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Dear Members

The HKIE Veneree Club Monthly Talk – “The “ABCD” of Digital Technologies and the Ethics of AI” 21 May 2025

You are cordially invited to join the Monthly Talk to be held on 21 May 2025. Members could join the Talk either by face to face at the HKIE Headquarters or through online webinar. Members are required to select the platform in the online registration form. Details of the Talk are listed as below:

Date:	Wednesday, 21 May 2025
Time:	10:00am – 12:00nn
Platforms:	<p>(a) Face-to-Face (Chan Yat Mei Sophie Room, 9/F, The HKIE Headquarters) (Limited number of seats with social distancing.)</p> <p>(b) Online (The ZOOM webinar link and information will be sent through email upon successful registration.)</p>
Talk:	“The “ABCD” of Digital Technologies and the Ethics of AI”
Speaker:	<p>Biography of Mr Victor Lam Wai-kiu, SBS, FHKIE, FHKCS</p> <p>Mr Victor Lam Wai-kiu joined the Hong Kong Government as an Analyst/Programmer in August 1985, immediately after graduating from the University of Hong Kong, majoring in Computer Studies. As an information technology (IT) professional, Mr Lam provided IT services to various government departments. He took up the appointment as Government Chief Information Officer on 6 July 2018 to champion the development of information and communications technology, smart city, and digital government in Hong Kong until his retirement at the end of December 2022. He received the Silver Bauhinia Star in recognition of his meritorious and dedicated service to the Government and the Hong Kong community on 1 July 2023.</p> <p>Mr Lam currently serves on several boards and committees for the Government, statutory bodies, and church organizations, including the Public Service Commission, the Advisory Committee on Post-service Employment of Civil Servants, the Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme, the Building Committee of Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Information Technology Committee of Caritas Hong Kong, a non-executive director of EH Plus Digital Technology Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Hospital Authority), and the convenor of the Information Security Governance Committee of Hong Kong Genome Institute.</p>
Highlights:	<p>This talk explores the “ABCD” of digital technologies—Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Cloud Computing, and Data Science—and their transformative impact on industries and society. While these technologies drive innovation, enhance efficiency, and offer countless new possibilities, AI, in particular, raises profound ethical concerns. We will examine key ethical dimensions of AI, including bias in algorithms, data privacy, accountability, transparency, and its broader societal implications. Through real-world examples, thought experiments, and critical discussions, we will explore both the benefits AI can bring to society and the risks it poses — including existential threats that cannot be ignored.</p>

	<p>What safeguards are needed to prevent harm? How can we ensure AI serves humanity responsibly? This session aims to equip engineers and technologists with a deeper understanding of the opportunities presented by digital technologies and the ethical challenges of AI, empowering them to harness its potential for positive change.</p>
Language:	Cantonese
Remarks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior online registration is required. • The webinar link and information will be sent through email at least three days before the event upon successful registration. • Coffee and tea will be provided to face-to-face participants before start of the talk and during the break. <p>Notes for Face-to-Face participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited number of participants at Chan Yat Mei Sophie Room on first-come first-served basis.

Should you wish to join the talk, please register via the link below **on or before Wednesday, 14 May 2025**.

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More information of Veneree Club could be viewed at http://www.hkie.org.hk/en/membership/club_detail/3/. Should you have any question, please contact Veneree Club via email to venereclub@gmail.com.

Kind regards

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