

The Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute (ASTRI) : An Introduction

The Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited (ASTRI) was founded by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and began operation in 2001 to enhance technological advances for Hong Kong through applied research.

In April 2006, when the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) launched the Hong Kong R&D Centre Initiative with the objective to promote applied R&D and facilitate technology transfer and commercialization under a new strategic framework for innovation and technology development, ASTRI was designated the Hong Kong R&D Centre for Information and Communications Technologies (HK R&D Centre for ICT) with special goals to market leading-edge R&D for technology transfer to industry, to develop the much needed technical human resources, and to act as a focal point bringing together industry and university R&D assets to increase Hong Kong's technological competitiveness on a continuous basis.

In the past few years, ASTRI has already built teams of excellent world-class researchers and created real economic impact by transferring their intellectual properties (IPs) in customer-focused ways to our industry customers, continuously and in volume. Our ultimate objectives will be nothing short of establishing ASTRI as one of the best and most influential R&D centres in the region, and a truly strategic asset that enables Hong Kong to enhance values from competitive technologies for years to come.