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Cyberport Chairman Joins CE's Business Delegation to Qatar and Kuwait

16 Start-ups Participate in Dubai FinTech Summit

“Super-connecting” the Middle East Market and Creating New Opportunities in the Belt and Road Region

Hong Kong, 16 May 2025 – **Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport**, joined the business delegation led by Chief Executive, John Lee, on the visit to Qatar and Kuwait from 10 to 15 May to foster innovation technology and economic cooperation between Hong Kong and the Belt and Road markets. The visit forged closer ties between Hong Kong and the Middle East in trade, investment promotion, financial services, and innovation technology, reinforcing Hong Kong's role as a "super connector" and "super value-adder" in the global economy. In addition to representatives from Hong Kong's business sectors, over 20 Mainland enterprises also participated in the delegation which contributed to advancing international collaboration and promoting local start-ups on the global stage.

During the visit, the delegation met with local government departments and trade organisations to learn first-hand the latest developments in trade, finance, and innovation technology. The visit also served to showcase Hong Kong's strengths in driving the digital economy and fostering innovation technology collaboration. As a key member of the delegation, Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport, fully supports Hong Kong's efforts to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with the Middle East, and to promote the development of the innovation technology industry between the two regions.

Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport, said, “The Middle East shows strong momentum in economic development, with the government and business sectors determined to pursue growth, and strategies and resources ready to promote comprehensive development all around. In sectors of finance, new manufacturing, I&T, and smart city building, diverse and significant business opportunities abound for Hong Kong enterprises. As Hong Kong's digital tech hub and innovation incubator, Cyberport is dedicated to helping start-ups expand internationally, while attracting leading enterprises to set up in Hong Kong, reinforcing the city's position as an international innovation and technology hub. Home to Hong Kong's largest FinTech community, Cyberport actively explores collaboration opportunities with the Middle East, playing to Hong Kong's strengths in financial services. This delegation not only facilitates in-depth exchanges with local governments and industries but also strengthens

trilateral cooperation among Mainland China, Hong Kong, and the Middle East in areas such as trade, finance, and the development of I&T ecosystems, driving further exchanges within the Belt and Road region. Leveraging Hong Kong's dual role as a 'super-connector' and 'super value-adder', Cyberport will continue to lay a solid foundation for Mainland and Hong Kong start-ups to integrate into the Belt and Road and global markets, while also actively introducing Middle East enterprises to Hong Kong, the Mainland and Southeast Asia."

Meanwhile, aligned with national and HKSAR government strategies to actively explore the Middle Eastern market, Cyberport led 16 FinTech start-ups on a delegation co-organised with InvestHK to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The delegation participated in the Dubai FinTech Summit (DFS) and engaged in a series of key meetings and industry events across both cities, showcasing Hong Kong's vibrant tech ecosystem and to help leading start-ups explore potential partnership and business opportunities in the rapidly growing Middle Eastern market. The tech companies accompanying the delegation included FinTech unicorn and Web 3.0 security company **CertiK**, digital asset finance service provider **HashKey Group**, FinTech companies **Libertify APAC**, **EVIDENT Group**, **Planto**, and **Qupital**, wealth management technology firm **FinLoop**, green FinTech company **Digital Climate Group**, InsurTech company **Peak3 (formerly ZA Tech)**, **Nanoinsure**, digital asset technology companies **Beosin**, **Safeheron**, and **SlowMist**, digital payment technology companies **Lianlian Global**, **RD Technologies**, and **Waffo**. Eight participating companies also showcased their innovations at the Hong Kong Pavilion set up by InvestHK. They presented cutting-edge technologies and applications in FinTech, wealth management, digital payments, and virtual asset management to international markets, further highlighting Hong Kong's excellence in financial innovation and application.

During the Summit, Victor Yim, Cyberport's Head of FinTech, participated in the "Innovation Stage" panel discussion to share his views on financial innovation trends. Cyberport also co-organised a roundtable discussion with the MENA FinTech Association on topics such as digital asset tokenisation, cross-regional collaboration and market expansion strategies in the Middle East and Asian markets. With the attendance of representatives from Dubai's Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (VARA), Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA), Dubai Chamber of Commerce, and major virtual assets companies and international investors, the forum is recognised as an important platform for exchange and collaboration in the Middle East FinTech ecosystem.

A key highlight of the UAE trip was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 13 May between Cyberport community member, EVIDENT Group and Zand Bank, the UAE's first fully licensed all-digital bank. EVIDENT Group is a leading integrated infrastructure provider for private market access and distribution. This strategic partnership aims to bring alternative asset investment opportunities to Zand Bank's high-net-worth

clients through advanced tokenisation technology and well-established infrastructure. As Dubai is rapidly becoming a regional centre for financial innovation, this partnership reflects EVIDENT Group's strategic expansion into the UAE through licensed institutions and institutional partners.

The delegation's visit to Abu Dhabi also achieved fruitful outcomes. During the trip, the delegation visited several key institutions, including the Blockchain Center of Abu Dhabi Investment Office (ADIO) – ADIO plays a central role in attracting foreign investment, the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), Hub71 – a prominent technology incubator located in ADGM that hosts over 370 start-ups and foster the expansion of UAE's tech enterprises through its internationalised tech ecosystem, and the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In addition, meetings were held with the wholly government owned Abu Dhabi Developmental Holding Company (“ADQ”), one of the three largest sovereign investment funds in the country, and Mubadala Investment Company, the sovereign investment organisation which manages the government's global assets and investment portfolio.

In recent years, Cyberport has been actively promoting local start-ups to establish and develop in the Middle Eastern market with promising results. To date, more than 30 Cyberport start-ups have successfully set up their businesses in the Middle East, including AIFT (formerly OneDegree) – a virtual insurance company which introduced blockchain insurance products in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, and established the first Middle Eastern language system, and has successfully obtained a 40% market share locally, SleekFlow – an AI social communication integration platform, has seen its Middle East turnover increase by 90% in the past two years, Hex Trust – a digital asset management company, has been granted an operating licence by VARA, Animoca Brands – a Cyberport unicorn and Web 3.0 leader, established cooperation with the Saudi Arabian National Tech Park KACST last year, and set up its first office in the Middle East in Dubai, UAE this year.

Cyberport has also served consistently as a vital bridge in facilitating exchanges between the Middle East and Asia. Cyberport has signed MoUs with Dubai Future Foundation and Saudi Arabian National Tech Park KACST to promote two-way landing of outstanding enterprises in respective regions. In March 2024, Cyberport led start-ups to participate in Saudi Arabia's LEAP 2024 tech conference to promote the innovation technology strengths of Hong Kong start-ups in the Middle Eastern market. Companies based at Cyberport are highly international, with one-third of founders coming from 26 countries and regions, including the Middle East. Looking ahead, Cyberport will continue to expand its innovation and technology collaboration network across the Middle East, ASEAN and emerging markets in the “Global South”, reinforcing Hong Kong's position as a leading international innovation hub.

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Introduction of Cyberport Companies participated in the Middle East delegation:

CertiK	Cyberport unicorn CertiK is a world-leading Web 3.0 security service provider. CertiK offers a full lifecycle of security compliance services, including security risk assessments and audits, penetration testing, online real-time monitoring, security incident response, asset tracking and tracing, compliance consulting and audit. Headquartered in the United States and based in Hong Kong, CertiK has extended its enterprise-level client services to Asia Pacific and the world, successfully serving multiple global banks and financial institutions by providing security auditing for virtual asset custodian services. CertiK also actively supports Web 3.0 corporate clients, among which a number of them have obtained the virtual asset trading platform (VATP) licence from the Hong Kong Securities & Futures Commission (SFC).
HashKey Group	HashKey Group is a leading digital asset financial services group in Asia with global operations in regions such as Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, and Bermuda. Since 2018, HashKey Group has built a Web 3.0 ecosystem within a high-compliance regulatory framework, including HashKey Exchange – the largest licensed virtual asset exchange in Hong Kong, HashKey Global – the flagship digital asset exchange, HashKey Capital – a global asset manager investing exclusively in blockchain technology and digital assets, HashKey OTC – the compliant over-the-counter (OTC) trading arm, HashKey Cloud – a leading global Web 3.0 infrastructure provider, and HashKey Tokenisation – a tokenisation services provider. HashKey Group also possesses a rich on-chain ecosystem, having developed the Ethereum Layer 2, HashKey Chain, and has listed the HashKey Ecosystem Token HSK. HashKey Group is committed to driving the mass application of blockchain technology, aiming to provide trustworthy and accessible digital asset services to one billion global users.
Libertify APAC	Libertify is a pioneering FinTech start-up headquartered in France, with its Asia Pacific head office in Hong Kong. Libertify leverages AI technology to transform financial and news data into interactive content such as videos to increase audience engagement.
Planto	Hong Kong-based FinTech company Planto employs AI technology, open finance and big data to provide financial institutions with innovative, customer-centric solutions to

	enhance digital interactions, digital sales and operational efficiency.
Qupital	Qupital is a FinTech company headquartered in Hong Kong. The company focuses on providing digital trade financing services, mainly for Mainland Chinese merchants selling to the European and American consumer markets on platforms such as Amazon, eBay, Shopee, Lazada, and import e-commerce merchants selling on platforms such as JD.com, Tmall, Pinduoduo, and Douyin. Since 2016, Qupital has issued more than US\$2 billion in loans with a default rate of less than 0.1% - a leading performance in the trade finance industry. Some of Qupital's well-known investors include Alibaba Entrepreneurs Fund, Greater Bay Area Homeland Development Fund, and the Hong Kong SAR Government's "Innovation and Technology Venture Fund".
FinLoop	FinLoop delivers AI-driven technological solutions to financial institution clients, covering a comprehensive range of wealth management products, including cash management, public funds, private funds, structured products, bonds, insurance, virtual assets, and real-world assets (RWA). Based in Hong Kong and radiating across the Greater Bay Area, FinLoop has become one of the most impactful providers of financial products and technology solutions for Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect 1.0 and 2.0.
Digital Climate Group	Digital Climate Group (DCG) is the first financial services company to combine new technologies and investment banking, focusing on applying new technologies to impact investment, energy transformation and green infrastructure. The Group has taken the lead in actively expanding in major financial markets in Asia, and has offices in Hong Kong, Japan and Abu Dhabi, establishing a business network, connecting institutional investors, regulators and market participants, and creating leading financial solutions in line with global sustainable development goals.
Peak3	Peak3 is a leading global B2B SaaS provider for the insurance industry, offering cloud-native capabilities, built-in AI orchestration, and end-to-end insurance capabilities across life, health, and property & casualty (P&C) lines. Serving insurers, managing general agents (MGAs), and intermediaries, Peak3 supports digital transformation across the entire value chain of insurance operations. Headquartered in Singapore (Global HQ) and Ireland

	(EMEA HQ), Peak3 powers the digital operating systems of the global insurance sector. Its award-winning solutions support billions of issued policies over twenty countries, trusted by top-tier insurers and intermediaries.
Nanoinsure	Nanoinsure is an insurance technology company headquartered in Hong Kong with operations in Singapore and Japan. It serves the world's leading insurance companies and has a presence in ten Asian markets, supporting over 30,000 insurance advisors and protecting a broad base of policyholders.
Beosin	Established in 2018, Beosin is a leading blockchain compliance and security company that helps Web 3.0 projects, crypto exchange, Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs), virtual asset management firms and regulators with smart contract security audits, exchange security and anti-money laundering solutions, stablecoin monitoring solutions, and all-in-one solutions for tracing and analysing crypto crimes.
EVIDENT Group	EVIDENT Group is the first SFC-licensed digital market infrastructure platform that specialises in connecting private wealth management institutions and leading asset management companies to provide alternative investment opportunities. Its cutting-edge technology simplifies the investor account opening process, digital management, and enhances secondary market liquidity, making alternative asset investment easier and more efficient. Through EVIDENT Group, customers seize the growth brought by the private equity market with greater ease to create wealth and diversify their investment portfolios within a safe and regulated framework.
Safeheron	Safeheron is a leading provider of digital asset self-custody solutions for institutional clients. The platform uses secure multi-party computation (MPC) and trusted execution environment (TEE) technologies to provide one of the highest security levels of institutional-grade digital asset self-custody services and privatisation solutions.
SlowMist	SlowMist Technology focuses on blockchain ecosystem security and provides integrated security solutions (from threat detection through to defence) to commercial clients in more than a dozen major countries and regions. These solutions include security audit, threat intelligence and defence deployment services, and support for

	cryptocurrency anti-money laundering, false top-up vulnerability scanning, security monitoring, hacker intrusion archives and smart contract firewalls. SlowMist is also actively promoting the formulation of international blockchain security standards.
Lianlian Global	As a core cross-border payment brand of Lianlian DigiTech, Lianlian Global provides services jointly with licensed institutions at home and abroad. It is a comprehensive innovation enterprise in the field of payment finance and services in global cross-border trade. With its robust compliance, security and technological innovation capabilities, it provides companies with a global payment finance network and a trade service network covering the entire life cycle of their business.
RD Technologies	RD Technologies is a financial platform that connects Web2 and Web3. It utilises innovative financial technology to build a business world of mutual trust and interconnection. From Hong Kong to the world, RD Technologies helps enterprises deploy financial services in a more convenient and cost-effective way, improve trading efficiency, and in turn promote the development of Hong Kong as an Asian trading hub and international financial centre.
Waffo	Waffo is a cutting-edge global payment technology service platform that provides one-stop solutions to tackle the challenges faced by enterprises in global payments (such as success rate, cost and security issues). It offers more than 300 payment methods to more than 50 countries, with its operations focused on Asia Pacific, Latin America and Africa.

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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 around 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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