Opening of "iAM Smart" Sandbox Programme to the Designated non-financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs)

It is my pleasure to inform you that "iAM Smart" Sandbox Programme ("Sandbox Programme") was opened to Designated non-financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs) specified in the revised Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance (Cap. 615) (AMLO) which came into effect on 1 June 2023. DNFBPs may join the Sandbox Programme to adopt "iAM Smart" as "reliable digital identification systems" for customer identification and verification purposes to fulfil the relevant requirements specified in AMLO.

I write to cordially invite you to attend a webinar to learn more about "iAM Smart"(「智方便」) and the Sandbox Programme in preparation for adopting "iAM Smart" in the online services of your organisation.

"iAM Smart"

"iAM Smart" aims to provide all Hong Kong residents aged 11 or above with a single digital identity and an authentication function to conduct government and commercial transactions online. Hong Kong residents are free to register and use the "iAM Smart". At present, there are more than 2.1 million "iAM Smart" registered users and the number has been on the rise. Over 280 government and commercial online services are now accessible through "iAM Smart". Detailed information is available at the "iAM Smart" website (https://www.iamsmart.gov.hk).

Functionalities of "iAM Smart"

There are two versions of "iAM Smart" account, namely "iAM Smart" (via self-online registration) and "iAM Smart+" (via in-person registration at designated locations). Users can use "iAM Smart" online for authentication, "e-ME" form-filling and digital signing.

Authentication - Users can use "iAM Smart" to verify their identities to access various government and commercial online services in a simple and

secure way without having to manage different user names and passwords of the online services. Online services providers could apply such authentication function in various use cases including account login, account opening, account activation, enquiry, etc.

"e-ME" Form-Filling - Users can store general personal data (such as name, gender, phone number, date of birth, address data on utility bills, etc.) in their "iAM Smart" accounts to perform form-filling automatically, saving their effort in repeatedly filling in the same data for different applications.

Digital Signing (for "iAM Smart+" users only) - Users can sign digitally electronic documents or forms to handle legal documents and procedures online with conformance to the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Chapter 553 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

"iAM Smart" Sandbox Programme

To facilitate online service providers to adopt "iAM Smart" for various types of online services, we have been working with Cyberport to operate the Sandbox Programme for public and private organisations to access to integrated testing environment to build proof-of-concepts using "iAM Smart". Recently, we have revamped the Sandbox website, making it more user-friendly with useful information to facilitate "iAM Smart" adoption for online services.

Organisations which are interested in joining the Sandbox Programme may submit an application to the Cyberport. Details can be found in the Sandbox Programme website (https://iamsmart.cyberport.hk/).

Webinar

To facilitate your organization to know more about "iAM Smart" and the Sandbox Programme, Cyberport and OGCIO will co-organise a webinar as follows:

Agenda

Date: 21 July 2023 (Fri)

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Language: Cantonese, supplemented with English

Rundown:

1. Introduction of "iAM Smart"

- 2. Use Cases of "iAM Smart"
- 3. Introduction of "iAM Smart" Sandbox Programme
- 4. Experience sharing on "iAM Smart" Services Development
- 5. Questions and Answers

Interested parties may register at https://forms.gle/Rcuf3gJ7Bxb9SmTz5 on or before 19 July 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact "iAM Smart" Sandbox Programme Team at iamsmart@cyberport.hk or 3166 3978.

Yours sincerely,

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