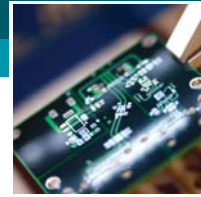


ASTRI's R&D Groups and Subsidiary



ASTRI's research work focuses on four main technology domains of information and communications technologies:

- Communications Technologies
- Enterprise and Consumer Electronics
- IC Designs
- Material and Packaging Technologies

These four technology domains form the cornerstones of the Information and Communications Technologies R&D Centre (ICT RDC) initiated by the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC), and hosted by ASTRI to coordinate technological assets from research institutions, industry and academia in Hong Kong to jointly pursue worthy research topics for substantive industrial impact. In the coming years, the bulk of ASTRI's research work will be conducted under the ICT RDC.

In addition to giving substance to the operations of the ICT R&D Centre, ASTRI's ICT R&D programmes are formulated with the intention to bring not only strategic "applications" that are transferable to the industry to enhance their competitiveness, but also to build and continuously strengthen the "technical competencies" or "platform technologies" that would continuously spawn a multitude of future applications.

The impressive progresses and developments achieved by the four domains during the year under review are reported in the following pages.

Also included in this section is a progress report of ASTRI's subsidiary — The Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine (HKJCICM).

