

Additional information provided by Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong

Criteria	Information requested	PCPD's response
<p>A.1 – Overview: Indicate the proposed dates. (The Conference is usually held in September or October.) If possible, confirm that the dates do not clash with other relevant scheduled international meetings that member authorities may normally attend. If a clash is unavoidable please note the fact.</p>	<p>You've not included proposed dates in your proposal. Would you please indicate the proposed dates (which may be upon availability of the proposed venue).</p>	<p>Our proposed dates for the Conference are 2 - 6 November 2017 (as indicated in our cover letter of 27 November 2015), considering:</p> <p>Typhoons season in Hong Kong usually begins in May and ends in October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather-wise, November is the best month of the year; and • Holidays in September-October in Hong Kong and mainland of China push up cost of transport and accommodation. <p>We keep an open mind on other dates as the Executive Committee deem desirable.</p>
<p>A.2 – Supporting the Conference's Strategic direction: Indicate how the proposal supports the Conference's strategic direction. The Conference refreshes its strategic direction every few years. The Conference's strategic plan is available on the Conference's website.</p>	<p>As the new strategic direction was adopted in October. At that stage you were probably well advanced in finalising your proposal. In no more than 200 words, please summarise how your hosting proposal will support the strategic direction of the Conference.</p>	<p>Given the rapid evolution of global privacy landscape, regulators are doing their best to keep up with the velocity of change. The velocity appears to have gained momentum since the pendulum of business transactions and economic development swung from the West to the East during the last decade, whereby cross-border transfer and storage of personal data inevitably draw much attention from the data subjects and users alike, particularly in drawing up proposals for reform of the regulatory frameworks across the globe.</p> <p>The increasing number of data breaches or leakages, involving multi-national data subjects and users (including those having a Hong Kong element or relating to cyber-crimes) serves to confirm the pressing need for concerted efforts amongst data protection and privacy commissioners around the world to strategically tackle problems commonly envisaged under their individual mandates.</p> <p>Hong Kong has the longest-established comprehensive data privacy law in</p>

		<p>Asia and should take pride to join hands with her global counterparts to leverage resources and experience with those jurisdictions in the vicinity, particularly those where a dedicated piece of legislation on personal data privacy has yet to be put in place including the neighbouring mainland of China, by securing their attendance at the Conference as special guests or observers. The Conference would seek to explore new and better ways to develop effective and supportive networks between the West and the East, as well as common approaches and tools for data protection and privacy despite the geographical and cultural differences.</p>
<p>B.2 – Closed session: Two days of meetings should be allowed for. Include details of what is planned for simultaneous interpretation.</p>	<p>We note you will provide simultaneous interpretation at the Conference. If you are able at this stage please indicate the number of languages for which interpretation would likely be provided.</p>	<p>English is the official language of the Conference. We have planned that there will be simultaneous translation into English, Spanish, French and Putonghua (Chinese) at the closed session.</p> <p>The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre simultaneous interpretation system handles up to eight languages. Fixed and mobile booths are available.</p> <p>A contractor with a rigorous certification process for a good network of interpretation specialists who also possess expertise in specific subjects and ICT will be commissioned.</p>
<p>C.8 – Organising team: Please explain who will principally be involved in organising the event.</p> <p>For example, explain conference administration will be handled within the authority or contracted out and whether a</p>	<p>You've not included information in your proposal on this topic.</p>	<p>An Organising Committee chaired by a senior member of the Office responsible directly to The Privacy Commissioner for Personal data, Hong Kong (PCPD) will be formed, comprising staff of the PCPD, members of the related industry and academia, and other relevant professional and lay members.</p> <p>PCPD's Corporate Communications Division (CCD) consists of full-time and highly professional personnel in all aspects of public relations, event management and administration. CCD will support the Organising Committee to retain control of the organizational work for the conference</p>

<p>programme panel will be convened.</p>		<p>with an appointed professional conference organizer acting as Project Manager.</p> <p>A Programme Panel (chaired by the conference host Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data Hong Kong), will be convened in good time, to define the topics, invite keynote and guest speakers, decide on the programme schedule and vet the conference papers.</p>
<p>D.11 – Venue: Provide details of the proposed venue for the closed session and the characteristics that make it suitable. If a public event is planned for another venue please provide details.</p>	<p>We are aware of major construction works around HKCEC. By the time of the Conference will construction work affect the venue in any manner?</p> <p>We note you’ve provided backup venues. Are you anticipating the backup venues for the Conference or side meetings?</p>	<p>The Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) is acclaimed for its competence and capacity to accommodate the number of anticipated attendees and deliver all the facilities required by the conference programme. The backup venues are proposed to handle requests for side meetings and unforeseen changes (if any).</p> <p>The construction project by HKSAR Government currently underway along the north shoreline of Hong Kong Island has no adverse impact on the conference. The project which began in mid 2010 is scheduled to complete by mid-2017. The HKCEC has been playing host to major international trade fairs and conventions with no interruption. Temporary traffic arrangement is administered at part of the areas in the vicinity occasionally with no major problems. All hotels identified are adjacent or within walking distance to the HKCEC. We therefore do not foresee that the venue will be affected by the construction project in any manner.</p>