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17 May 2007

Visit by a five-member senior delegation from the Chinese Academy of Science.

22 May 2007

Visit by a senior Chinese Technology Delegation led by Mr. Cheng Jinpei, Vice-Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, and Prof. Xu Rigan, Vice-President of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

17 July 2007

Visit by a 23-member delegation of the Department of Science and Technology, Guangdong Province.

14-17 August 2007

ASTRI again co-organized the Eighth International Conference on Electronics Packaging Technology (ICEPT) in Shanghai. It was attended by more than 400 participants from various countries.

4 September 2007

To further promote ASTRI's latest technological achievements and breakthroughs, more than 30 journalists were invited to tour its laboratories. The "Media Lab Tour" was a major highlight of the Media Workshop initiated by the Innovation and Technology Commission.

03-04 5 September 2007

More than 200 participants from the industry and academic sectors joined ASTRI's first Industry and University Consultation Forum Hong Kong (IUCF HK) at Science Park. The Forum introduced ASTRI's various technology programmes and R&D endeavours, solicited initiatives for projects, and sought from industry and universities collaboration on developing a wide spectrum of innovative technologies.

05-06 7 September 2007

Following the successful Forum in Hong Kong, the event was staged again in Shenzhen, with support from the Shenzhen Municipal Government, Shenzhen Bureau of Science, Technology and Information and Hong Kong's Innovation and Technology Commission. The Forum attracted more than 300 participants from over 100 local and overseas enterprises and universities.

14-18 September 2007

Some of ASTRI's technological accomplishments were on display at the "Innovation Expo 2007", a biennial event organized by Innovation and Technology Commission with aims to enhance public awareness on Hong Kong's achievements in innovation, technology and design, as well as to nurture the interest and talent of the younger generation in these areas.

17 September 2007

Visit by a delegation comprising representatives from the Chinese National Office for Science and Technology Awards, China Association of Children's Science Instructors, State Council's Three Gorges Project Construction Committee, China Three Gorges Project Corporation, Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, and the provincial governments in the Pearl River Delta region.

08 12-17 October 2007

The R&D of ASTRI's four domains were on display at the Hong Kong Pavilion of the Ninth China High-Tech Fair (CHTF) in Shenzhen. The pavilion, co-organized by Innovation and Technology Commission Hong Kong Productivity Council and Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was visited by Mr. Frederick Ma Sze-hang, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development; Mr. Liu Yingli, Vice-Deputy Mayor of Shenzhen Municipal Government; and other senior officials.

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09 **24 October 2007**
 ASTRI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with four collaborators on establishing the Hong Kong Digital Terrestrial Television Local Testing Group (DTTG), which is Hong Kong's first organization to support both the roll out and testing of digital TV (DTV) broadcasting technology, particularly for testing set-top boxes and digital TV sets.

10 **6 December 2007**
 ASTRI co-organized a seminar on "Deployment of Digital TV Broadcasting in Hong Kong -- The Business Opportunities and the Technology Development" with Asia Television Limited, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Rohde and Schwarz Hong Kong Limited, and Television Broadcast Limited.

10 **6-7 December 2007**
 ASTRI took part in the 2007 China (Changsha) Science and Technology Achievements Transformation Fair, which was organized by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Central Government and the Hunan Provincial Government.

11 **10 December 2007**
 ASTRI was invited by ITC to participate in the "Chongqing Hong Kong -- Introduction of Hong Kong's R&D Centres & Technology Infrastructure Forum" in Chongqing. The forum aimed at exploring collaborations between industry and academic research, as well as establishing technological cooperation in Hong Kong and Chongqing.

12 **12-14 December 2007**
 ASTRI again took part in the Inno Design Tech Expo 2007 organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and co-organized by Hong Kong Design Centre and Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation.

12 **14 December 2007**
 At the WPAN Working Group Annual Technology Conference in Beijing, ASTRI was awarded the "Innovation Award" by WPAN (Wireless Personal Area Networking Working Group of the China National Information Technology Standardization Technical Committee [NITS]).

13-14 **31 December 2007**
 ASTRI and Tsinghua University held a ceremony at ASTRI to celebrate the establishment of ASTRI-Tsinghua University Multimedia Broadcasting and Communications Joint Research Laboratory. On behalf of ASTRI and Tsinghua University respectively, Prof. Edward S. Yang and Prof. Kang Kejun, signed the Letter of Intent. Guests from The State Administration of Radio, Film, and Television (SARFT) and Tsinghua University were invited to witness the launch of Hong Kong digital terrestrial television broadcasting.

15 **23 January 2008**
 The A8WIFI Cellular Base Station, jointly developed by ASTRI and ALTAI Technologies Limited, a spun-off company of ASTRI, was awarded the "2007 Hong Kong Awards for Industries: Technological Achievement Grand Award" in the Technological Achievement Category.

16 **17 March 2008**
 ASTRI's Advanced Packaging Technologies Consortium co-organized a seminar on "3D Packaging: Market Trends, Technologies, Manufacturing & Reliability" with Fudan University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University on the Fudan University campus in Shanghai.