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HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2025 Concluded Successfully

Hong Kong Students Studying Outside Hong Kong Participated for the First Time, in Line with the HKSAR Government's Policy of Encouraging Talents to Stay in Hong Kong

Hong Kong, 18 August 2025 - The “HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2025” (the Programme), co-organised by Cyberport and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) successfully concluded with a closing ceremony on 16 August, with **Alice Mak, Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs**, as the Guest of Honour. The Programme received an overwhelming response with approximately 4,300 job applications for 100 internship positions at start-ups. Through the Programme, the interns were able to learn from and interact with leading companies in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), which has stimulated their interest in developing entrepreneurial careers in the GBA in the future.

Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport, said in his welcoming speech, "As the breeding ground for Innovation and Technology (I&T) in Hong Kong, Cyberport is committed to identifying and nurturing a new generation of I&T talents on all fronts, charting Hong Kong in moving towards the vision of an international I&T hub. Cyberport, in collaboration with the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), has organised the “HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme”, which has successfully nurtured a large number of I&T talents. This year, in line with the HKSAR Government's talent policy, the Programme is open to Hong Kong students studying in the Mainland or overseas for the first time, with a view to enlarging Hong Kong’s I&T talent pool. Since its launch in 2021, the Programme has attracted more than 20,300 applications, providing 400 internship position and demonstrating Hong Kong's attractiveness to both local and overseas I&T talents and its role as an important base for gathering I&T talents in the region. Cyberport will continue to work hand in hand with the HKSAR Government in the future, to inject new impetus into the vibrant development of Hong Kong's I&T industry".

It was the fourth consecutive year for Cyberport to co-organise the Programme with HYAB, which offers three to six months' internship opportunities for the youth who aspire to a career in the I&T industry. This year's Programme received applications from 168 Cyberport enterprises, more than half of which are first-time participating enterprises. Based on Cyberport's experience in implementing internship programmes and nurturing talents, Cyberport has selected 100 internship positions covering a wide range of areas such as data analytics, FinTech, BioTech, AI, business development, marketing and design, etc.,

enabling interns to explore their own interests and at the same time gain rich practical experience to take a solid step forward in the I&T area. Amongst all participants, 18 of them were also given the valuable opportunity to visit the GBA for learning and idea exchanges, in which they visited GBA's leading companies, such as Baidu, Meituan and EHang, to gain an in-depth understanding of the prosperous development of I&T enterprises in the GBA, as well as exchanging views and interacting with young entrepreneurs.

The participating employers and students could flexibly choose between full-time, part-time or hybrid employment arrangements according to actual needs. Each internship position would be entitled a maximum subsidy of up to HK$11,200 per month from the HKSAR Government. In addition, the interns also took part in training and entrepreneurial activities organised by Cyberport during the internship period, assisting them in enhancing relevant workplace skills and facilitating the young talents to start their I&T careers after graduation, thus contributing to the development of Hong Kong into an international I&T hub.

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Participating employers and interns of Cyberport start-ups shared their achievements in the Programme.

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Wholly owned by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, Cyberport is Hong Kong's digital tech hub and AI accelerator, with a vision to empower industry digitalisation and intelligent transformation, to promote digital economy and AI development, and to foster Hong Kong to be an international AI, innovation and technology (I&T) hub. Cyberport gathers over 2,200 companies, including 5 listed companies and 7 unicorns. One-third of onsite companies' founders come from 26 countries and regions, while Cyberport companies have expanded to over 35 global markets.

Cyberport, with Hong Kong's largest AI Supercomputing Centre and AI Lab as the engine, has been building the AI ecosystem with industry-leading AI companies and over 400 AI and data science start-ups. Through development of tech clusters, namely AI, data science, blockchain and cybersecurity, Cyberport empowers industries across smart city and government, banking and finance, digital entertainment, culture and tourism, healthcare, education and training, property management, construction, transportation and logistics, green environment and more, while hosting Hong Kong's largest FinTech community. Commissioned by the HKSAR Government, Cyberport has implemented proof-of-concept and sandbox schemes, subsidisation for digital tech adoption, industry tech training and start-up incubation, to drive technology R&D, translation and commercialisation, thus propelling digital transformation and intelligent upgrade across industry and society.

Also as Hong Kong's key incubator, Cyberport supports entrepreneurs with funding and office space, extensive networks of enterprises, investors, technology corporations and professional services for business growth and expansion to Mainland China and overseas markets, all-round facilitation for landing in Hong Kong, talent attraction and cultivation, ready as a launchpad to take start-ups in any stages of development to the next level.

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