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Cyberport Welcomes Policy Address on Promoting AI and Data Science Industries Development

AI+ Empowers Industry Intelligent Upgrades, Unlocks Digital Economy Value, and Enhances Smart Living for All

Hong Kong, 17 September 2025 - Cyberport welcomes the Chief Executive's announcement today in his Policy Address, introducing a series of forward-looking strategies and concrete measures to promote the development of the artificial intelligence (AI) and data science industries. Cyberport is fully committed to supporting these initiatives, helping Hong Kong become an international hub for AI and data science, realising the vision of becoming a global innovation and technology (I&T) centre.

Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport, said, "The latest Policy Address further elevates support for the development of AI as a core industry. Cyberport will fully align with the HKSAR Government's policies, leveraging our AI Supercomputing Centre (AISC) as the core engine to continue building a comprehensive ecosystem to support the growth of the AI and data science industries. With the government's backing, Cyberport is promoting AI research, transformation, and application through various proof-of-concept and sandbox programmes. These efforts integrate AI into industry development, promote intelligent upgrades in society and across various sectors, unlock the value of the digital economy, and enhance smart living for the public. Upon the completion of Cyberport 5, we will provide more top-notch infrastructure and expanded space to attract I&T enterprises. Cyberport will actively support the government's promotion efforts, leveraging the city's unique role as a 'super-connector' and 'super value-adder' to attract high-potential local and overseas enterprises to set up business at Cyberport. This will help propel Hong Kong toward its goal of becoming an international I&T and AI hub."

Promote the Development of the AI and Data Science Industries

As Hong Kong's AI accelerator, Cyberport fully supports the government's initiatives to enhance research and development (R&D), talent cultivation, funding channels, data flow, and applications, driving the growth of the AI and data science industries.

With the AISC as its core engine, Cyberport is building a comprehensive AI ecosystem encompassing computing power, data, general and specialised large models, model risk assessment, industry application support, governance and ethics research, and talent cultivation. These efforts aim to improve R&D efficiency and accelerate commercialisation of R&D outcomes, empowering the intelligent upgrade of various industries. Over 90% of the computing power at the AISC is already in service. Through the "AI Subsidy Scheme

(AISS),” the government supports local universities, research institutions, and enterprises in utilising these resources. Approximately 10 approved projects cover areas such as large language models (LLMs), new materials, and synthetic biology, leading to more breakthroughs. The AISC has also obtained ISO/IEC 27001:2022 information security certification, meeting international standards for data protection and privacy. Cyberport currently houses over 400 start-ups specialised in AI and data science, and has attracted several listed AI companies, unicorns, and soonicorns. These companies bring R&D expertise in computing power development, large model development, algorithms, and data science. Together with “Open Cyberport Community,” they foster AI innovation and accelerate the application of AI across civil services and industries. They not only drive the growth of the AI ecosystem and industry but also unlock the value of the digital economy and enhance people’s smart living.

Promoting Digital Transformation and Intelligent Upgrade for SMEs

Cyberport supports HKSAR Government in enhancing Cyberport’s “Digital Transformation Support Pilot Programme (DTSPP)”, to empower SMEs in applying AI and cybersecurity solutions to boost operational competitiveness and information security with funding support. Cyberport received funding from HKSAR Government to launch DTSPP in 2023, offering grants to local SMEs to adopt ready-to-use digital technology solutions. As of August 2025, the Programme has attracted 165 solution providers offering over 1,200 solution packages for SMEs to select based on their needs. Successful application cases span catering, retail, personal services and tourism services. The Programme has received over 14,300 applications, benefiting approximately 8,800 SMEs in accelerating their digital transformation. Currently, Cyberport hosts over 400 start-ups specialising in AI and Data Science, Internet of Things (IoT) and Robotics, alongside more than 30 leading technology companies and start-ups focused on Cybersecurity. Cyberport aims to leverage these innovative technologies to support SMEs in advancing intelligent upgrades and enhancing cybersecurity capabilities.

Driving Financial Innovation Continuously

Cyberport welcomes HKSAR Government's support in expanding the second cohort of the AI Sandbox initiative to more financial institutions. The “Generative AI (GenA.I.) Sandbox,” launched in collaboration with Cyberport and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), facilitates joint exploration between AI technology providers and banks in applications such as risk management, anti-fraud measures and customer experience, which enables the financial sector to safely and effectively explore generative AI technology. The first batch of 15 use cases involves 10 banks and 4 technology partners, including three Cyberport enterprises and partner companies. These use cases leverage the dedicated platform at Cyberport's AISC for R&D testing, with technical support and regulatory guidance from Cyberport and HKMA.

Cyberport also welcomes HKSAR Government's implementation of a regime for stablecoin issuers and formulating legislative proposals regarding licensing regimes for digital asset dealing and custodian service providers, and continued support for the advancement of Project Ensemble to promote asset tokenisation and further drives digital asset development. As the core hub for Hong Kong's blockchain and digital asset ecosystem development, Cyberport is committed to strengthening the local ecosystem, fostering talent cultivation and driving technology applications. Cyberport's "Blockchain & Digital Asset Pilot Subsidy Scheme" received several times the expected number of applications, with 9 approved projects spanning physical asset tokenisation, payments, security and risk management and smart management etc. Cyberport brings together approximately 300 blockchain and digital asset enterprises from the Chinese Mainland and 19 regions and countries worldwide, forming Hong Kong's largest blockchain and digital asset community. Cyberport is dedicated to building a robust and innovative digital asset ecosystem that delivers benefits to the real economy and financial markets, supporting Hong Kong's development as a global innovation hub in the digital asset field.

Development of a Low-altitude Economy (LAE) Ecosystem

Cyberport welcomes the government's launch of the advanced LAE "Regulatory Sandbox X" pilot projects, covering cross-boundary routes and passenger-carrying, and the formulation of the "Action Plan on Developing Low-Altitude Economy" that involves improving civil aviation legislation, regulatory framework, and establishing core infrastructure. As the venue partner for the LAE Regulatory Sandbox, the first batch of pilot projects have commenced testing at Cyberport, and Cyberport will fully support the upcoming test projects. Ongoing enhancements of drones' take-off and landing facilities and is set to launch a dedicated venue for drone flight training and competitions. Cyberport is also collaborating with wireless network providers to install 5G-A network equipment, improving drone signal transmission and operational accuracy and safety. Additionally, in partnership with air traffic control system experts, monitoring radar will be installed to prepare for testing Hong Kong's future low-altitude management system.

At the same time, Cyberport is actively fostering collaborations with various industry organisations and start-ups, including promoting the research and application of unmanned electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft, as well as conducting tests on hydrogen-powered drones to extend flight mission durations and reduce carbon emissions, which improves environmental sustainability. These efforts aim to advance smart transportation, logistics, and cultural tourism, among other strategic emerging industries, and unlock new productivity driven by LAE.

Attracting Enterprises and Investment to Drive Headquarters Economy

Cyberport actively collaborates with HKSAR Government in attracting enterprises and investment, leveraging Hong Kong's unique advantage of having connections to both the Chinese Mainland and the world to attract leading enterprises to commence operations at Cyberport, thereby driving the development of the “Headquarters Economy.” Cyberport has served as a “super-connector” and “super value-adder,” establishing connections with I&T parks and major enterprises both domestically and internationally, including those in the Chinese Mainland, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, and the United States, which has successfully attracted numerous leading enterprises to commence operations at Cyberport. Over the past year, more than 20 listed companies, unicorns and soonicorn have commenced operations at Cyberport. Together with over 440 Cyberport enterprises, 21% of these new entrants originate from the Chinese Mainland or overseas. More than 30% of the founders of Cyberport’s enterprises hail from 26 countries and regions, further enriching the diversity and international character of Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem.

Among the 27 flagship enterprises gathered at Cyberport, 70% of them have established international or regional headquarters at Cyberport over the past year. The total market capitalisation of listed companies exceeds HK\$280.8 billion, while the combined valuation of unicorns and soonicorns surpasses HK\$88.3 billion. Collectively, they occupy over 62,000 square feet of space within Cyberport. In terms of economic output, these enterprises have invested or plan to invest approximately HK\$3 billion in Hong Kong, creating or planning to create over 700 R&D and business development positions. Some are actively preparing for listings in Hong Kong, providing substantial capital, talent and technological support for the high-quality development of Hong Kong's I&T industry and digital economy, thereby driving the vigorous growth of Headquarters Economy.

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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 2,200 companies, including 11 listed companies and 10 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 over 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 "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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