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2026 ‘Maker in China’ Hong Kong Chapter Opens for Enrolment

National-Level Entrepreneurship Contest Calls for Projects across 10 Frontier Technology Fields, Empowering Hong Kong Start-ups to Explore Chinese Mainland Market Opportunities

Hong Kong, 10 July 2026 — The 2026 “Maker in China” SME Innovation and Entrepreneurship Global Contest – Hong Kong Chapter (Hong Kong Chapter), one of China’s most globally influential innovation and entrepreneurship contests, is now open for enrolment starting today, with a deadline of 20 August 2026. Dedicated to helping Hong Kong start-ups expand into the Chinese Mainland market and seize national development opportunities, this year’s contest comprises two stages — a semi-final and a final — with the top 10 teams advancing to the final. The Hong Kong Chapter Final will be held on the morning of 24 September at Hong Kong Cyberport, followed by an investment matching session at the same venue, offering participating teams a platform to connect directly with investors and industry partners. Participating projects will receive support from an expert panel in refining their technological strengths and connecting with Chinese Mainland industry resources, while award-winning projects will be showcased at a number of international innovation and technology (I&T) exhibitions, take part in two matching sessions with Chinese Mainland capital and industry players, and have the opportunity to represent the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) at the “Maker in China” Global Contest Final. Outstanding projects may also be included in the “Maker in China” national project pool.

This year marks the eighth edition of the Hong Kong Chapter. Guided by the core principles of “Authority-backed, Resource-connected, Impact-driven”, the contest focuses on frontier I&T fields critical to national development and the cultivation of new quality productive forces, encompassing 10 technology fields, including Intelligent Devices and Robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data, Semiconductors and Integrated Circuits, and Low-altitude Economy and Aerospace. It aims to align innovative technology with the Chinese Mainland’s industrial upgrading and market needs. Participating projects will receive comprehensive professional support and be precisely matched with Chinese Mainland entrepreneurial parks, enterprises, and investment institutions. In addition to matching sessions with Chinese Mainland entrepreneurs and investors, award-winning projects will showcase their achievements at four major international exhibitions, namely the China International SME Fair (CISMEF), the China International Import Expo (CIIE), the Digital China Summit, and InnoEX Hong Kong, with the opportunity to be included in the “Maker in China” national project pool for long-term targeted recommendations to Chinese Mainland government departments, industrial parks, and capital institutions. Within two months after the conclusion of the Hong Kong Chapter, an investment roadshow

will be held in the Greater Bay Area to help participating projects connect with resources, where they may also apply for dedicated support policies for Hong Kong and Macao start-ups.

Ir Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Hong Kong Cyberport, said, “This year marks the eighth edition of the Hong Kong Chapter, and Cyberport is honoured to once again co-organise the contest, witnessing the sustained growth of Hong Kong’s I&T strength. Projects in the last edition involved close to 380 patents, showcasing the strength of local research and innovation. The Hong Kong Chapter has become an annual highlight within the local tech industry, with many outstanding start-ups successfully expanding into the Chinese Mainland market through the contest, and Hong Kong representatives winning the global championship three times — a remarkable feat that underscores the international competitiveness of Hong Kong’s I&T enterprises. This year’s contest will continue to help more Hong Kong start-ups connect with the Chinese Mainland’s industry, capital, and policy resources, and seize the opportunities of integrating into national development and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area through national-level exhibition platforms and the post-contest investment roadshow in the Greater Bay Area. As Hong Kong’s digital technology flagship and AI accelerator, Cyberport will continue to play the role of a ‘super-connector’, leveraging the ‘Maker in China’ contest to build a vital bridge between start-ups and the Chinese Mainland market, fostering technology transformation, industrial collaboration, and commercialisation, and contributing to the high-quality development of Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area.”

As one of the signature events in the local I&T sector, the 2026 Hong Kong Chapter is jointly organised by the Digital Policy Office of the HKSAR Government, the China Centre for Promotion of SME Development of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People’s Republic of China, and the China International Cooperation Association of SMEs, and co-organised by Hong Kong Cyberport and the Angel Investment Foundation. The Hong Kong Chapter 2026 encompasses 10 I&T fields, namely Intelligent Devices and Robotics, AI and Big Data, Semiconductors and Integrated Circuits, Low-altitude Economy and Aerospace, Biomedicine and Health, Smart Living and Smart Mobility, Third Generation Internet and Metaverse, New Energy and Green Technology, FinTech, as well as New Materials. The contest focuses on different key development fields, encouraging start-ups to utilise advanced technology to improve people’s livelihoods and business operations and to connect with upstream and downstream industry resources in the Chinese Mainland.

As one of China’s most globally influential innovation and entrepreneurship contests, “Maker in China” is a flagship event organised annually by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People’s Republic of China. Since the launch of chapters outside the Chinese Mainland in 2018, a total of 50 contests have been held across 13 countries and regions, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Malaysia,

Germany, Singapore, the Czech Republic, as well as Hong Kong and Macao of China, attracting over 6,200 innovation projects worldwide. Since its launch in 2018, the Hong Kong Chapter has been committed to bridging international innovative technologies with Chinese Mainland enterprises, industrial parks, and policy resources, driving collaborative innovation and industrial upgrading, while providing an exceptional platform for Hong Kong I&T talent to showcase their capabilities and expand their markets. In previous editions, the top 3 winning teams of the Hong Kong Chapter represented the HKSAR at the “Maker in China” Global Contest Finals held in the Chinese Mainland, achieving outstanding results.

Enrolment is now open to unlisted companies registered in Hong Kong with research and development or business covering any of the above-mentioned 10 I&T fields; projects at the seed, incubation, or acceleration stage are all welcome.

For details and applications for Hong Kong Chapter, please visit <https://makerinchina.hk/en/>

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Contest Agenda	Date
Enrolment	9 Jul 2026 – 20 Aug 2026
First Contest Briefing Session	22 Jul 2026
Second Contest Briefing Session	6 Aug 2026
Hong Kong Chapter Final and Project Docking	24 Sept 2026
“Maker in China” Global Contest Final	4th Quarter of 2026

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國際中小企業創新創業大賽
SME INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP GLOBAL CONTEST
HONG KONG CHAPTER

8月20日 或之前報名
Apply by 20 August

全力徵集十大科技領域項目
Calling for Projects Across Ten Major Technology Fields

- 金融科技 FinTech
- 人工智能與大數據 Artificial Intelligence and Big Data
- 智能裝備與機器人 Intelligent Device and Robotics
- 智慧生活與智慧出行 Smart Living and Smart Mobility
- 第三代互聯網與元宇宙 Third Generation Internet and Metaverse
- 半導體與集成電路 Semiconductor and Integrated Circuit
- 生物醫藥與健康 Biomedicine and Health
- 低空經濟與航空航太 Low-altitude Economy and Aerospace
- 新能源與綠色科技 New Energy and Green Technology
- 新材料 New Materials

國家創新發展
National innovation contest recognition with innovation and technology parks policy support

決賽十強獲安排
Top 10 finalists to connect with investors

三單代表香港特區
Top 3 winners to represent HKSAR in the Global Contest Final

三單獲香港城市大學
Top 3 winners eligible for interview for CityUHK's HK Tech 300 Programme

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Top 10 finalists to receive support in joining various start-up programmes and top tech technology enterprises

7月9日 9 July
接受報名 Open for Application

7月22日 22 July
第一場賽事簡介會 First Contest Briefing Session

8月6日 6 August
第二場賽事簡介會 Second Contest Briefing Session

8月20日 20 August
報名截止 Application Deadline

9月24日 24 September
香港分站賽決賽暨企業投資者對接會
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About Hong Kong Cyberport

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's development into an international AI, innovation and technology (I&T) hub. Cyberport gathers over 2,300 companies, including 25 listed companies and 9 unicorns. One-third of onsite companies' founders come from 27 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 500 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 "State-level Scientific and Technological Enterprise Incubator" and 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 Chinese Mainland 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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