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Cyberport, KC Smart Mobility and EHang eVTOL Inaugural Test Flight Successfully Completed

Laying the Foundation for Cross-Border Passenger and Logistics Routes
Accelerating Low-Altitude Economy and Smart City Development

Hong Kong, 28 August 2026 – The electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft project, jointly collaborated on by **Cyberport**, **KC Smart Mobility**, a subsidiary of Kwoon Chung Group and **EHang**, successfully completed its inaugural test flight today at Cyberport's Waterfront. The project was earlier selected as one of the pilot projects for unconventional aircraft (UCA) under the first batch of the Low-Altitude Economy Regulatory Sandbox X (Sandbox X). Powered by electricity and capable of vertical take-off and landing without a runway, the eVTOL is widely regarded as an "air taxi" or "flying vehicle". This inaugural test flight marks a significant milestone in Hong Kong's advancement of low-altitude transportation R&D and applications, laying a crucial foundation for future cross-border passenger and logistics routes, and driving the growth of emerging low-altitude economy (LAE) industries and smart city 3D transportation.

During the test flight, EHang's flagship model EH216-S carried a robot and conducted multiple sorties along pre-set routes. The aircraft completed its missions smoothly, verifying the stability and safety of eVTOL operations in Hong Kong's waterfront environment. From 28 to 30 August, the model will continue multiple public flight demonstrations to further validate and showcase the safety assurance capabilities of eVTOL aircraft under sustained operational scenarios. The next phase of the project will leverage the secure and controlled environment of Sandbox X to conduct validation flights, accumulate operational data, and provide empirical support for the formulation and refinement of regulatory rules and frameworks for autonomous eVTOL operations.

Michael Wong, Deputy Financial Secretary and Head of the Working Group on Developing Low Altitude Economy, shared in his remarks at the ceremony: "Today's inaugural trial flight of unconventional aircraft marks an important milestone in the development of Hong Kong's low-altitude economy. We are grateful to Kwoon Chung, EHang and Cyberport teams for bringing this aircraft to Hong Kong. Building on the successful experience of the Low-altitude Economy Regulatory Sandbox launched in March last year, the Government has subsequently introduced 'Regulatory Sandbox X' to test more complex applications. The first batch of 33 pilot projects has been undergoing tests in phases since the first half of this year, including four non-conventional aircraft projects. The

Government is also studying dedicated legislation for non-conventional aircraft, with drafting work targeted for completion in 2027. The National 15th Five-Year Plan clearly sets out the goal of promoting the healthy and orderly development of the low-altitude economy. The HKSAR Government is taking proactive steps to support this national development, positioning Hong Kong as a hub for innovative low-altitude applications in the Asia-Pacific region, and continuing to leverage Hong Kong's strengths to contribute to our country's needs."

Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport, stated in his opening remarks, "The National 15th Five-Year Plan highlights the need to foster emerging industries such as the LAE, leveraging the LAE to lead the development of a more diversified digital and intelligent economy. Under the guidance of the HKSAR Government's focus on developing the LAE, Cyberport actively supports the initiative as the venue partner for the Regulatory Sandbox, continuously enhancing low-altitude flight support facilities and environments, supporting diversified application testing, and accumulating substantial operational data to accelerate technology translation and regularised applications. We look forward to joining hands with the Government and industry partners, connecting over 20 Cyberport companies focused on drone applications and LAE development, to foster a vibrant ecosystem of R&D and applications, attract innovation forces from Hong Kong and abroad, and help build Hong Kong into an international hub for innovative low-altitude applications."

Timothy Wong, Executive Director of Kwoon Chung Bus, said: "Kwoon Chung Bus is honoured to join hands with Cyberport and EHang to advance the commercialisation of LAE in Hong Kong. As a pioneer in local public transport operations, KC Smart Mobility is not only a promoter of eVTOL operations, but also a builder of the 'Smart Land-Air Intermodal' ecosystem. We are actively advancing multiple autonomous driving projects in Hong Kong by integrating ground autonomous fleets with low-altitude aerial routes, we aspire to create a one-stop 3D travel experience of 'ground connection and direct air access' for Hong Kong citizens and visitors, fully supporting Hong Kong's development into an international smart mobility model city."

Zhao Wang, Chief Operating Officer of EHang, said: "The inaugural public flight of the EH216-S in Hong Kong marks a vital validation under the Sandbox model, as well as a practical test of our technical standards and safety systems within Hong Kong's regulatory framework. This achievement is attributed to the HKSAR Government's regulatory innovation and the deep collaboration with our Hong Kong partners - KC Smart Mobility and Cyberport. Drawing upon years of practical experience in airworthiness certification and operations for autonomous eVTOLs, and nearly 100,000 safe flight records, EHang will fully support Hong Kong in accelerating the commercialisation of autonomous eVTOLs. We look forward to synergizing industrial resources across the Greater Bay Area and combining our

overseas operational experience to continuously advance regulatory harmonisation, technical exchange and resource integration. This will assist Hong Kong in becoming an Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) innovation hub and an international benchmark for LAE, contributing EHang's expertise to the standardized development of the global industry."

Cyberport, KC Smart Mobility and EHang signed an MoU in December 2024 to integrate Cyberport's waterfront testing venues, advanced low-altitude flight support facilities and digital infrastructure, KC Smart Mobility's urban transportation operational expertise, and EHang's mature unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) products and solutions. Since being selected in April as one of the first Sandbox X pilot projects, the three parties have steadily advanced preparations, exploring the technically complex scenario of passenger-carrying unconventional aircraft, to promote emerging technologies such as smart mobility and smart logistics, establish industry safety standards, and activate low-altitude airspace as a new economic factor to foster new-quality productivity.

Going forward, with the HKSAR Government formulating dedicated legislation for unconventional aircraft and conceptual design and technical specifications for smart low-altitude traffic management system, the pathway for commercialisation will be paved. This will unleash the potential of diverse industries such as drone logistics, air taxis, low-altitude tourism and emergency rescue, while enhancing public confidence in "air taxis".

As the venue partner of both the LAE Regulatory Sandbox and Sandbox X pilot projects, Cyberport leverages advanced communication, data, and AI supercomputing infrastructure to provide drone landing zones, charging facilities, flight management systems, weather monitoring systems, and a drone tracking network. These facilities enable multi-drone synchronised, cross-sea and beyond-visual-line-of-sight (BVLOS) testing, and diverse simulated scenarios across different terrains and urban densities. Under the Regulatory Sandbox, Cyberport has supported tests in cross-sea cargo delivery, building and slope inspection, 5G live broadcasting and drone light shows, successfully testing seven different drone models with over 700 accumulated take-off and landing records. Meanwhile, testing under Sandbox X is progressing at full speed, including eVTOL flights, low-altitude traffic management and drone detection systems. Furthermore, Cyberport supports indoor flight and certifications as well as larger-scale drone competitions and activities through Hong Kong's first dedicated Drone Sports Centre. Through "The Low-Altitude Economy (LAE) Application Exhibition Hub," Cyberport has welcomed over 2,300 visitors, allowing the public to see and touch the tangible benefits brought by the LAE. As a supporting organisation of the Greater Bay Area Low-altitude Economy Alliance, Cyberport actively engage with various industry organisations and start-ups to explore collaboration opportunities, unleashing greater potential of low-altitude economic and building an internationally competitive LAE ecosystem in Hong Kong.

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(Above) The electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft project, jointly collaborated on by Cyberport, KC Smart Mobility, a subsidiary of Kwoon Chung Group and EHang, successfully completed its inaugural test flight today at Cyberport's Waterfront. The ceremony was witnessed by distinguished guests including Michael Wong, Deputy Financial Secretary and Head of the Working Group on Developing Low Altitude Economy (centre); Mable Chan, Secretary for Transport and Logistics (7th right);

Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport (7th left) Clara Wong, Director-General of Civil Aviation (6th right); Yang Jun, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Financial Affairs 1 of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (7th left); Elizabeth Quat, LegCo Member and Founding President of the Greater Bay Area Low Altitude Economy Alliance (5th right); and LegCo Members Duncan Chiu (5th left); Chan Siu-hung (4th right); Roy Chu (4th left); Lothair Lam (3rd right); Alan Chan (3rd left) and Nick Chan (2nd left), alongside Dr Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport (2nd right); Conor Yang, CFO of EHang (1st left) Matthew WONG, Chairman of Kwoon Chung Bus Holdings Limited (1st right) .

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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 2,400 companies, including 29 listed companies and 10 unicorns. One-third of onsite companies' founders come from 28 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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