



## Chairman's Foreword

Dr. Patrick Wang Shui-chung, JP  
Chairman of the Board

It is my pleasure to present to you the first Annual Report of The Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI), covering the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008. It is indeed our intention to use the different sections of this report to inform readers of our achievements and developments during the past year.

Having chaired this dynamic institution since October 2007, I am very impressed by its achievements and progress. Although ASTRI is a relatively young institution, it is beyond doubt we have made great progress in pursuing our public mission to becoming an outstanding research institute that brings together industry, universities and the research capabilities of ASTRI to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong's technology-based industries.

While we are creating innovative and customer-focused technology, we have never lost sight on the well-being and personal development of our talented staff. We strongly believe the success of any organization, including ASTRI, cannot be separated from the individual growth of its team members. Similarly, the success of any applied research institute depends heavily on focusing its efforts to meet the needs of customers and industry.

Furthermore, we are mindful of the need to constantly review our operations to achieve a high level of transparency and accountability.

With the full support of the Hong Kong SAR Government, industry in the region and the local community at large, I am confident when ASTRI continues to excel in its R&D endeavours, this fine institution will also continue to build its reputation as a first-class and influential applied research institute in the region.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to the Chief Executive Officer and his entire staff for their dedication and tremendous efforts during the past year. All Board members and I are looking forward to another successful year ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Patrick Wang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right. It is positioned above the date "April 2008".

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