



e-Cert (Server) User Guide

For Microsoft Exchange Server 2010

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A. Guidelines for e-Cert (Server) Applicant

After receipt and approval of an e-Cert (Server) application, Hongkong Post Certification Authority will send an e-mail with subject Submission of Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to request the Authorized Representative to submit the CSR at the Hongkong Post CA website.

This user guide is for reference by applicants of e-Cert (Server) in generating their key pair and Certificate Signing Request (CSR) using Microsoft Exchange Server 2010. The CSR containing the public key will then be submitted to Hongkong Post Certification Authority for certificate signing.

If you lose the private key after the certificate is issued, you will be unable to install or use the certificate. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you should backup the private key **before the submission of the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) and after the installation of the server certificate**. To learn the backup and restore procedures of the private key, please follow the instructions as described in the following sections:

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New and Renew Application

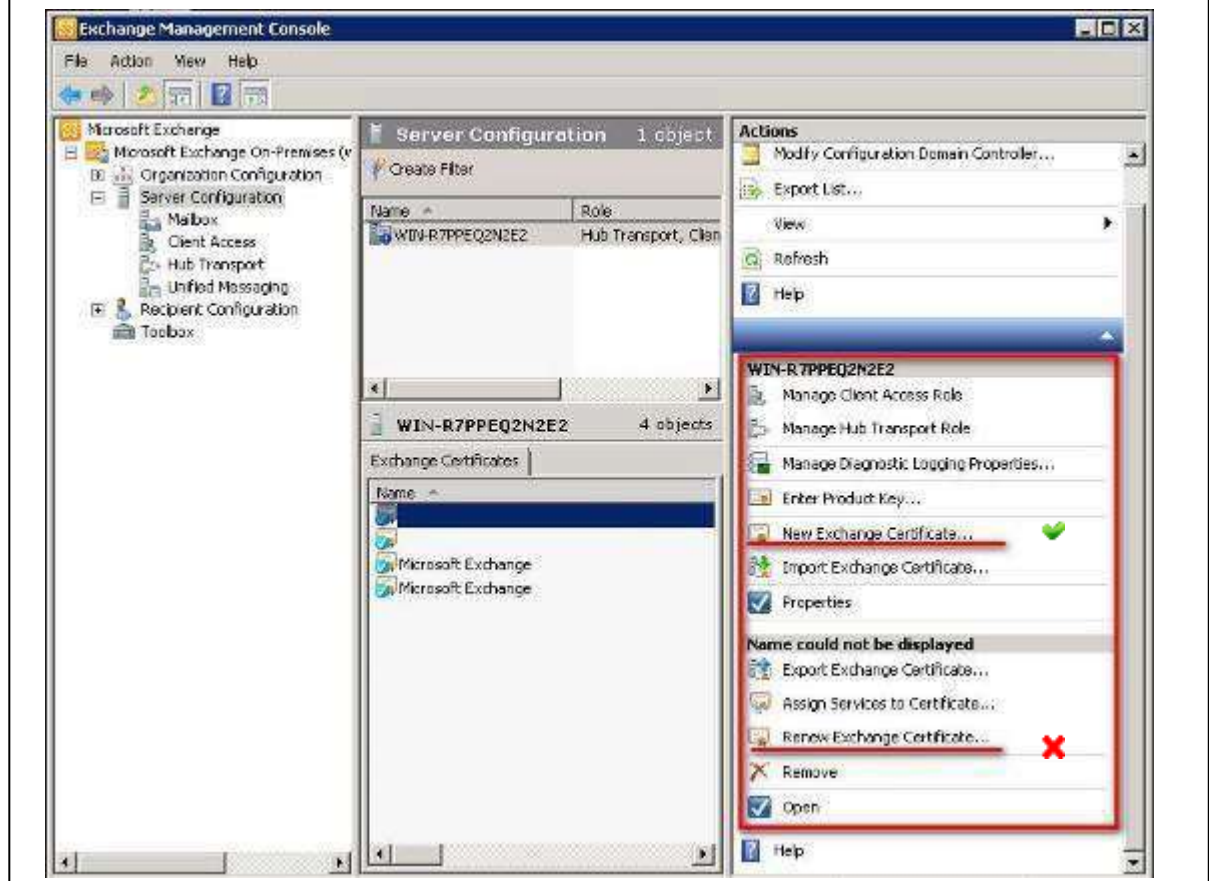
If this is the first time you apply for e-Cert (Server), please follow the instructions as described in the following sections for a new or renew application for e-Cert (Server):

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B. Generating Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

- 1 Start the **Exchange Management Console** by selecting **Start, All Programs, Microsoft Exchange Server 2010**, and then **Exchange Management Console**.
- 2 In Exchange Management Console, click + next to **Microsoft Exchange On-Premises** to expand the list of services.
- 3 Select **Server Configuration**, and then select **New Exchange Certificate** (in the right side of the screen).

*Note : For renew of e-Cert (Server) application, please do not click “Renew” option to renew the certificate. Please click “**Create Certificate Request**” as the same procedures as new application for e-Cert (Server).*



- 4 Enter a friendly name to identify this certificate (e.g. Hong Kong Post e-cert), and then click **Next**.



The screenshot shows the 'New Exchange Certificate' wizard in the 'Introduction' step. On the left, a navigation pane lists 'Introduction', 'Domain Scope', 'Certificate Configuration', and 'Completion'. The main area contains an 'Introduction' section with text explaining the wizard's purpose and a link to 'these documents'. Below this, a text box labeled 'Enter a friendly name for the certificate.' contains the text 'Hong Kong Post e-cert'. A red rectangle highlights this text box. At the bottom right, a red arrow points to the 'Next >' button. Other buttons include 'Help', '< Back', and 'Cancel'.

- 5 In the Domain Scope section,



The screenshot shows the 'New Exchange Certificate' wizard in the 'Domain Scope' step. The navigation pane on the left now has 'Domain Scope' selected. The main area contains a 'Domain Scope' section with instructions on using wildcards. Below this, there is a checkbox labeled 'Enable wildcard certificate' which is checked. Underneath, a text box labeled 'Root domain for wildcard (for example, contoso.com or *.contoso.com):' contains the text 'myserver.com'. A red rectangle highlights the checkbox and the text box. A red arrow points to the 'Next >' button at the bottom right. Other buttons include 'Help', '< Back', and 'Cancel'.

- If your CSR is for a wildcard certificate, select Enable wildcard certificate, enter the root domain name for your wildcard certificate, and then click **Next**. And directly follow step 6.

Note: Please make sure that **root domain for wildcard** is filled with **Server Name with Wildcard** (both the names with or without wildcard component, i.e. the asterisk '*' are acceptable).

- If your CSR is not for a wildcard certificate (both **Normal** and **Multi-domain** feature), click **Next** without selecting anything, and follow the 5.1 and 5.2.

5.1 In the Exchange Configuration section, select the services then click **Next**:

Note: You need to know exactly how your server is configured to select the services you need to run, e.g. Client Access server (Outlook Web App). **This example is a multi-domain server certificate.**

Note: For application of e-Cert (Server) with Chinese Domain Name

Option 1: please input the domain name with "Server name used as Subject Name in the Certificate" being filled in the application form.

Option 2: please use IDN conversion tool to convert Chinese Domain Name into ASCII characters and input the converted name in the domain name field.

The screenshot shows the 'New Exchange Certificate' wizard in Microsoft Exchange Server 2010. The 'Exchange Configuration' section is active, showing a list of services to be configured. A red box highlights the 'Outlook Web App' configuration options, which include checkboxes for 'Outlook Web App is on the Intranet' and 'Outlook Web App is on the Internet', and text boxes for the domain names used to access the Outlook Web App internally and externally. A red arrow points to the 'Next >' button at the bottom right of the wizard.

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Exchange Configuration
Use this page to describe your Microsoft Exchange configuration and domain information. If the wizard does not automatically provide this information, you can enter it yourself.

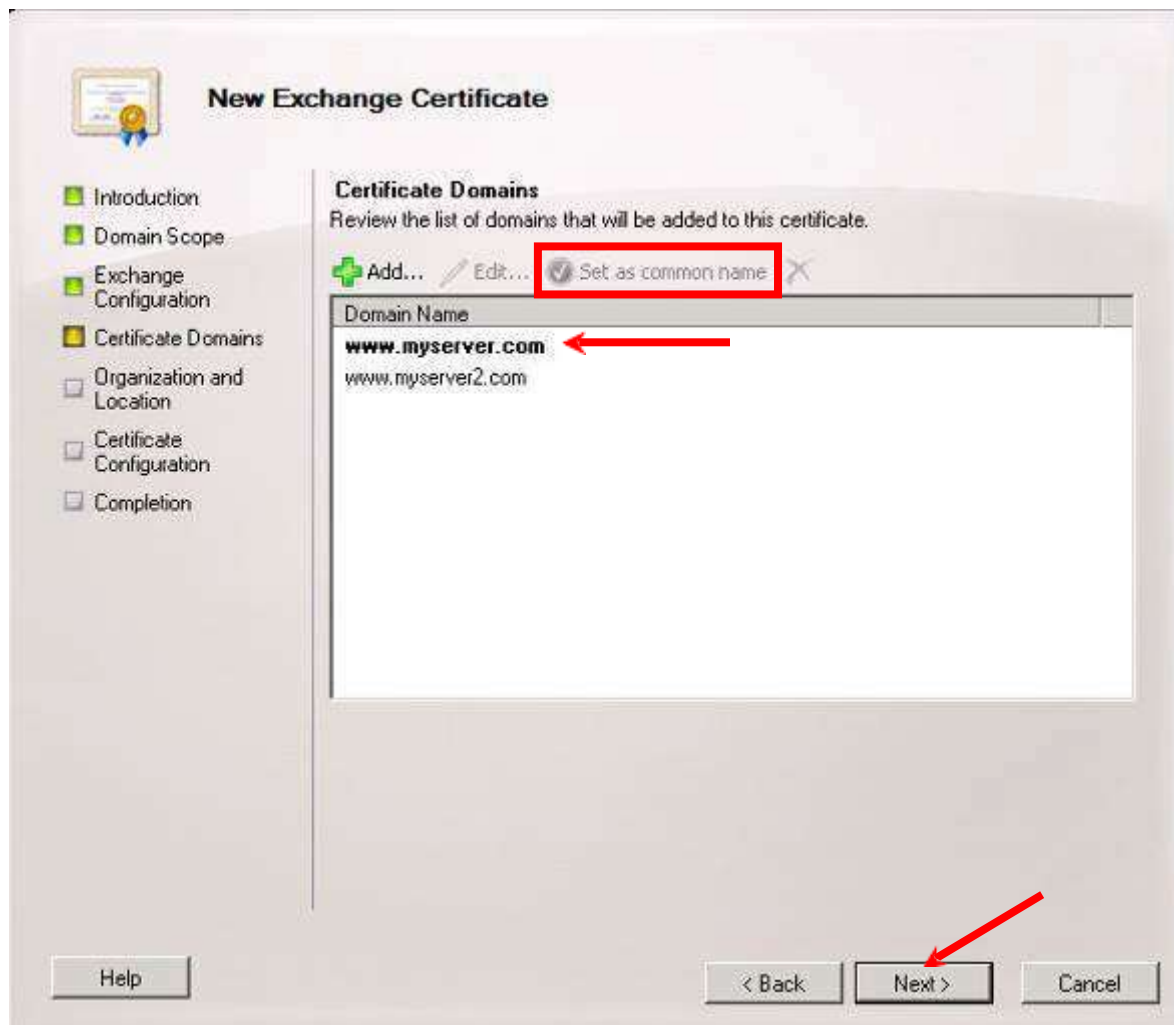
☒ Outlook Web App is on the Intranet
Domain name you use to access Outlook Web App internally:
www.myserver.com

☒ Outlook Web App is on the Internet
Domain name you use to access Outlook Web App (example: mail.contoso.com):
www.myserver2.com

☐ Client Access server (Exchange ActiveSync)
☐ Client Access server (Web Services, Outlook Anywhere, and Autodiscover)
☐ Client Access server (POP/IMAP)
☐ Unified Messaging server
☐ Hub Transport server
☐ Legacy Exchange Server

Help Reset < Back Next > Cancel

5.2 Select the **common name (Server name)**, click **Set as common name**, and then click **Next**. (The bold name means the one set as common name)



NOTE: For application of e-Cert (Server) with Multi-domain feature or EV e-Cert (Server) with “Multi-domain” feature, please set the common name as **Server name** as **Subject Name in the Certificate** being filled in the application form.

- 6 Complete your organization's name and your organizational unit, select HK (Hong Kong S.A.R.) for the Country/Region. Type Hong Kong for both State/province and City/locality, and then enter a file name and path for the certificate request, and then click **Next**.

*Note: Please make sure that **Hong Kong S.A.R.** is in the **Country/Region** field.*

New Exchange Certificate

Introduction
Domain Scope
Exchange Configuration
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Certificate Configuration
Completion

Organization and Location
Use this page to enter the name of your organization, organizational unit, location, and certificate request file path.

Organization:
My Organization

Organization unit:
My Organization Unit

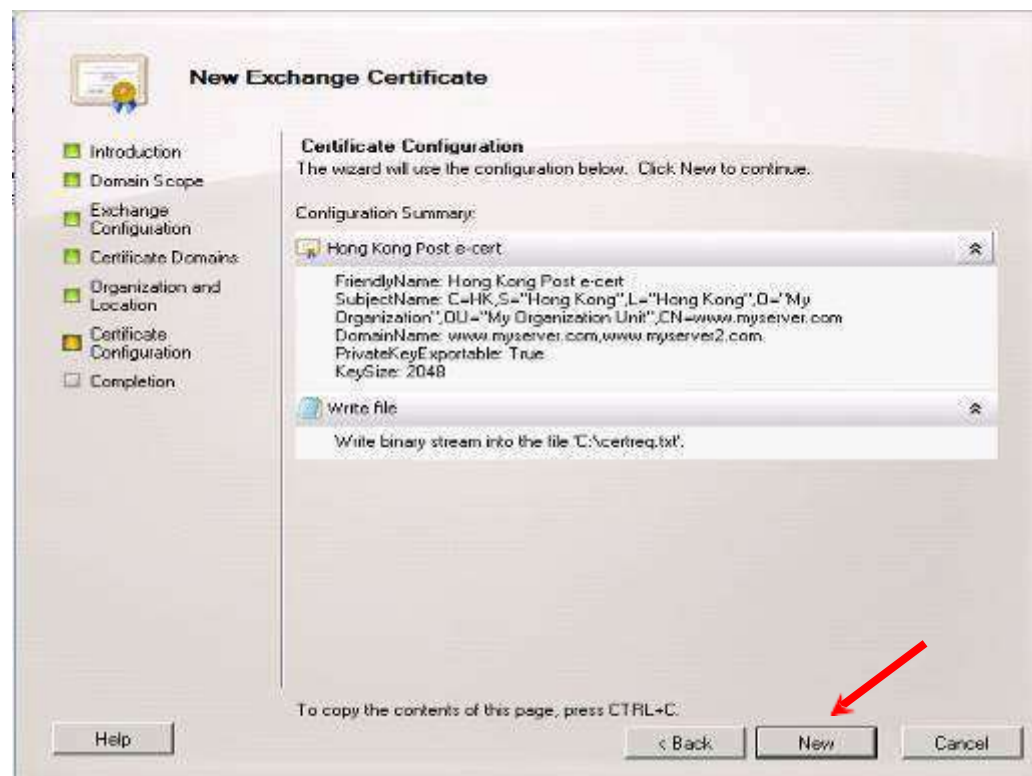
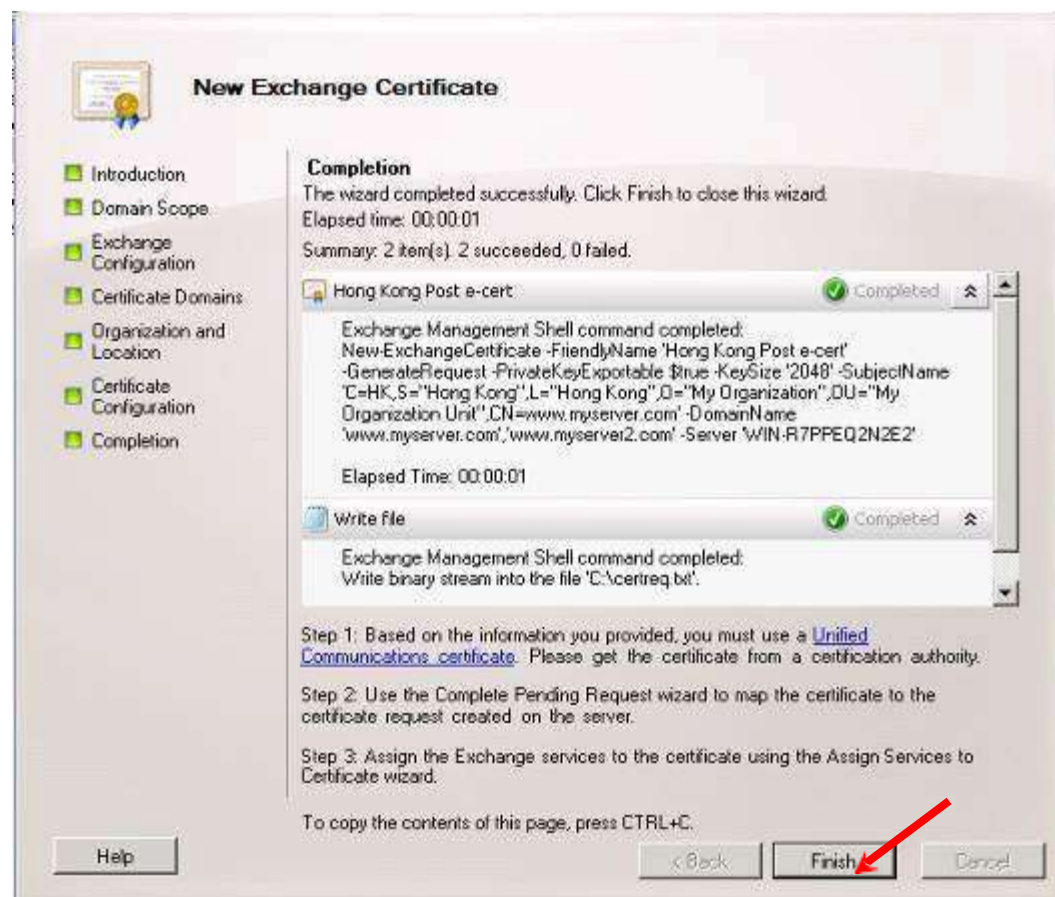
Location:
Country/region:
Hong Kong S.A.R.

City/locality:
Hong Kong

State/province:
Hong Kong

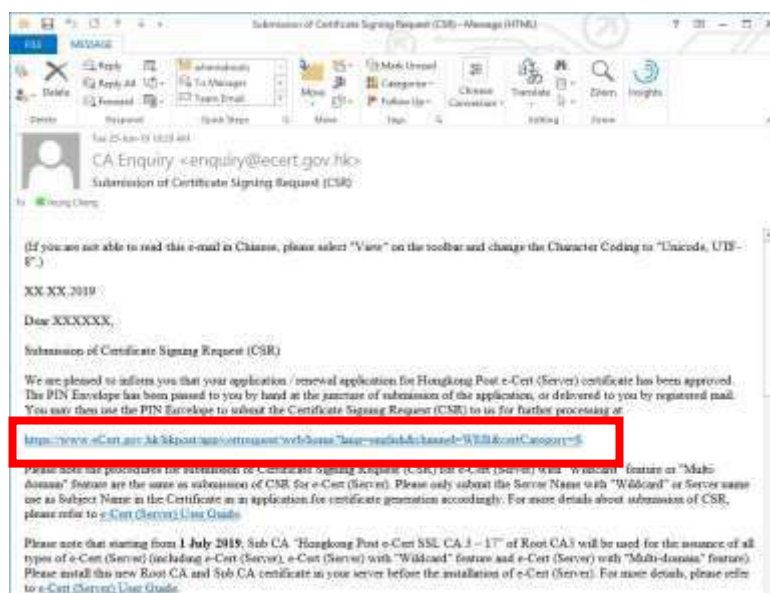
Certificate Request File Path:
Specify the name of the request file in the text box below. Use the Browse button to select the folder where you want the request file to be created. The name must end with the extension ".req".
C:\certreq.txt

Help < Back Next > Cancel

7 Check the detail information and click **New**.8 Click **Finish** to complete the procedure.

C. Submitting Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

1. Click on the hyperlink in the e-mail with subject **Submission of Certificate Signing Request (CSR)** sent from Hongkong Post Certification Authority to access the Hongkong Post CA web site.



2. Type the **Server Name**, the **Reference Number** (9-digit) as shown on the cover of the PIN Envelope and the **e-Cert PIN** (16-digit) as shown inside the PIN Envelope, and then click **Submit**.

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The solution for e-Security

Submission of Certificate Signing Request (CSR) - e-Cert (Server)

The personal data you provided in this form will be used by Hongkong Post and its operator of e-Cert services for provision of e-Cert services to you. Information we collected about you will not be disclosed by us to any other party in a form that would identify you unless it is permitted or authorised by law. It is voluntary for you to supply to us your personal data. Failure to provide related data may affect the processing of your application. You have a right of access and correction with respect to personal data under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Your right of access includes the right to obtain a copy of your personal data provided in this form. If you wish to do so, please send your request by mail to Kowloon East Post Office Box No. 68777, by e-mail to enquiry@ecert.gov.hk or by fax to 2775 9130.

Server Name: ←

e-Cert PIN Envelope Information:

Reference Number:
(Shown on the cover of the PIN Envelope, 9-digit)

e-Cert PIN:
(No need to input the space within the 16-digit PIN)

Submit Clear

3. Click **Confirm** to confirm the application information. (If the information is incorrect, please contact Hongkong Post Certification Authority by email to enquiry@eCert.gov.hk.)

Submission of Certificate Signing Request (CSR) - e-Cert (Server)

Subscriber Details	
Server Name :	www.my-organisation.com
Additional Server Name(s) :	www.我的组织.com
Number of Additional Server(s) :	1
Organisation Name :	My Organisation 我的组织
Branch Name :	
Business Registration No. :	1234567812312121
CRCI :	12345678
Others :	
Information of the certificate to be generated	
Type of Certificate :	e-Cert (Server) with "Multi-domain" Feature
Certificate Signature Hash Algorithm :	SHA-256
Validity Period :	2 Year(s)

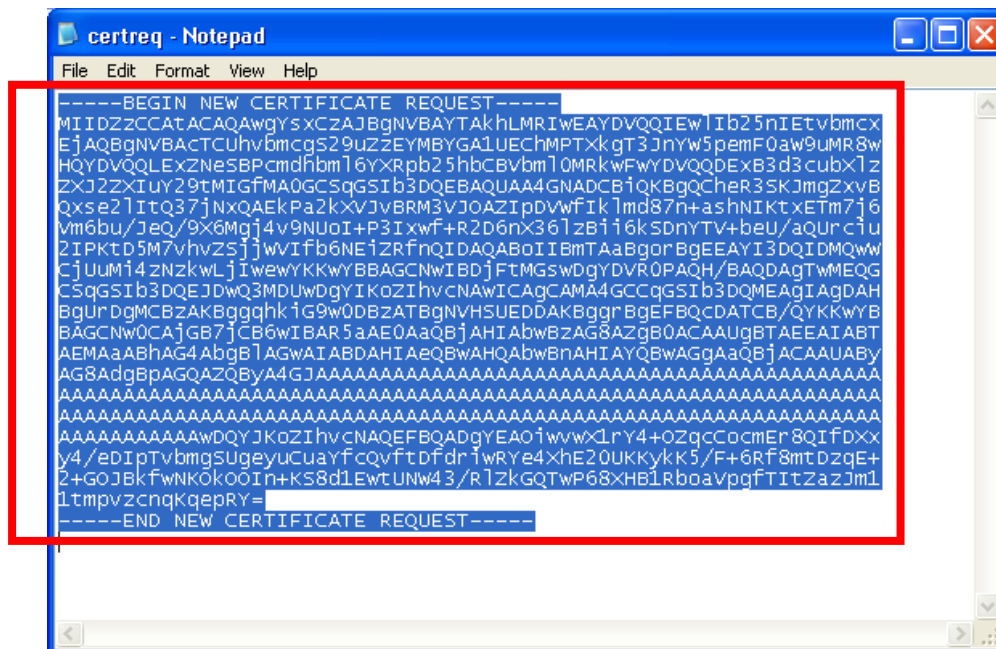
This page is to confirm the application data. If the above information is correct, please click "Confirm" to proceed.
You may opt to get the e-Cert (Server) containing the organisation name and branch name in "Chinese" by clicking "Confirm Opt with Chinese" button to proceed.

*For Chinese domain application, please make sure the Chinese characters are correct.

Note: If English and Chinese organisation name and/or branch name have been provided at the application form, in order to generate e-Cert (Server) with Chinese organisation name at Subject O field, click the button "Confirm Opt with Chinese" to proceed.

- Open the previously generated Certificate Signing Request (CSR) with a text editor (e.g. Notepad) and copy the entire content including the -----BEGIN NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST----- and END NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----.

(You may refer to Part B Step 6 for the location of certificate request file.)



- Paste the content to the text box, and then click **Submit**.

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**Welcome to generate e-Cert
e-Cert (Server)**

Please note that with effect from 1 December 2012, e-Cert (Server) will be issued only with 2048-bit RSA key length. Only Certificate Signing Request (CSR) with 2048-bit RSA key length will be accepted. For details, please refer to the relevant [announcement](#).

Please paste the Certificate Signing Request CSR (base64 encoded PKCS#10) to the following box and press "Submit" to generate certificate.

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-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
MIICuDCCAaACAQAwczELMAkGA1UEBhMCSEsxEjAQBgNVBAgTCUhhbmVmcG529uZzES
MBAG1UEBxMJSzG9uZyB25nMSEwHwVQVQKEhJbnR1cm5ldCBXaWRnaXRzIFB0
eSBMIGQxGTAXBgNVBAMTEHd3d35teXN1cnZlc15jb20wggE1MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEB
AQUAA4IBDwAwggEKAoIBAQCW0rGIPGkghXdnWuWerAMwdfkLsdJoqXzM105zqm/
CTWCQwVTO10PjEFHbe+OimeIKn97a9+17KVOLq3GVEwSv/ILg0+idKW3KsEaSR
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n1c/MQ63FpLuGU7z2pclTVc2pSFuWszv6XBWxGS1Sz7thgLeqS3pFa+2qhEVsht
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
```

Submit

6. Click **Accept** to confirm acceptance of the certificate.

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Submission of Certificate Signing Request (CSR) - e-Cert (Server)

The following is the information of this certificate:-

Subscriber Details

Server Name :	www.我的中國語.com
Organization Name :	My Organization
Branch Name :	
Business Registration No. :	1234567890123456
CR/CI :	12345678
Others :	

The following is the system generated information

Subscriber Reference Number :	0000919783
Type of Certificate :	Hongkong Post e-Cert (Server)
Issued by :	Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17
Certificate Serial Number :	5a 85 67 23 1e f3 1a 42 b9 44 79 2d 67 32 ce 47 7d 82 03 32
Certificate Signature Hash Algorithm :	SHA-256
Validity Period :	01/07/2019 – 01/07/2020

Please click "Accept" to confirm acceptance of this certificate. Otherwise, please click "Reject" and state the reasons for rejecting the certificate.

(Note:- Your personal data collected by Hongkong Post will be used for processing your e-Cert application. You have the right of access and correction with respect to personal data as provided for in the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.)

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7. Click to download the Hongkong Post e-Cert (Server).

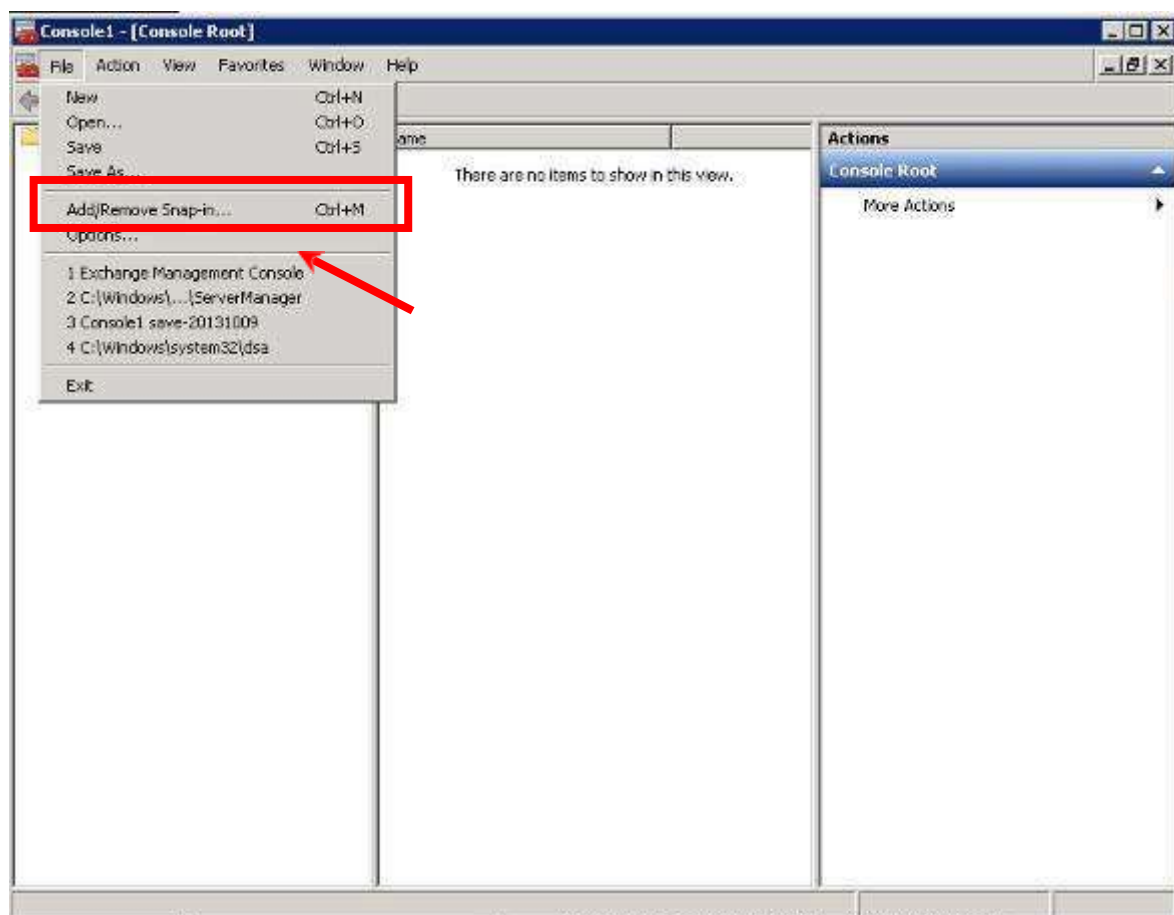


Note:

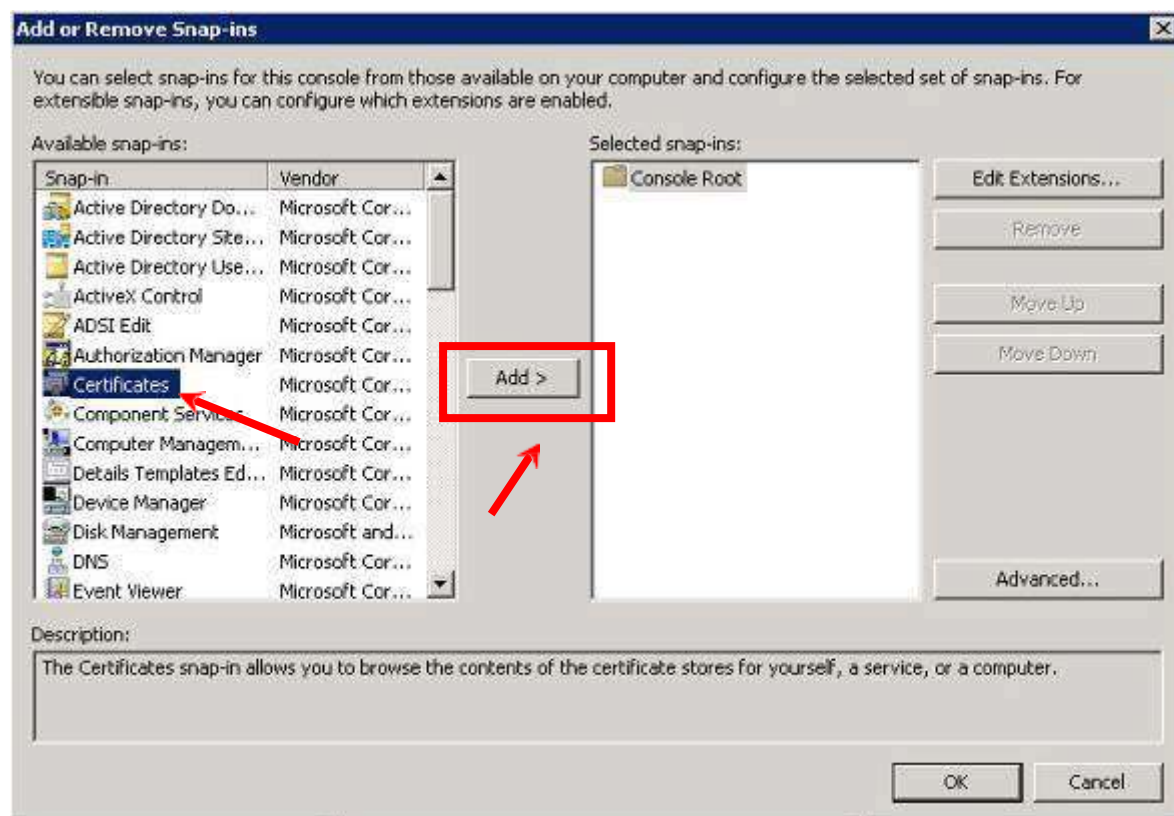
1. You can also download your e-Cert (Server) from the Search and Download Certificate web page.
<https://www.ecert.gov.hk/en/sc/index.html>
2. Starting from 1 July 2019, Sub CA "Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17" of Root CA3 will be used for the issuance of all types of e-Cert (Server). Subscribers with e-Cert (Server) certificates issued on or after 1 July 2019 is required to conduct the following so that their websites installed with e-Cert (Server) under Root CA3 will continue to be trusted by common web browsers: Install the Sub CA "Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17" issued by Root CA3. Click the following link to download:
http://www1.ecert.gov.hk/root/ecert_ssl_ca_3-17_pem.crt
Install the cross-certificate "Hongkong Post Root CA 3" issued by "GlobalSign Root CA - R3". Click the following link to download:
http://www1.ecert.gov.hk/root/root_ca_3_x_gsca_r3_pem.crt
3. Starting from 21 January 2022, Sub CA "Hongkong Post e-Cert EV SSL CA 3 - 17" of Root CA3 will be used for the issuance of all types of EV e-Cert (Server). Subscribers with EV e-Cert (Server) certificates issued on or after 21 January 2022 is required to conduct the following so that their websites installed with EV e-Cert (Server) under Root CA3 will continue to be trusted by common web browsers: Install the Sub CA "Hongkong Post e-Cert EV SSL CA 3 - 17" issued by Root CA3. Click the following link to download:
http://www1.ecert.gov.hk/root/ecert_ev_ssl_ca_3-17_pem.crt
Install the cross-certificate "Hongkong Post Root CA 3" issued by "GlobalSign Root CA - R3". Click the following link to download:
http://www1.ecert.gov.hk/root/root_ca_3_x_gsca_r3_pem.crt

D. Installing Sub CA / Cross Certificate

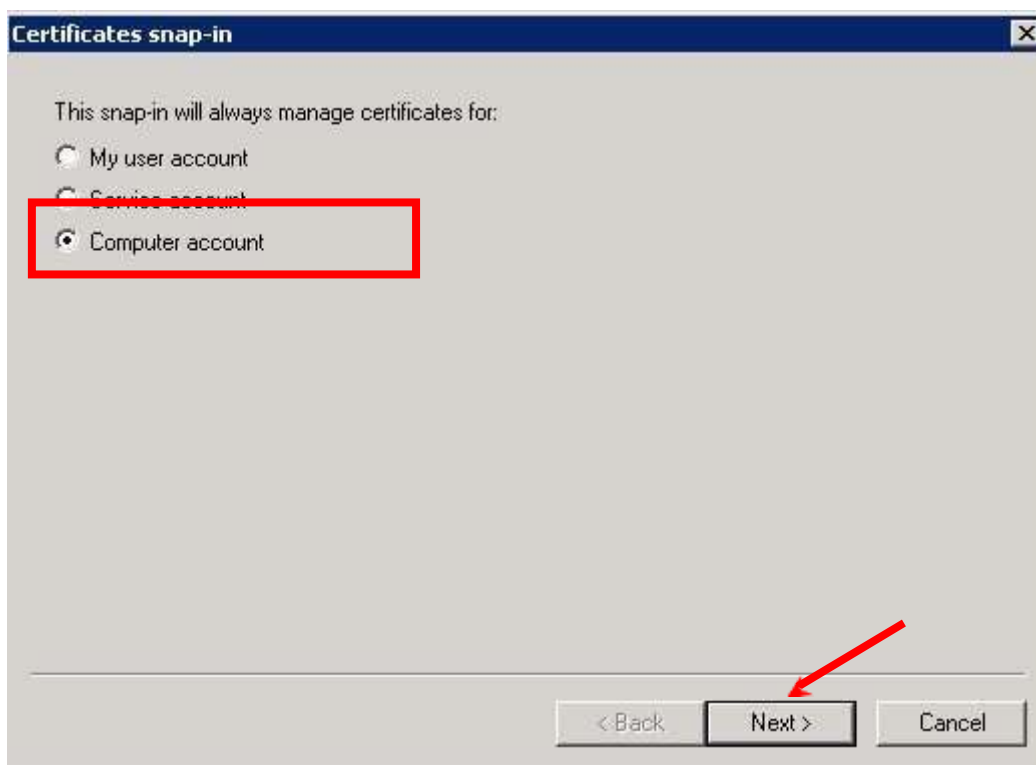
1. Start **Microsoft Management Console (MMC)** by clicking **Start > Run**, type **mmc** and click **OK**, and then select **Add/Remove Snap-in** from the **File** menu.



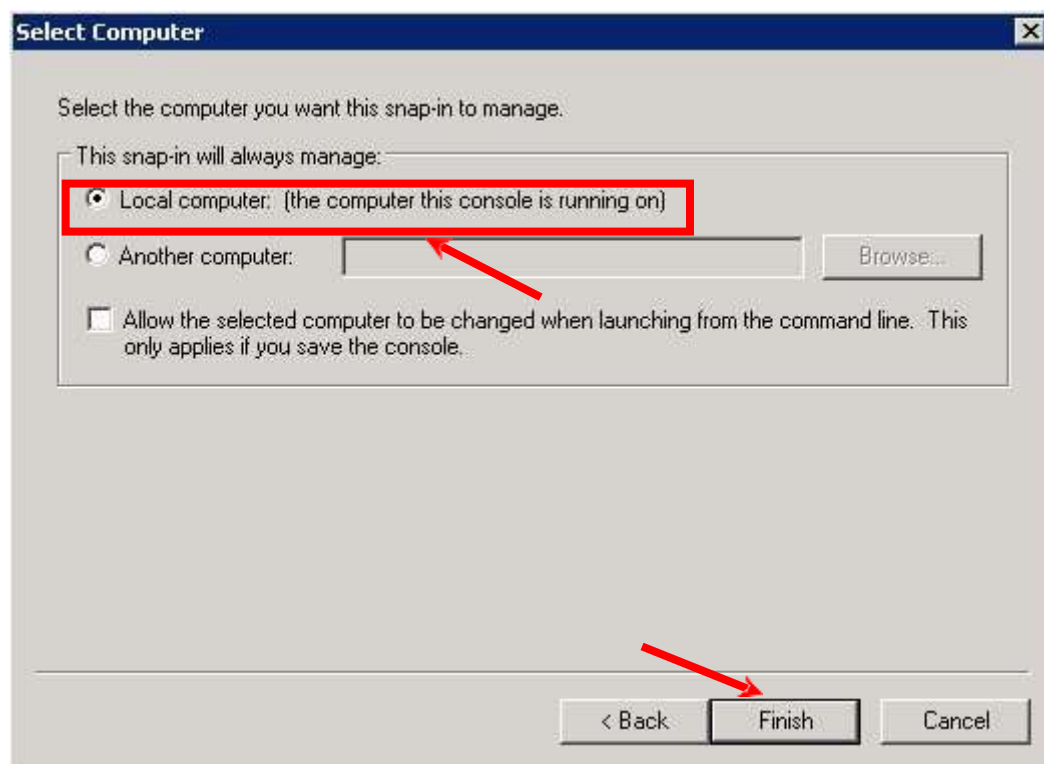
2. Select **Certificate** in **Available snap-in** then Click **Add**.



3. Select **Computer account**, and then click **Next**.



4. Select **Local computer**, and then click **Finish**, and then click **OK**.

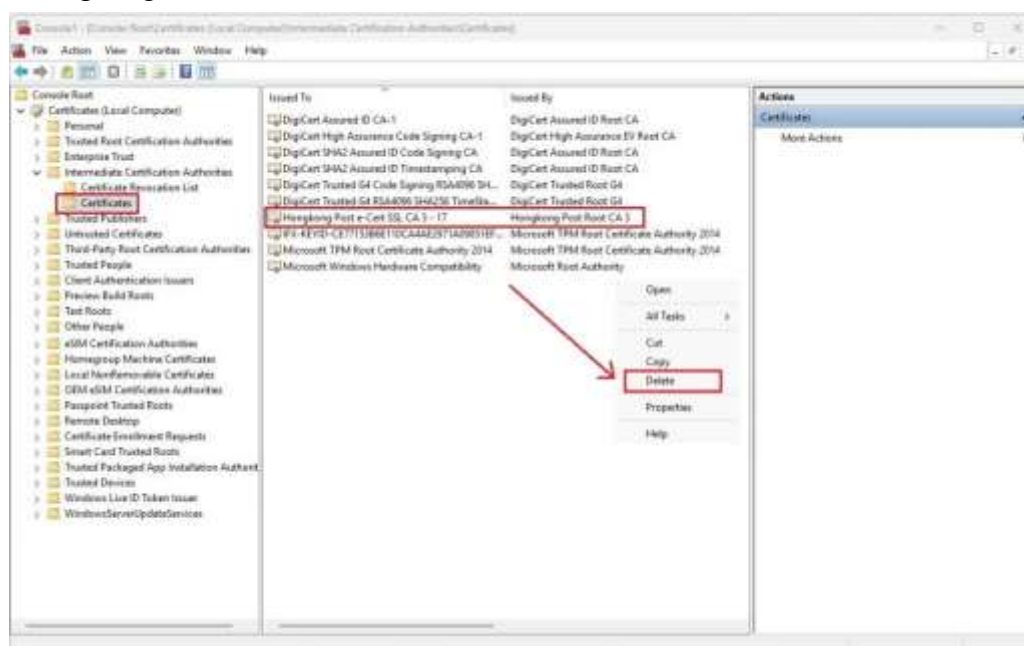


The following uses the “**Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17**” Sub CA certificate as example.

Note: Starting from **1 May 2025**, new Sub CA certificates will be used to issue e-Cert (Server). When installing an e-Cert (Server) issued on or after 1 May 2025, please **first remove the old Sub CA certificate, if applicable**, and then install **the new Sub CA certificate** on your server.

Removing the old Sub CA Certificate (if applicable)

Expand the “Intermediate Certification Authorities” and select “Certificates”, right click the old “Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA3 - 17” and select “Delete”.



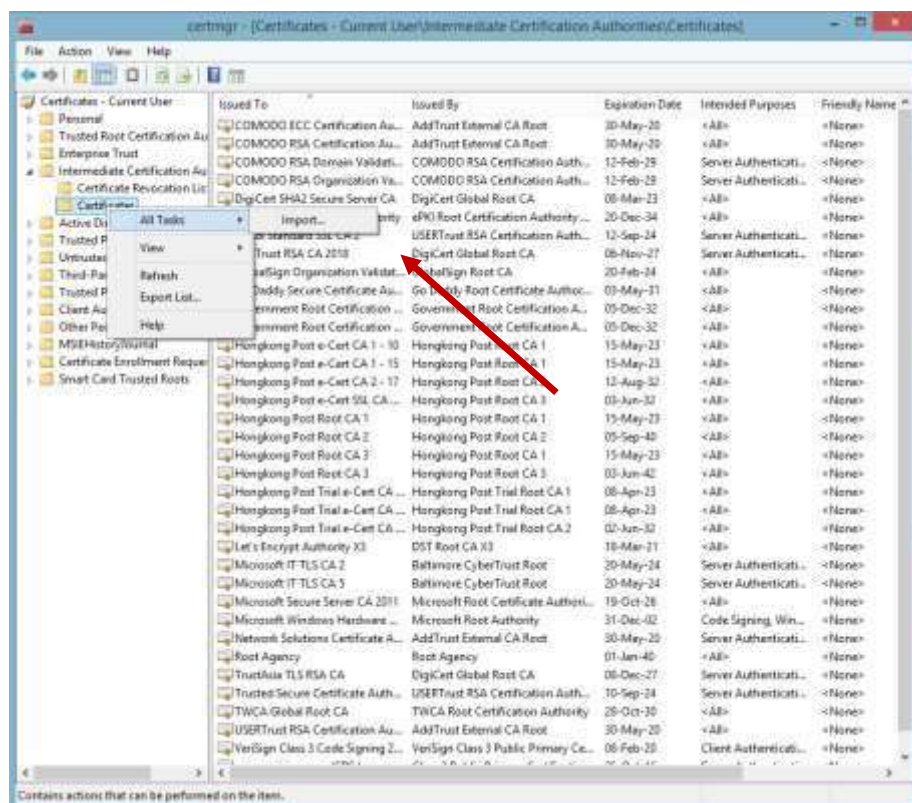
Click “Yes” to delete.



The following uses the “**Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17**” Sub CA certificate as example.

Installing Sub CA / Cross Certificate

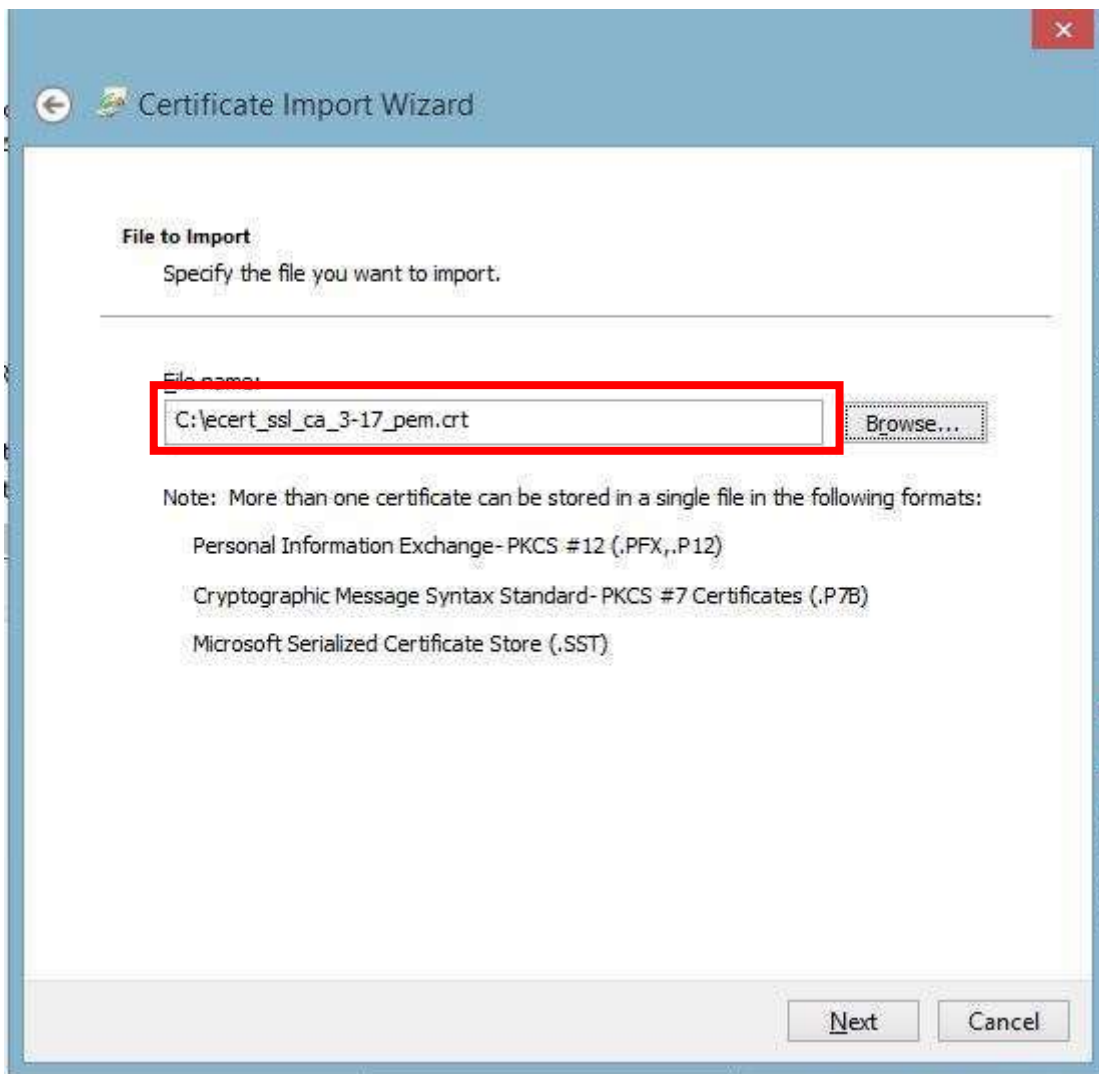
5. Expand the **Certificates (Local Computer)** node, then right-click the **Intermediate Certification Authorities** and then select **All Tasks > Import**.



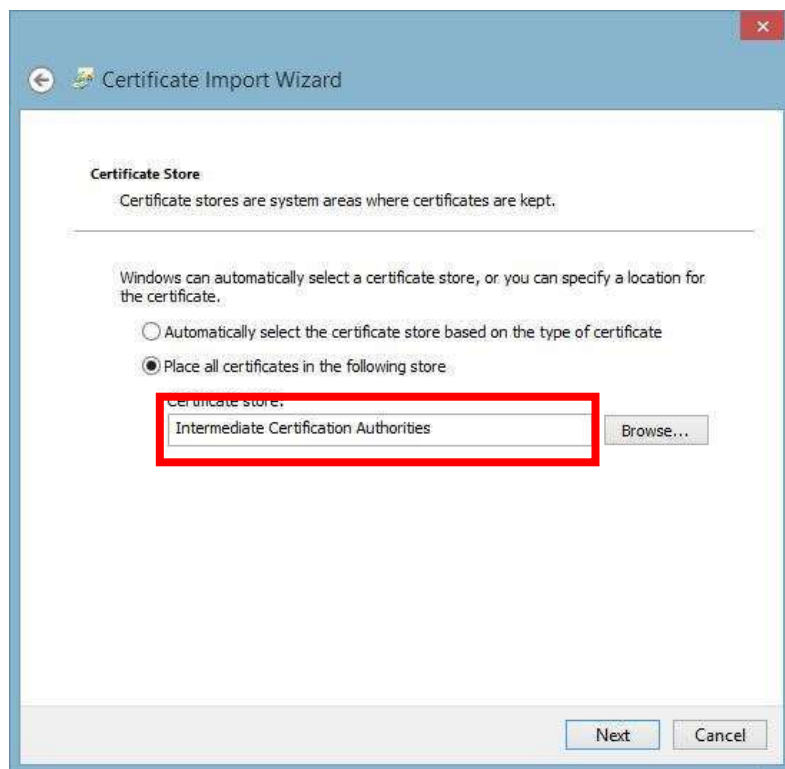
6. In the **Certificate Import Wizard**, click **Next** to continue.



7. Click **Browse** to locate the **Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17** certificate that you downloaded in Part C Step 7 (ecert_ssl_ca_3-17_pem.crt), and then click **Next**.



8. Select **Place all certificates in the following store**, and choose **Intermediate Certification Authorities**, click **Next**.



9. Click **Finish** to close the wizard.



10. Click **OK** to complete.



The **Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17** should now have been imported to the **Intermediate Certification Authorities > Certificates**.

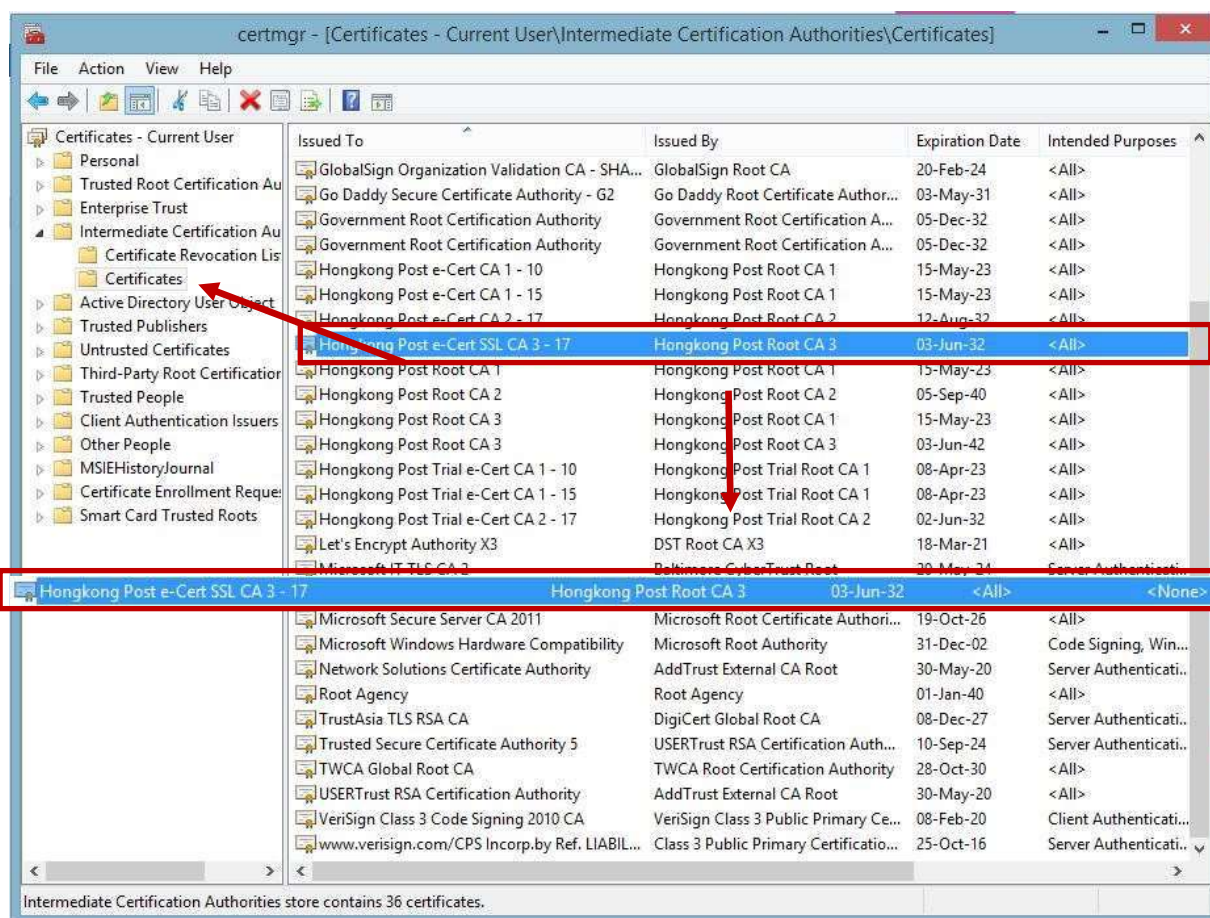
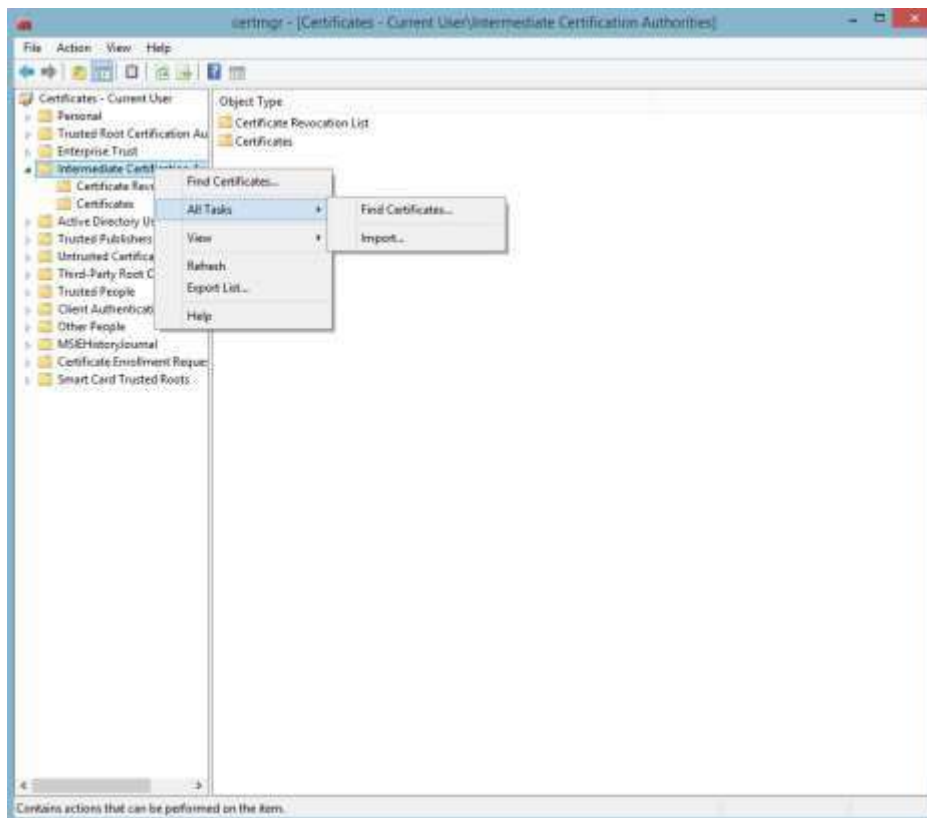


Figure 1: **Hongkong Post e-Cert SSL CA 3 - 17** certificate has been successfully installed

Repeat step 5 to step 10 for installation of cross-cert (root_ca_3_x_gsca_r3_pem.crt) which was downloaded in Section C step 7.

Installing Authority Revocation List (ARL)

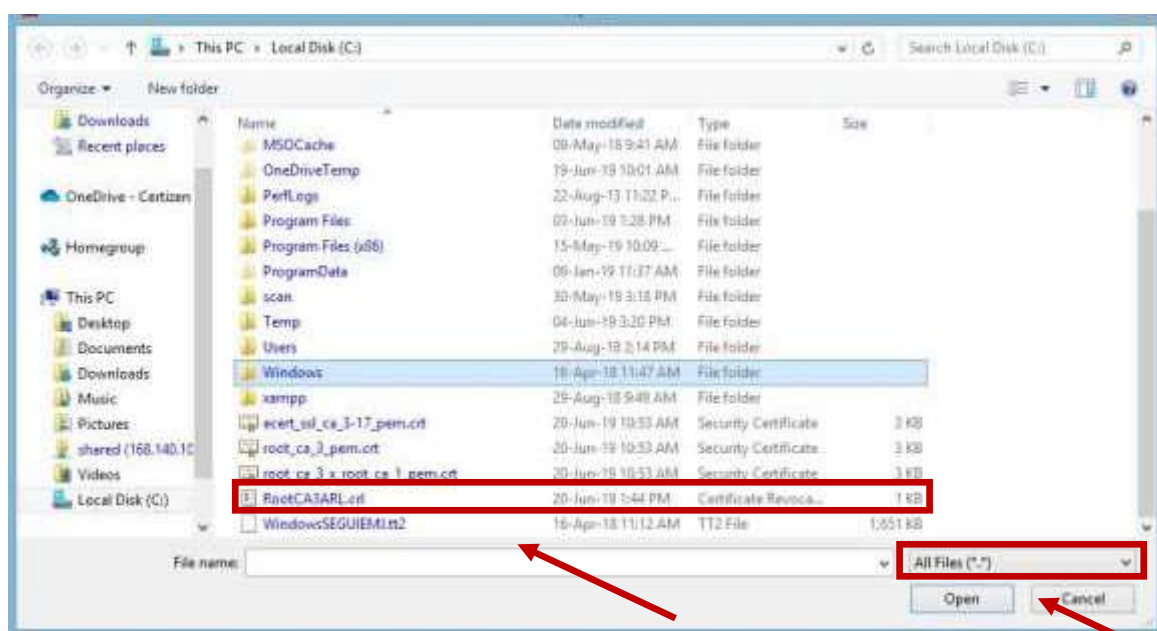
11. Download the **Hongkong Post Authority Revocation List (ARL)** at:
<http://crl1.eCert.gov.hk/crl/RootCA3ARL.crl>
12. Expand the **Certificates (Local Computer)** node, then right-click choose the **Intermediate Certification Authorities**, and then select **All Tasks > Import**.

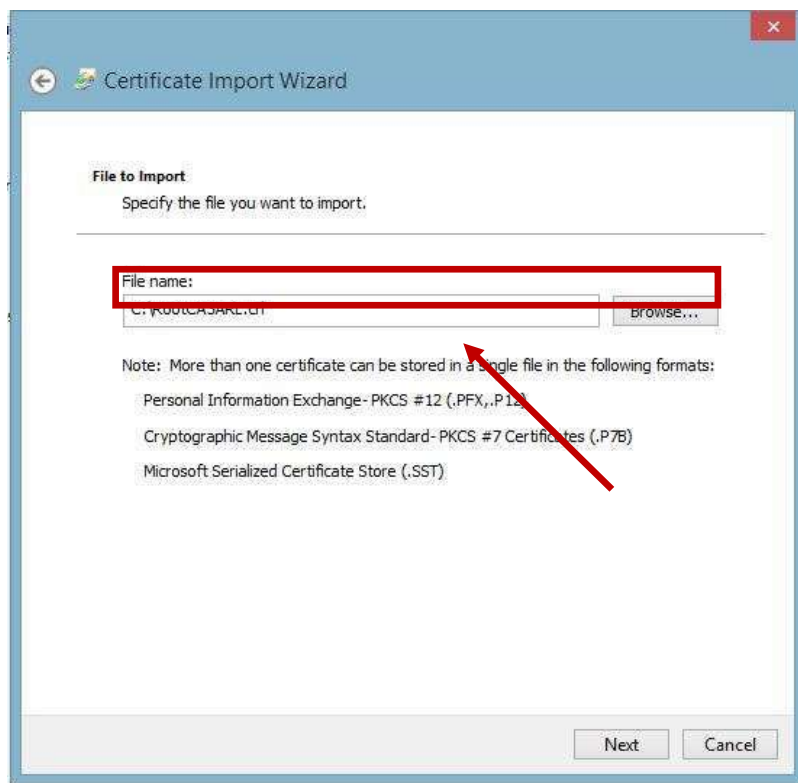


13. In the **Certificate Import Wizard**, click **Next** to continue.

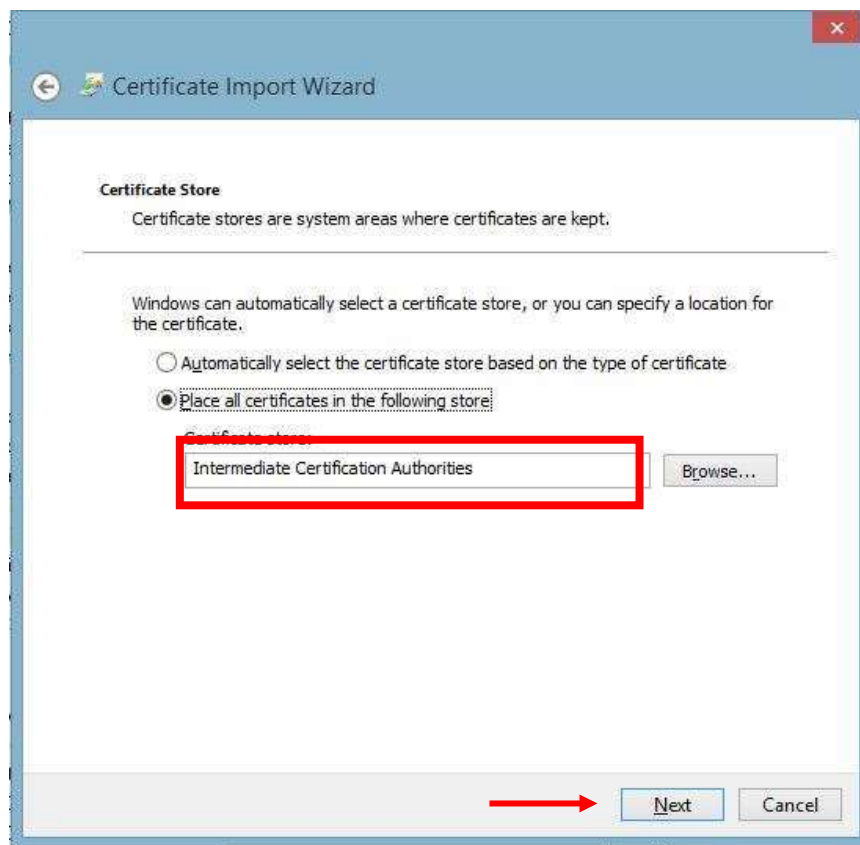


14. Click **Browse** to locate the **Hongkong Post Authority Revocation List (ARL)** that you downloaded before in Step 11 (RootCA3ARL.crl), and then click **Next**. (Tip: choose **All Files**)

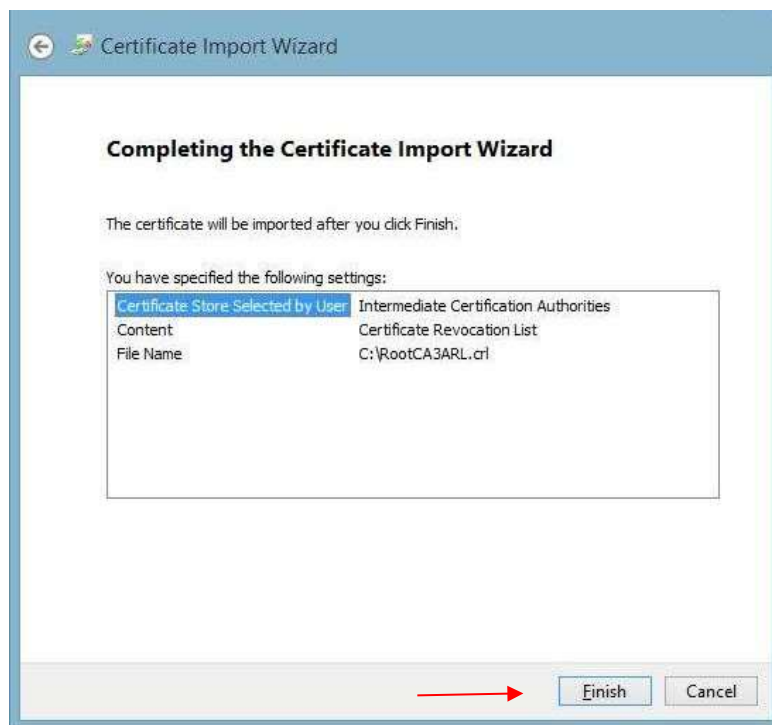




15. Select **Place all certificates in the following store** and choose **Intermediate Certification Authorities**, click **Next**.



16. Click **Finish** to close the wizard.



17. Click **OK** to complete.



The **ARL** should now have been imported to the **Intermediate Certification Authorities > Certificate Revocation List**.

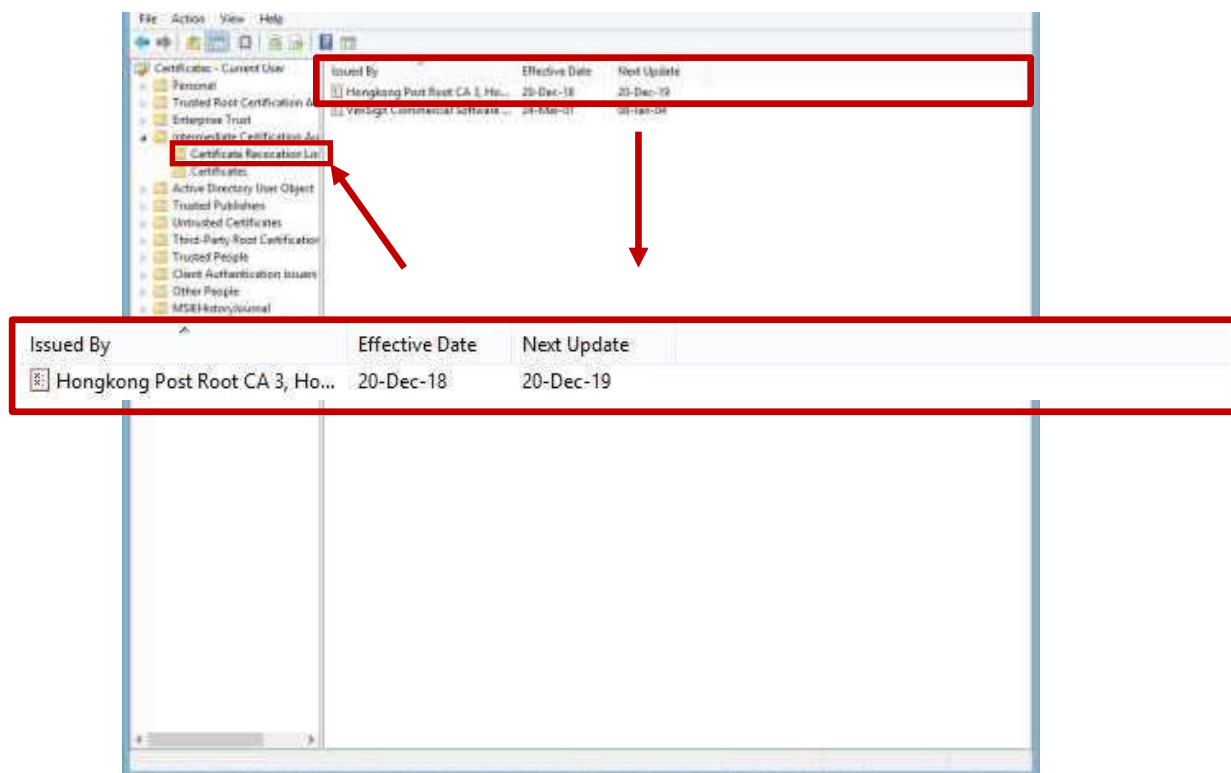
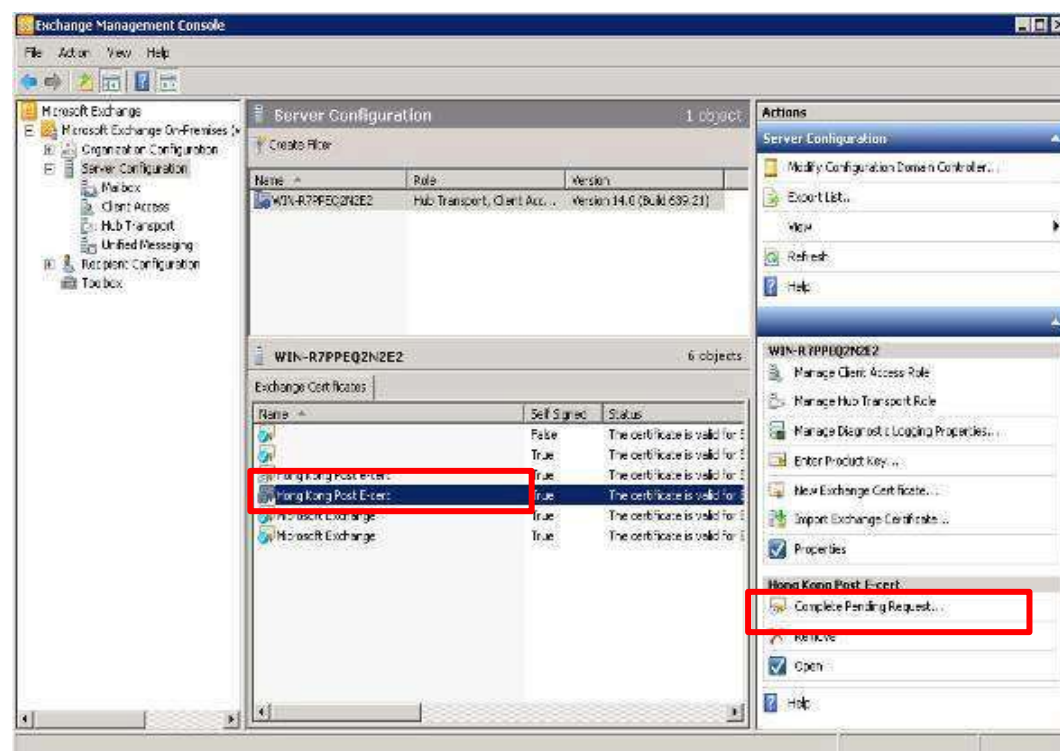


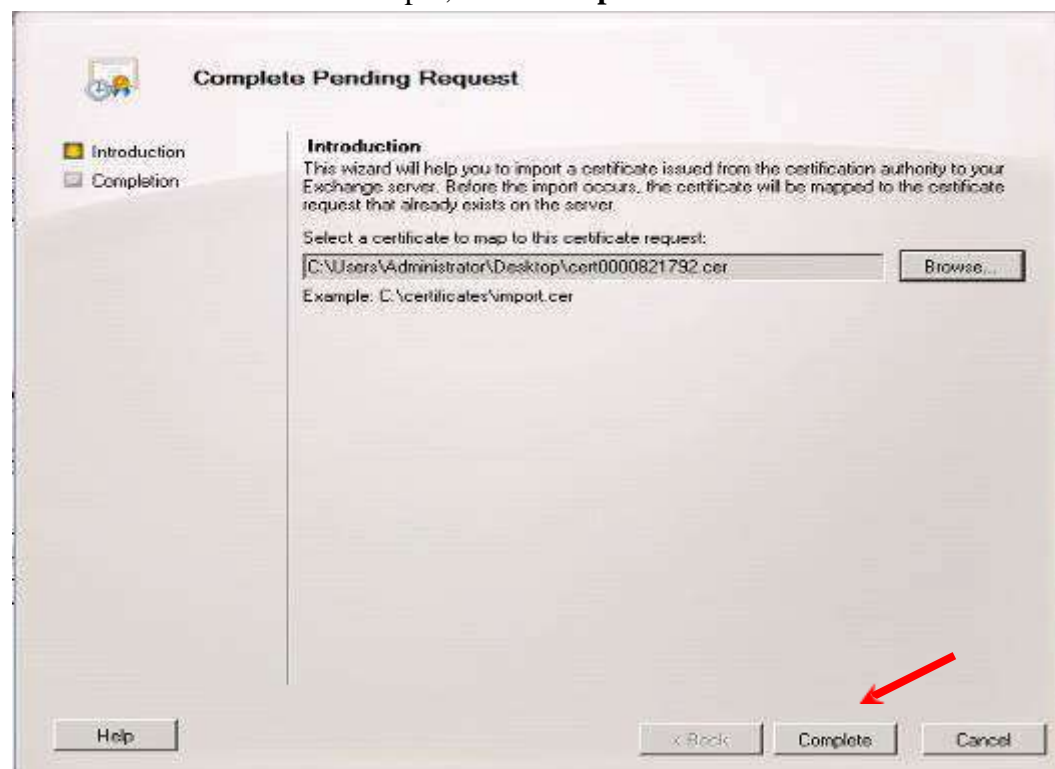
Figure 3: **Hongkong Post Authority Revocation List (ARL)** certificate has been successfully installed

E. Installing Server Certificate

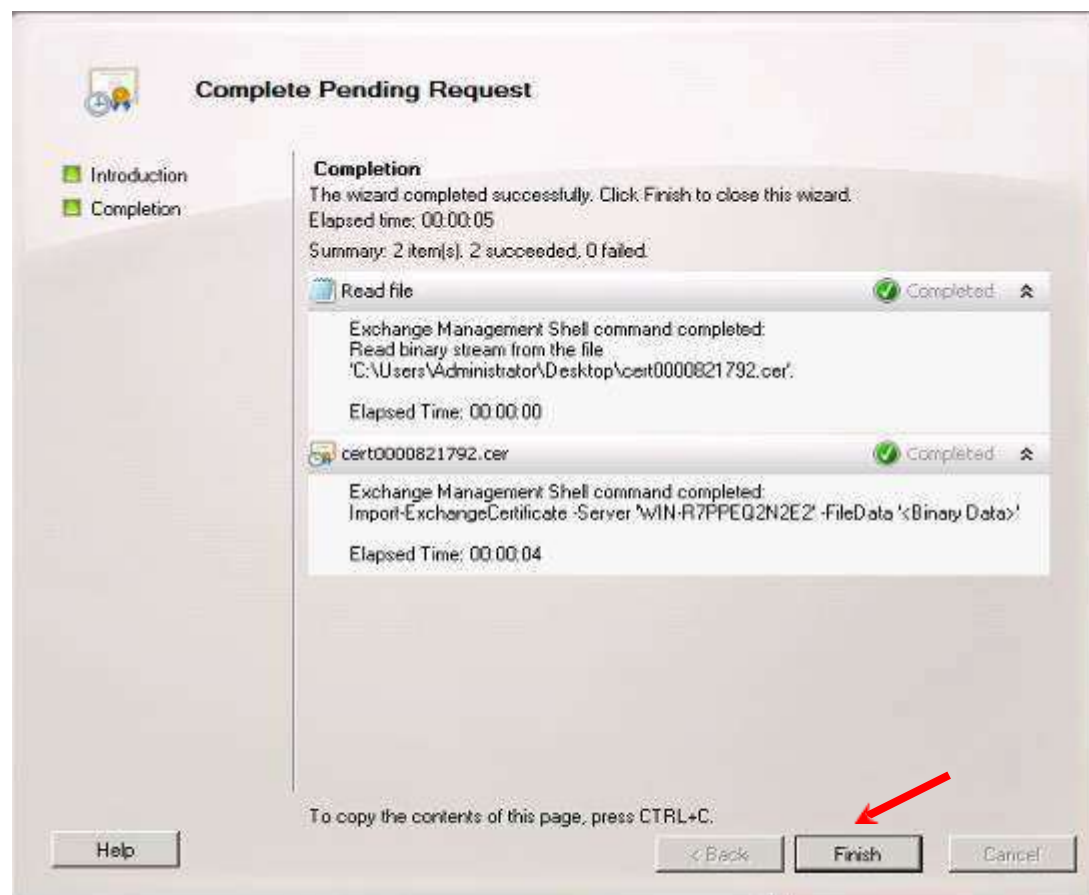
1. In **Exchange Management Console**, select **Server Configuration** by expanding the **Microsoft Exchange On-Premises**. Click the certificate you added before and choose **Complete Pending Request** from the right side of the window.



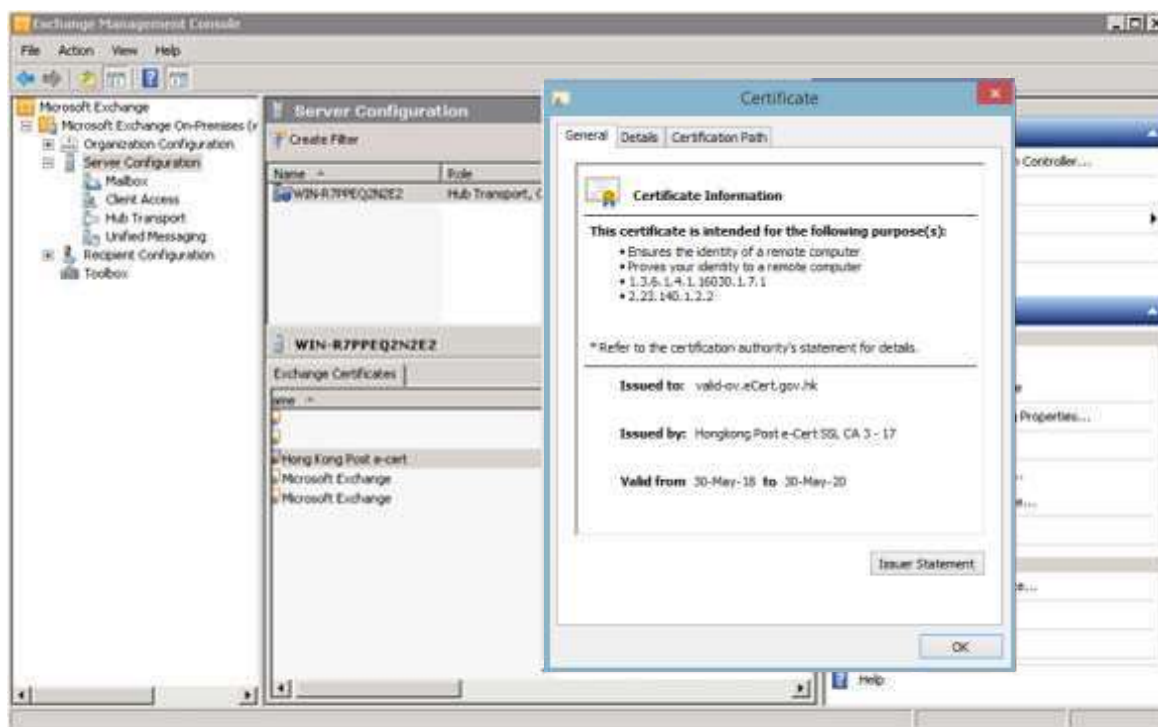
2. Click **Browse** to locate the **Hongkong Post e-Cert (Server)** certificate that you downloaded in Part C Step 7, click **Complete**.



3. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

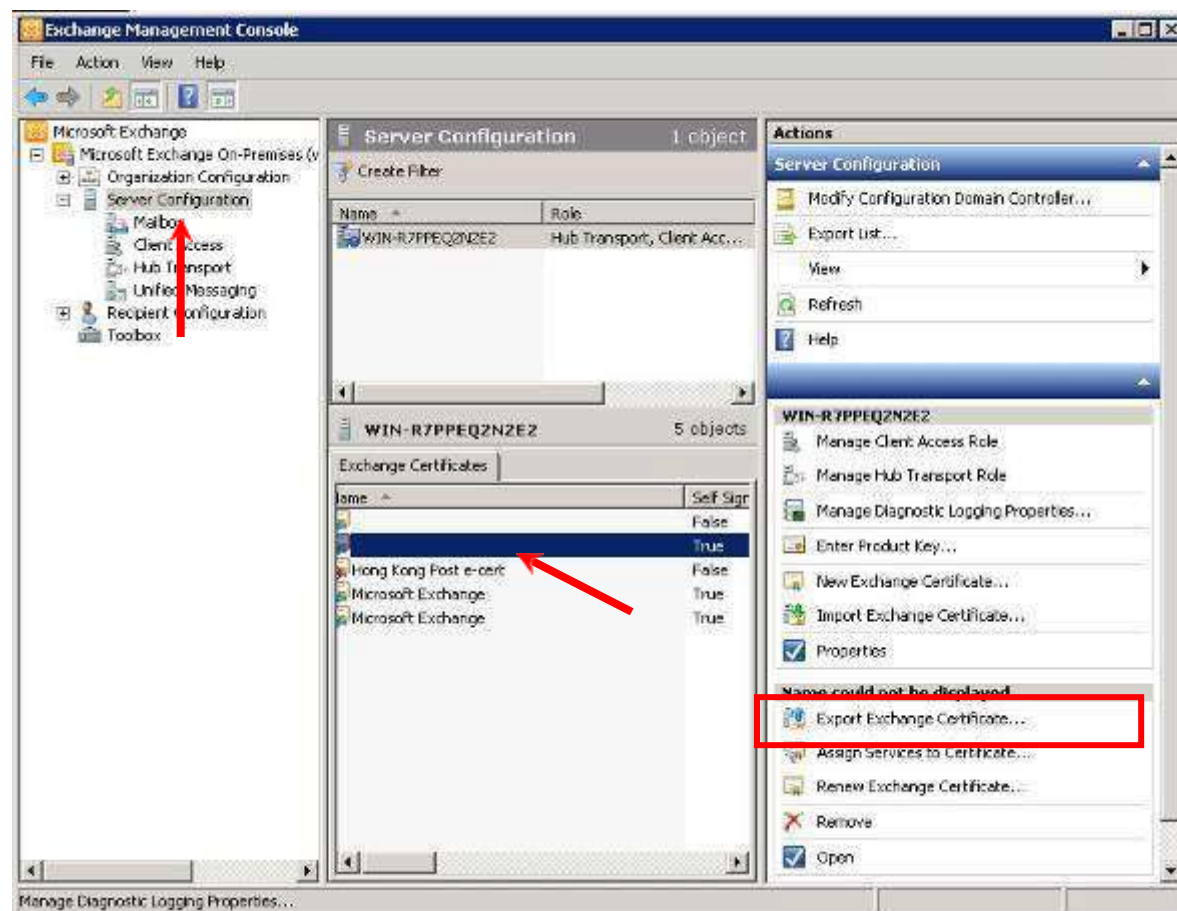


4. **Hongkong Post e-Cert (Server)** certificate has been successfully installed. You can check the detail information by double-clicking the certificate.

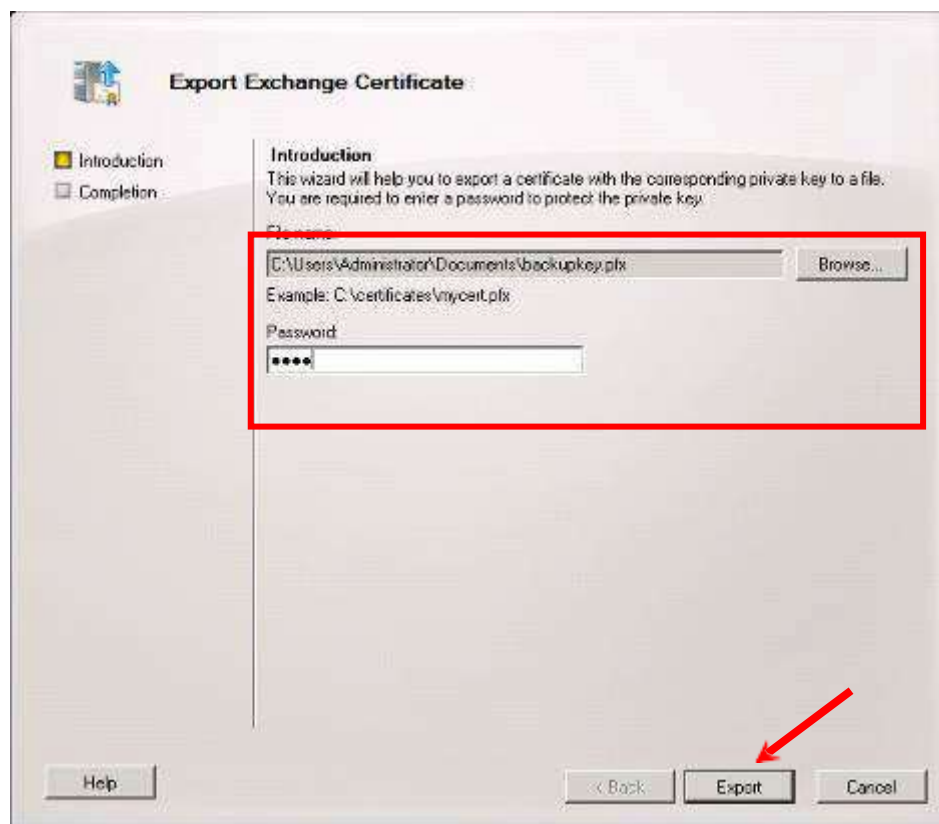


F. Backing up the Private Key

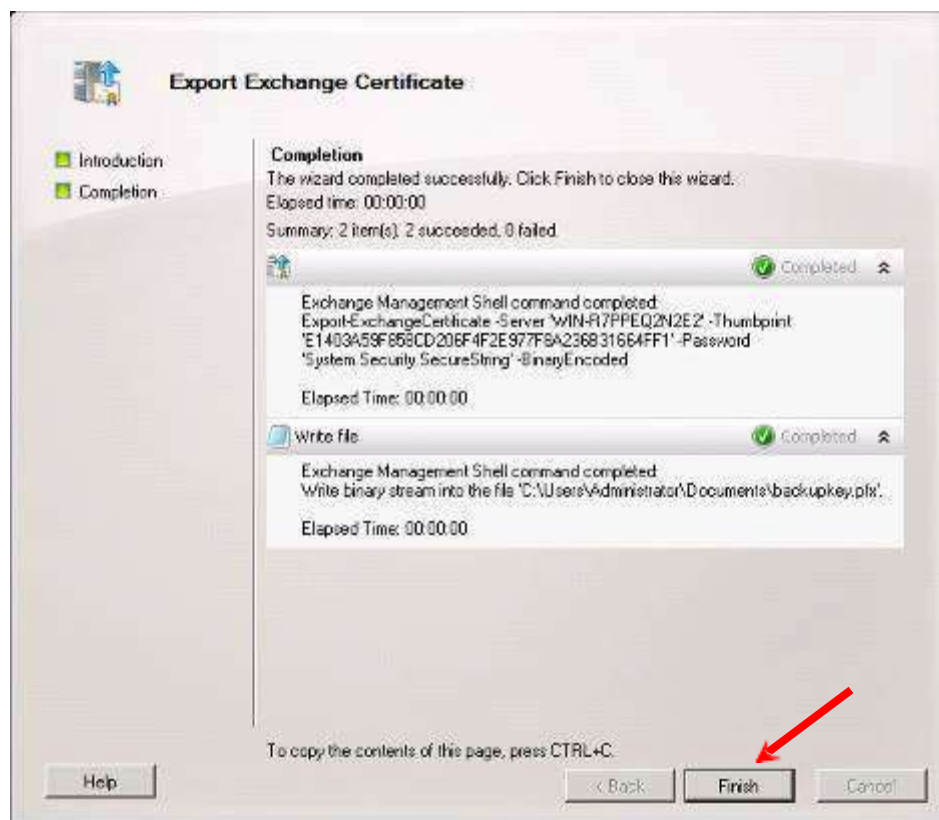
1. In **Exchange Management Console**, choose the certificate that you intend to export, and then click **Export Exchange Certificate**.



2. Specify the name of the file you intend to export, and type in the password. Then click **Export**. (By default, the file will be saved with a .PFX extension.)

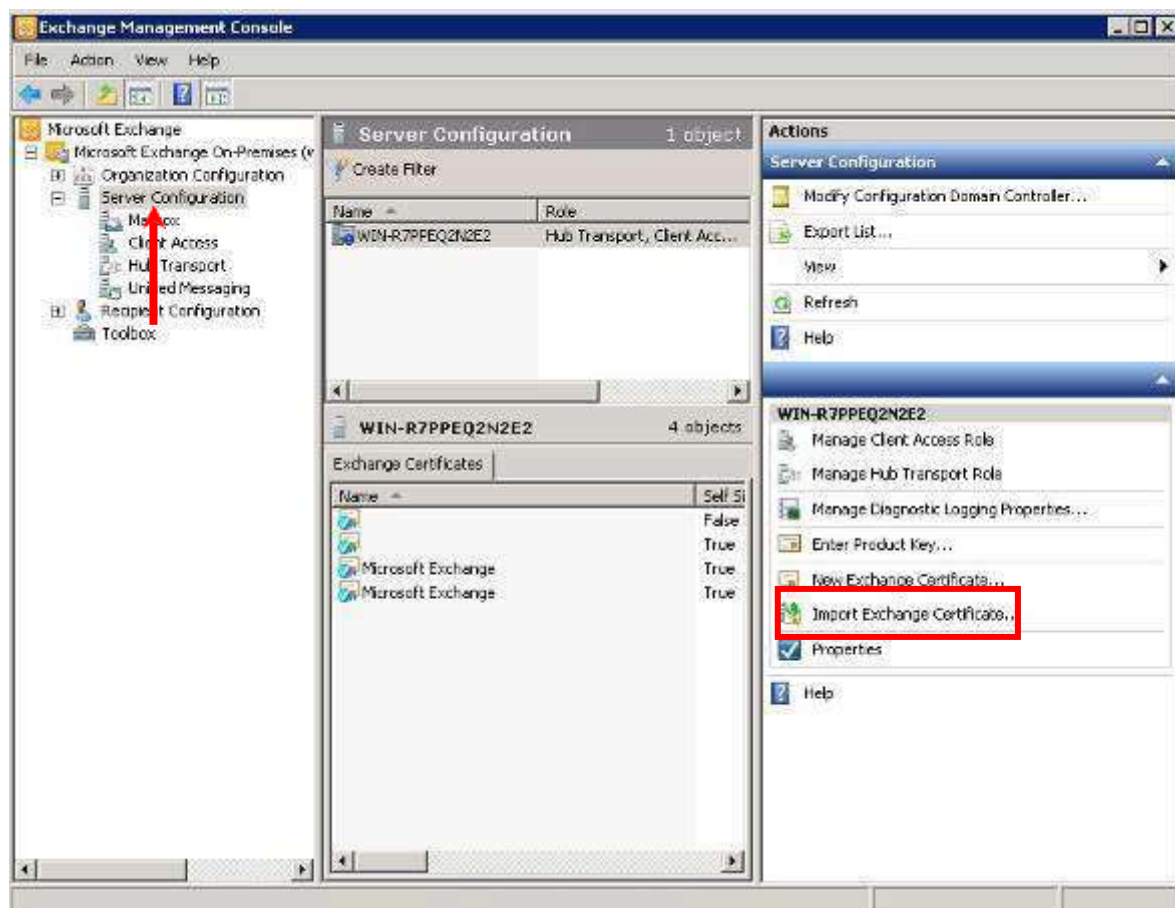


3. Click **Finish**. Hongkong Post e-Cert (Server) has been successful exported.

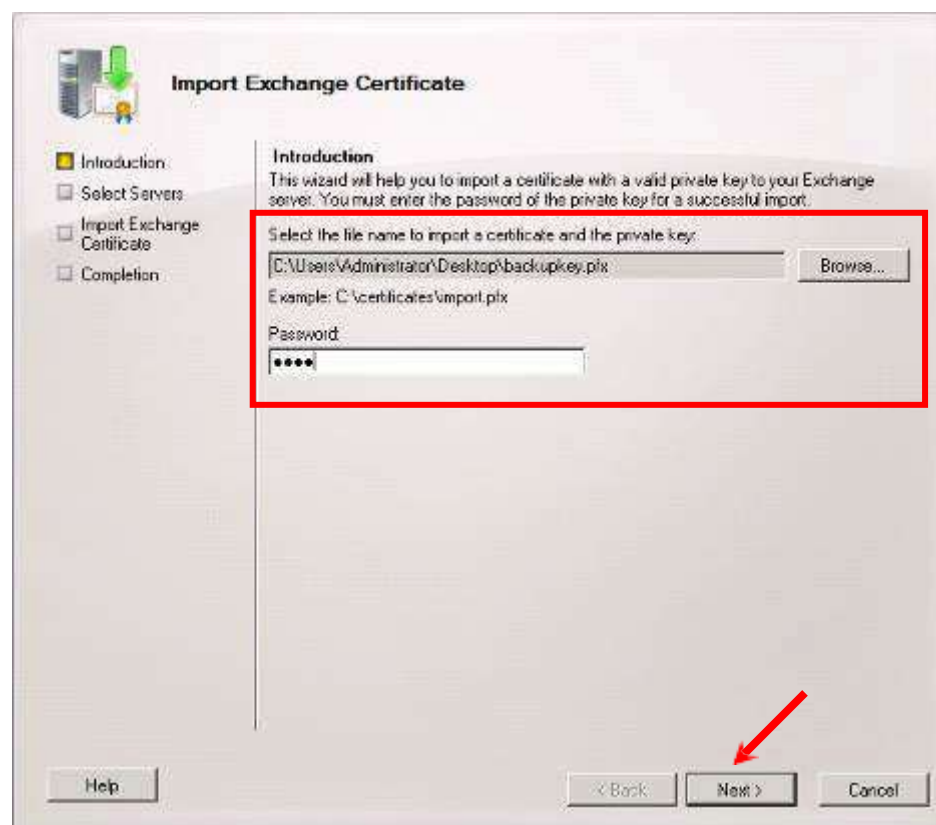


G. Restoring the Private Key

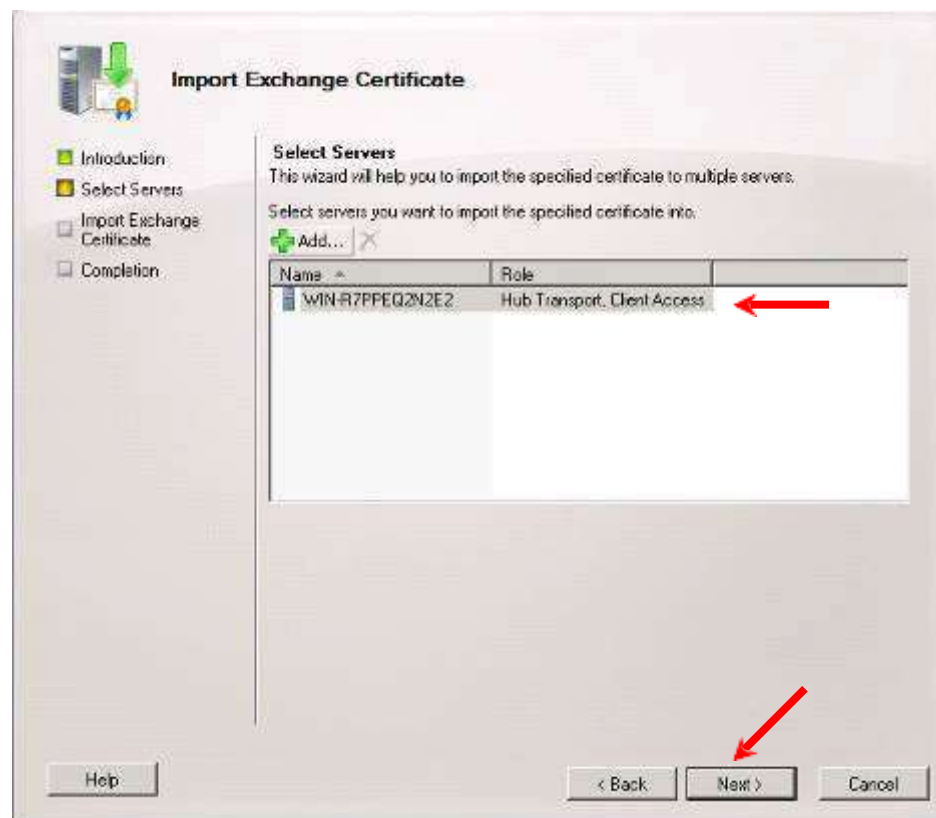
- 1 In **Exchange Management Console**, choose **Import Exchange Certificate** under Server Configuration.



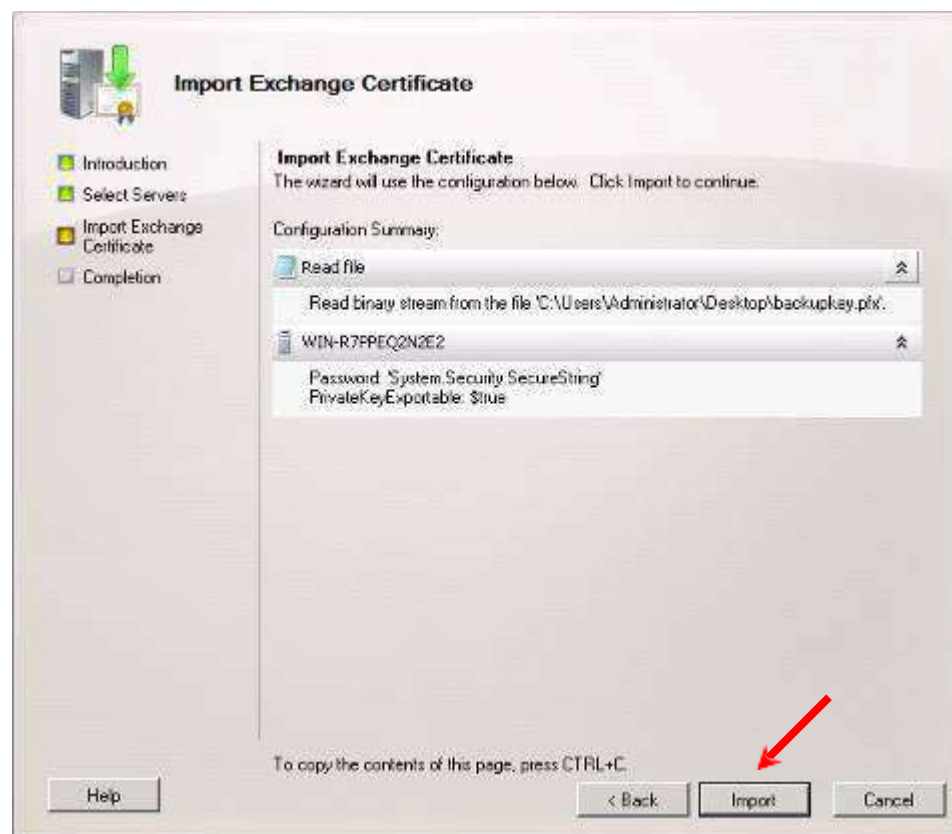
- 2 Select the private key you intend to import, and type in the password. Then, click **Next**.



- 3 Select **Servers** and click **Next**.



4 Check the detail and click **Import**.



5 Click **Finish** and Hongkong Post e-Cert (Server) certificate has been successfully restored.

