



**Retail Technology Adoption Assistance Scheme for
Manpower Demand Management (ReTAAS)**

**Annual Report 2015-16
(Executive Summary)**

Prepared by the Secretariat of ReTAAS

1. The four objectives set out in the Annual Implementation Plan 2015-16 (Annual Plan) were achieved. They are reviewed as follows.

(A) Strength Manpower of Secretariat

2. During the period, the manpower of the Secretariat had been enhanced to acquire the necessary IT expertise to strengthen on-site checking of approved projects that involve technical review or validation of a wide range of retail technologies adoption and implement the promotion plan.

(B) Supporting the Vetting Committee (VC)

3. The Secretariat briefed the VC on the meeting arrangements and measures to avoid conflict of interests. Moreover, the Secretariat supported the VC in providing administrative services, drafting papers and documents, screening applications, etc.

(C) Processing Applications

4. As at the end of the reporting period, the Scheme had received 190 applications, of which 146 applications (with sufficient information) had been processed by the Vetting Committee (VC). A total of 121 applications had been approved in the first five VC meetings and the approval rate was about 83%.

(D) Publicity

5. Secretariat promoted ReTAAS through visit to 1,059 retail shops and participation in four expo events and 30 seminars (including nine seminars organised by trade and other associations).

6. Since the launch of ReTAAS website on 1 December 2014, the cumulative hit rate was 44,649 by the end of the reporting period. The Secretariat also produced 3 successful ReTAAS case videos, which attracted 1,506 viewership.