



International Conference of Data  
Protection & Privacy Commissioners

## Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners to assemble in Hong Kong in 2017

**News release by Chair, Executive Committee, International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners**

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John Edwards, Chair of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners announced that the 39<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held in Hong Kong in late-2017.

The Hong Kong Privacy Commissioner last hosted the Conference in 1999. Since that time the Conference has met 16 times in various cities and will be assembling in October this year in Marrakesh, Morocco.

“The Conference is delighted to return to Asia after 18 years”, Mr Edwards said.

“This will also be a special occasion because Hong Kong will that year be celebrating the 20th anniversary of establishment of the Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China.”

Mr Edwards added that selection of Hong Kong as host more than a year and a half in advance also marked a milestone for the Conference and its Executive Committee which has been pursuing a strategy to place the Conference on a sounder footing.

“The Conference has become an important feature of the annual calendar for regulatory bodies around the world working in privacy and data protection. The growth in Conference membership has increased the organisational load. Providing hosts with a longer lead time to organise the event will, I trust, contribute to the Conference’s goal of being an outstanding global forum for privacy and data protection authorities.”

### **Background**

The International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners first met in 1979. It has been the premier global forum for data protection authorities for over three decades. The Conference seeks to provide leadership at international level in data protection and privacy and links 110 privacy and data protection authorities from across the globe.

A list of previous host cities is available at <https://icdppc.org/the-conference-and-executive-committee/history-of-the-conference/> with more information at [www.icdppc.org](http://www.icdppc.org). Follow us on twitter @ICDPPCExCo

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