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**Acclaimed Cyberport Venture Capital Forum Returns to Explore Latest Trends in
Venture Capital
Engaging over 100 speakers on- and offline and facilitating deal flow between
investors and start-ups**

Hong Kong, 15 Oct 2021 - The Cyberport Venture Capital Forum (CVCF), Cyberport's premier annual venture forum, returns on 2-3 November. With the theme of "Venturing for Success: Resilience, Growth & Opportunity", [CVCF 2021](#) will bring together industry leaders, top-notch investors, enterprises and technopreneurs. Amidst promising market dynamics and rapid emergence of unicorns in the post-Covid era, these experts will discuss and share insights on trends in the global I&T sector and venture capital, investor strategies, emerging venture capitals, opportunities and prospects in the Greater Bay Area, and more. This year's event will present a brand-new hybrid format with a unified experience of online and offline engagement, allowing start-ups to interact with potential investors in the physical forum while showcasing their innovative tech solutions using the virtual platform. This multi-channel set-up enhances global exposure, facilitates deal flow and provides extensive opportunities for start-ups to explore fundraising opportunities.

As the digital technology flagship of Hong Kong, Cyberport is dedicated to facilitating deal flow for start-ups and enriching the regional venture capital landscape. The main forum of CVCF gathers more than 70 international and local experts from major industry players, including Alibaba Group, HKEX, Founders Space, Verizon Ventures, Two Sigma, Lever VC, Gobi Partners China, and IESE Business School, who will conduct in-depth discussions and sharings on popular areas in the tech venture landscape, covering topics such as disruptive tech (NFT, robotics, foodtech, etc), FinTech/cross-border financing, 5G technology and the family offices. Also prominent will be emerging investment themes including the new space economy, special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), and the topic of environmental, social, and governance (ESG).

CVCF 2021: A brand-new hybrid format, complementing advantages of the physical event and virtual experience

CVCF 2021 will present to audiences a hybrid experience of online and offline engagement for the first time without the hindrance of geographical restrictions. This excellent platform allows more global venture experts and entrepreneurial leaders to be included to offer insights into the latest fundraising strategies, market dynamics, value creation as well as on the tech and venture ecosystem. In addition to broadcasting forum and workshop content to a global audience 24/7, the virtual platform features an Innovator Showcase for promising start-up exhibitors and an exclusive Investor Matching platform which allows more than 100 Cyberport technology and innovation companies to link up with investors.



For the first time the forum will also invite the **Asia Technology Entrepreneurship Conference (ATEC)**, which is composed of Ivy League university alumni clubs, for discussion sessions. This will attract international investors to learn more about Hong Kong start-ups.

Peter Yan, CEO of Cyberport, says, “The COVID-19 pandemic has lasted more than a year, yet the strong resilience of the I&T sector has led to major fundraising deals, driving the venture capital market to record levels. Three unicorns were born in Hong Kong within the span of two months this year, including Animoca Brands from Cyberport, reflecting investors' confidence in Hong Kong's start-ups. At the same time, the National 14th Five-Year Plan has clearly raised the support for Hong Kong to develop into an international innovation and technology centre. Coupled with the vigorous development of the Greater Bay Area, we believe that Hong Kong's venture capital atmosphere will become increasingly encouraging. More high-quality start-ups will attract more funding to help Hong Kong develop into an innovation and technology hub. Cyberport will continue to forge ahead through CVCF and the Cyberport Investor Network (CIN), to actively promote the venture capital ecosystem, and facilitate the integration of industries into the promising overall development of our country.”

Highly anticipated global event for insights into the trend of industrial venture capital

Spotlight events of the CVCF 2021 will provide in-depth analysis of the development and opportunities of particular industries, the highlight being the first “**Cyberport FinTech InnoCon 2021**” hosted by Cyberport. The conference will feature over 30 heavyweight speakers from professional bodies, renowned financial institutions, regulators, and the most promising start-ups, to exchange insights on trends and opportunities in all areas of financial service after the FinTech PoC Subsidy Scheme. Topics to be examined include opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, value creation through ESG, RegTech for Asian markets, untapped opportunities in InsurTech etc.

The Edventures Global Business Acceleration Summit (Edventures GBA Summit) last year was universally well-received. Cyberport is pleased to co-create this Summit together with Esperanza again this year. It will be held alongside internationally renowned venture capital event Silicon Dragon. “Under the theme of Think Big with EdTech, the Summit will discuss how technology could transition from enabling remote learning during the pandemic to driving innovations for 21st century learning,” said John C Tsang, Founder of Esperanza.

Experts will also share recent developments in EdTech hotbeds. Bill Ning, founding partner of Blue Elephant Capital, will address the implications of the recent regulatory changes in the education market in Mainland China. James Tieng and Vinit Sukhija, specialist EdTech VCs from Lumos Capital and Learn Capital in the US, will share how private and philanthropic capital is increasingly deployed in the US and Europe to fund EdTech ventures. Summit audiences will also learn how Israel and Finland build a



vibrant education innovation ecosystem, from Avi Warshavsky, CEO of MindCET, Olli Vallo, CEO of Education Alliance Finland and Mia-Stiina Heikkala, project leader of NewCo Helsinki. The Summit attendees will receive a Global EdTech Markets Report jointly published by [Esperanza](#), [Blue Elephant Capital](#) and [SuperCharger Ventures](#).

Twelve finalists of the [Edventures GBA Fellowship 2021](#) from Israel, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, India, and Hong Kong, will also share their EdTech solutions. They are looking for pilot opportunities and partners to support their expansion into Asia.

CVCF is a highly acclaimed flagship tech venture event for investors and entrepreneurs in the digital technology domain. It was held in a virtual interactive format for the first time in 2020, attracting more than 1,700 participants, with a total of more than 110,000 views. A total of 270 investors participated and more than 300 deal flows resulted. The event successfully connected start-ups with investors and provided extensive opportunities for unfolding venture investments.

In order to further enrich the forum's industry and market insights, a series of webinars will be held on CVCF's online platform, starting next week. Industry leaders will share their insights and fresh perspectives on smart investment and digital transformation and help enterprises pivot in the new normal. For detailed information on related seminars and a complete lineup of speakers of the Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2021, please visit the website: <http://cvcf.cyberport.hk/>

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Cyberport Venture Capital Forum (CVCF) will be held on 2-3 November, presenting for the first time a brand-new hybrid format of online and offline engagement for the discussion and sharing of global venture capital and financing trends, opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, and so forth. It also connects start-ups with investors for power pitching and provides extensive opportunities to explore tech venturing dynamics and to unfold venture investments.

From left: Peter Yan, CEO of Cyberport; Alvin Kwok, Founder & CEO of OneDegree; Cindy Chow, Cyberport Investors Network Steering Group Chairperson; Aaron Lee, Founder of Dash Living; Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport.



Peter Yan, CEO of Cyberport, says, “I look forward to more global start-ups and investors participating and gaining inspiration and business opportunities from CVCF 2021.”



Cindy Chow, Cyberport Investors Network Steering Group Chairperson shares latest development of the CIN and investors preference.



Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport, says, "Spotlight events of CVCF 2021 will further enrich insights into the development and opportunities of individual industries, including the first "Cyberport FinTech InnoCon 2021".



About Cyberport

Cyberport is an innovative digital community with over 800 on-site start-ups and technology companies. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, which is wholly owned by the Hong Kong SAR Government. With a vision to be the hub for digital technology thereby creating a new economic driver for Hong Kong, Cyberport is committed to nurturing a vibrant tech ecosystem by cultivating talent, promoting entrepreneurship among youth, supporting start-ups on their growth journey, fostering industry development by promoting strategic collaboration with local and international partners, and integrating new and traditional economies by accelerating digital transformation in the public and private sectors.

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Appendix I

Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2021

Date	2-3 Nov 2021
Time	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Website	https://cvcf.cyberport.hk/
Event Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Webinar series “Venture in Focus” ● Keynotes and panel discussions ● Innovator Showcase ● Investor Matching ● Founder Stage ● Start-up Workshop ● Start-up Clinic
Spotlight Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cyberport FinTech InnoCon 2021 (full day on 1 November) ● Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) Anniversary Celebration (2 November, a.m.) ● Cyberport Entrepreneurship Programme Graduation Ceremony 2021 (2 November, p.m.) ● Silicon Drogan 2021 (3 November, a.m.) ● Edventures GBA Summit 2021 (full day on 3 November)
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Global tech venture trends ● Unicorn leaders panel ● The future of tech start-ups in the GBA ● Special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) ● Environmental, social, and governance (ESG)

Appendix II: 2021 Cyberport Venture Capital Forum Programme



2 November (Tuesday) CVCF MAIN FORUM

Time	Agenda
0900-0910	Welcome Remarks
0910-0915	Opening Remarks
0915-0925	Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) Anniversary Celebration
Macro Trends & Global Stage	
0925-0945	An Overview: Global Tech Venture Trends
0945-1000	Keynote Speech
1000-1025	Keynote – The Next Wave of Tech Disruption Shaping the Future of Venture Investment
1025-1100	Leaders Panel: Cyberport Hero's Journey - From Start-up to Unicorn
1100-1115	Break
1115-1150	Global VC Chatroom – A Tipping Point for Global VC Investing to New Frontiers (Powered by Silicon Dragon)
1150-1220	Panel Discussion: Wealth Management Connect Spurring New Fintech Growth
1220-1240	Fireside Chat: NFT - Exploring the New Boundaries
1240-1400	Lunch Break / 5G Lighting Talk

Venture Track-Investor Strategies & New Venture Voyages	Inno Track- Sectors Spotlight & New Growth Engine
1400 - 1420 Thematic Session: ESG & Impact Investment	1400 - 1435 Panel Discussion: Rising Tech Sectors
1420 - 1440 Fireside Chat: Applying Data Science and Advanced Technologies to Investments and Impact Investing in Asia	
1440 - 1510 Panel Discussion: ESG & Impact Investment	1435 - 1510 ATEC Panel: The Future of Tech Start-ups in the GBA (Powered by ATEC)
1510 - 1540 Panel Discussion: SPAC – A New Gateway for Fundraising in HK? (Powered by HKVCA)	1510 - 1540 The NewSpace Economy: Hitting the Sweet Spot in 2022 (Powered by OASA)
1545 – 1600 Break	1545 - 1600 Break

1600 - 1640 Panel Discussion: Family Office under the Investment Spotlight	1600 - 1700 Investor-Investee Dialogues & Successful Case Sharing
1700 - 1800 Cyberport Entrepreneurship Programme Graduation Ceremony 2021 (Powered by Cyberport Startup Alumni Association)	

3 November (Wednesday)

Time	Agenda	
0830-0945	Silicon Dragon 	0930-1815 Edventures Global Summit  Global Business Acceleration Summit
CVCF Start-up Workshop		
1100-1200	Startup Survival Guide - How to Navigate Chaotic Times	
1400-1500	Strategies for Employee Retention - Health Insurance Coverage Matters	
1500-1600	How to Get the Best Out of Your Angels and Mentors (by OASA)	
1600-1700	IP Strategies for Start-ups in the Digital Era	