professionalism and credibility of the testing and certification industry in Hong Kong has been receiving global recognition. With the active support of the Government, the standing of the industry has been effectively maintained.

Traceable and credible calibration

Established in 1984, the Standards and Calibration Laboratory (SCL) aims to develop and maintain the physical metrology standards, based on the International System of Units (SI), promote international acceptance of these standards, and provide accurate calibration service to the local economy.

Mr. Chiang Kuen-siu, Head of Laboratory of the Innovation and Technology Commission, explained that standards and testing are closely connected with our daily life. "From the size of our clothes to the weight of diamonds, measurements have to be calibrated according

to certain standards to maintain traceability and credibility. We maintain Hong Kong's reference standards of physical measurement and provide calibration services to users of measuring instruments, including not only length and weight but also mass, current, high voltage, mass and frequency, temperature, and many others."

Apart from a critical role for the local testing and certification industry, the SCL also plays a strategic function for connecting with the worldwide metrology system. Its calibration certificates provided to the industry, under the legal of International Committee for Weights and Measures Mutual Recognition Agreement (CIPM MRA), are internationally recognized, thus enhancing the credibility and traceability of the test results conducted by the local industry.

"As a technical infrastructure providing metrology support in Hong Kong, the SCL keeps facilitating international trade, technological development and the maintenance of good quality and high technology products," said Chiang, adding that measuring instruments are regularly calibrated to ensure accurate and valid measurements.

In recent years, the SCL has introduced a series of new services involving more mutual-synergy technologies, such as acoustic calibration services and magnetic measurement.

Recognized accreditation

Providing testing, inspection and certification services, the testing and certification industry is an integral part of the supply chain.

"Accreditation provides a means of assessing and formally recognizing the competence of laboratories, inspection and certification bodies to perform conformity assessment activities in accordance with relevant international standards. Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) comes in line to promote the acceptance of accredited service in the economy," said Professor Kwan for

Chair, chairman of the Accreditation Advisory Board (AAB), adding that HKAS participates actively in regional and international accreditation cooperation activities to upgrade its status and improve service reception.

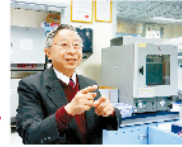
Strategies related to accreditation including management and future development of HKAS, accreditation criteria, and accreditation

service changes, etc., HKAS is advised by the AAB.

With the support of specific working parties or task forces, the AAB determines how accreditation for specific programs should operate, like the qualification of approved signatories, test methods selection and validation of measurement.

"We have to ensure that accreditation services meet changing needs of the industry. In 2011, nine new accreditation were launched, such as testing of selected products for the China Compulsory Certification (CCC) system, chemical and physical chemical testings according to the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Standards, and radiation measurement for food and other products," added Professor Kwan.

Supporting the development of the testing and certification industry in the coming future, with the help of AAB, HKAS will continue to provide training to the industry to enhance both professional standards, while they will go on acquiring the necessary expertise to facilitate provision of new accreditation services.



Professor Kwan Kai-shan



Mr. Chiang Kuen-siu



Iodine Stabilized Helium-Neon Laser primary standard for "Meter"

Advertorial on Government support to the testing and certification Industry to bring international recognition published in February 2012