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Andy Hopper is Professor of Computer Technology and Head of Department of the Computer Laboratory at the University of Cambridge and President of IET. His research interests include computer networking, pervasive and sensor-driven computing, and using computers to ensure the sustainability of the planet. He has worked for multinational companies and co-founded over a dozen spin-outs and startups, three of which floated on stock markets. He is Chairman of RealVNC Group and Ubisense plc which between them have received five Queen’s Awards for Enterprise. A Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and of the Royal Society, Professor Hopper was made a CBE in 2007 for services to the computer industry.
We are moving into a world of digital ubiquity, where technology is increasingly integrated into our lives, society and the urban systems. Smart Cities and Big Data promise efficiency, wellbeing and opportunities but at the same time raise security concerns. What role can computing play for a sustainable future of our planet?

This lecture brings together two leading experts from the two Academies to rethink the potentials and limitations of the new frontier. Professor Hopper will outline his vision on the big picture and look into the framework for computing in dealing with sustainability of our world from a global perspective. Professor Ni will cite examples to illustrate the economic opportunities and address the technical and political challenges underlying Smart Cities and Big Data.

You are cordially invited to join this inspiring event on our digital future.

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PROGRAMME

Saturday, 9 November 2013, 10:00am
Cheung On Tak Lecture Theatre
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hunghom, Hong Kong

10:00am Opening Speech by Professor Joseph HW Lee, HKAES President
Welcome Address by Guest of Honour Professor Timothy Tong, President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
“Computing for the Future of the Planet” Lecture by Professor Andy Hopper
Head, The Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge

10:55am Break

11:05am "From Snowden to Big Data"
Lecture by Professor Lionel M. Ni
Chair Professor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Discussion Panel + Q&A
Moderator: Professor Wing-shing Wong, Dean of the Graduate School, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Vote of thanks by Mr TC Chew, Projects Director, MTR Corporation Limited

12:30pm End

Lectures will be conducted in English.
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