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## **Cyberport Warmly Congratulates Hong Kong's First Astronaut on National Space Mission Selection to Celebrate the Historic Moment**

**Hong Kong, 26 May 2026** – Cyberport warmly congratulates Dr. Lai Ka-ying, Payload Specialist and Superintendent of the Hong Kong Police Force, on becoming the first astronaut from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and on her selection for the Shenzhou-23 manned space mission. This achievement fully reflects the country's high regard and recognition for Hong Kong's efforts in nurturing scientific and technological talents. It also affirms the outstanding capabilities of Hong Kong's technology professionals and their strong commitment and determination to serve the country, marking a historic moment in Hong Kong's development of aerospace technology and the cultivation of space scientist and astronauts.

**Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport**, said, "The emergence of Hong Kong's first national-level astronaut fills us with immense pride and excitement. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the country for its unwavering support for Hong Kong's innovation and technology development and talent cultivation. We wish Dr. Lai Ka-ying and the other selected astronauts every success in completing the Shenzhou-23 manned space mission, contributing their professional expertise in space science to meet the nation's scientific research needs. The National '15th Five-Year Plan' has put forward the proposal to 'accelerate the building of a strong aerospace nation', with the aerospace industry explicitly identified as a strategic emerging pillar industry. It serves as an engine for new quality productive forces and contributes to the high-quality development of the digital economy. Under the leadership and support of the HKSAR Government, Cyberport actively aligns with national strategic priorities. Leveraging its solid foundation as Hong Kong's digital technology hub, artificial intelligence (AI) accelerator, and innovation and entrepreneurship incubation base, as well as Hong Kong's unique advantage of being 'backed by the Motherland and connected to the world', Cyberport is committed to nurturing scientific research, innovation and entrepreneurship talents. We promote technological research and development, application transformation and industrialisation, while connecting technology enterprises with technological resources, capital, markets and professional services both locally and internationally to accelerate their growth. These efforts create a favourable environment to support the development of Hong Kong's aerospace technology industry and space economy."

In the second half of 2022, the country launched the fourth batch of reserve astronaut selection, and for the first time included the selection of payload specialists from the HKSAR. Enterprises at Cyberport responded actively and participated in the selection process. Cyberport will continue to nurture I&T talents and support high-potential technology enterprises, while further expanding the vibrant I&T ecosystem. We will drive local technological research and development, innovation and industrialisation, and fully

support Hong Kong in developing into an international innovation and technology centre. Cyberport is committed to aligning with the nation's major strategy of attaining high-level scientific and technological self-reliance and self-strengthening. By leveraging new quality productive forces such as artificial intelligence and blockchain technology as key innovation drivers, Cyberport will actively contribute to the high-quality development of the country's aerospace endeavours and space industry.

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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 to be an international AI, innovation and technology (I&T) hub. Cyberport gathers over 2,300 companies, including 18 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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