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Cyberport fully supports Hong Kong's first Five-Year Plan and the Policy Address to Accelerate I&T Development

Dual Engine Driving Future Industries through AI+ Innovation and Governance, Attracting Global Innovative Enterprises and Talent to Facilitate Expansion Abroad

Hong Kong, 16 September, 2026 – Cyberport welcomes the announcement today by the Chief Executive, John Lee, of the First Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2026-2030) (Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan) and the release of the Chief Executive's 2026 Policy Address (Policy Address), which set out a clear blueprint for Hong Kong's future innovation and technology (I&T) landscape and economic development, demonstrating the HKSAR Government's strategic vision in proactively aligning with the National 15th Five-Year Plan. As Hong Kong's digital tech hub, AI accelerator and State-level Scientific and Technological Enterprise Incubator, Cyberport will fully align with the HKSAR Government's policy objectives, leverage the strengths of its I&T ecosystem, promote the development of new quality productive forces, and support Hong Kong in developing into an international I&T hub.

Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport, said: "Today, the Chief Executive released the Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan, which actively aligns with the National 15th Five-Year Plan and strategic development framework, charting a clear blueprint for Hong Kong's high-quality development over the next five years. The Policy Address, released on the same day, also sets out a series of specific measures to strengthen cutting-edge scientific research, facilitate the transformation of research outcomes and drive industrial development. The two documents complement one another, injecting greater momentum into Hong Kong's I&T development, and I am full of confidence in this regard. As one of the three major I&T parks, Cyberport will spare no effort in supporting the establishment of the new framework comprising the 'three major I&T parks and five key R&D institutions'. It will fulfil its role as the southern flagship for digital tech hub and AI accelerator, focusing on digital technologies, including key areas such as AI, cybersecurity, blockchain and FinTech. Cyberport will continue to strengthen the central role of enterprises in innovation. Guided by industrial development, it will promote the deep integration of 'research, academia and industry sectors', foster upstream-midstream-downstream collaboration, accelerate the commercialisation and industrialisation of research outcomes, and bridge the key links in the journey of innovation from R&D and testing to application and market entry. This will further enhance the coordinated development of industrial, innovation and supply chains, and accelerate the deep integration of 'AI+' with the real economy. Coinciding with the completion of Cyberport 5 expansion, the project will provide more advanced infrastructure and ample development space to attract more innovative enterprises and R&D talent to set up operations, whilst further enhancing the capacity of the I&T ecosystem through purpose-

built sustainable data centre. Cyberport will continue to fulfil its unique role as a ‘super connector’, ‘super value-adder’ and even a ‘super converter’, facilitating the efficient matching of technology, talent, capital, data and application scenarios. It will build a two-way development platform for mainland and overseas enterprises, helping Hong Kong to essentially establish, by 2030, as an international I&T hub rooted in the GBA, radiating across the nation and connecting with the world, and to participate deeply in the development of the GBA International Science and Technology Innovation Centre, contributing to the nation’s high-quality development through scientific and technological innovation, and leveraging Hong Kong’s strengths to serve the country’s needs.”

Promoting Innovation and Risk Management in AI

Cyberport welcomes the proposals set out in the “Hong Kong's First Five-Year Plan” and the “Policy Address” to further advance the “AI+” initiative, accelerate the commercialisation of research outcomes and the development of application scenarios, step up efforts to promote the adoption of AI across all sectors, and enhance the framework for AI and data governance. It also supports the HKSAR Government’s decision to inject HK\$1 billion into the “Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme” to support the Hong Kong Institute of Artificial Intelligence in utilising high efficiency computing power to underpin frontier technology research, thereby continuing to accelerate innovation and breakthroughs.

With Hong Kong’s largest Artificial Intelligence Supercomputing Centre (AISC), as its core engine, Cyberport supports cutting-edge R&D in AI technology, and implements the HKSAR Government’s HK\$3 billion AISS launched in 2024. To date, over 30 innovative R&D projects have been approved, covering areas such as local large language models (LLM), new materials, synthetic biology and medical large models. At the same time, the Cyberport AI ecosystem brings together over 500 leading companies specialising in AI and data science R&D. It is committed to building a secure, innovative, open and compatible AI ecosystem, putting into practice the principles of “industries for AI” and “AI for industries” to benefit all sectors of society, empowering the development of a smart society and the digital economy.

Cyberport supports the Government’s commitment to the principle of “holistic approach to development and security”, as set out in the Policy Address, which calls for the coordinated management of AI applications and risk governance. It focuses on AI risk governance strategies, including the appointment of an AI Commissioner to assist with related work, and the launch of the “Cybersecurity Defence Programme” to enhance the cybersecurity resilience of local organisations. Cyberport actively encourages the industry to engage in in-depth discussions on AI governance, ethics and risk management. This includes organising a series of AI forums covering topics such as AI cybersecurity, AI and data innovation, the application of open-source technologies and ecosystem development, as well as trustworthy AI and responsible use. These events have attracted over 28,000 participants, helping the industry to understand the potential risks associated with AI applications and the strategies

to address them. At the same time, Cyberport is responsible for rolling out the “AI for All” Inclusive Programme, which focuses on students, parents, the elderly and vulnerable groups by providing online courses, interactive workshops and campus tours. This aims to promote awareness of AI and a culture of responsible use, whilst narrowing the digital divide. Cyberport will continue to work in tandem with the HKSAR Government to jointly promote the widespread application of AI in society, ensuring that the benefits of AI reach a broader cross-section of the population.

Connecting with the Chinese Mainland and the World to Build a Global Hub for Overseas Expansion Bringing Together Innovative Enterprises and Talent Worldwide

Cyberport supports the HKSAR Government in optimising the institutional framework for I&T development, strengthening the competitiveness of the I&T sector, enhancing Hong Kong’s status as an international I&T hub, and streamlining visa arrangements for talent to establish an international hub for high-calibre talent. Cyberport actively fulfils its roles as a “super connector” and “super value-adder”, establishing partnerships with government bodies, enterprises, organisations and incubation hubs in the Chinese Mainland, emerging markets along the Belt and Road, and other overseas regions, facilitating the two-way establishment of enterprises in both regions, attracting more companies to set up operations at Cyberport, and to help them expand into global markets. 40% of onsite companies’ founders come from 28 countries and regions, while Cyberport companies have expanded to over 35 global markets.

Cyberport also supports the HKSAR Government’s launch of the “Pilot Innovation and Technology Accelerator Scheme (PITAS)”, which aims to attract experienced professional I&T enterprise service organisations from both Hong Kong and overseas to establish accelerator hubs in Hong Kong. In collaboration with accelerators in Beijing, Jiangsu and Guangxi, Cyberport has jointly established a global expansion hub, attracting a total of over 300 high-tech enterprises from regions such as the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and Yangtze River Delta to set up operations at Cyberport. These enterprises span strategic emerging industries including embodied intelligence, robotics and smart equipment, biopharmaceuticals and medical devices, new energy and new materials, and blockchain. By leveraging Cyberport’s I&T ecosystem and overseas network, as well as Hong Kong’s international application scenarios and capital markets, these enterprises are accelerating their global expansion.

Continuously Enhancing Hong Kong’s Status as an International Financial Centre through Financial Innovation

Cyberport fully supports the HKSAR Government’s initiative to empower the upgrading of the real economy through green, digital and innovative means, to promote fintech innovation,

and to drive industry upgrading through fintech. Cyberport brings together Hong Kong's largest fintech community, comprising over 400 fintech start-ups and technology companies, including several unicorns, locally licensed digital banks, virtual insurers and virtual asset trading platforms, as well as entities constituting licensed stablecoin issuers. Cyberport is also committed to implementing a number of proof-of-concept (PoC) and sandbox programmes commissioned by the HKSAR Government, including green and sustainable fintech PoC trials, which encourage green fintech companies or research institutions to collaborate with local enterprises to develop projects addressing industry pain points for which there are no existing use cases in the market; the Fintech Supervisory Sandbox, which promotes the commercialisation of FinTech project outcomes; and the GenA.I. Sandbox++, among others, which provides a trusted platform for the financial sector to explore generative AI applications safely and effectively. Cyberport is also actively collaborating with regulators and industry partners to support start-ups in developing innovative AI and fintech projects, and to promote real-world applications and testing, thereby further optimising Hong Kong's fintech ecosystem.

Accelerating the Digital Transformation of Traditional Industries

Cyberport welcomes the SAR Government's decision to enhance the "Digital Transformation Support Pilot Programme" (DTSP) to provide subsidies, on a matching basis, to support more SMEs in applying AI and cybersecurity-related solutions, thereby continuing to drive the smart upgrading and transformation of traditional industries through technology. Cyberport was previously awarded a grant of HK\$500 million by the HKSAR Government to implement the DTSP, providing over 1,200 digital solution packages to SMEs in the service sectors, including catering, retail, tourism and personal services. The programme has benefited approximately 8,800 SMEs, with over 90% of participating enterprises acknowledging that the programme has effectively accelerated their digital transformation and enhanced their business competitiveness. Cyberport will continue to work with the Government to advance a new, enhanced version of the scheme, further encouraging SMEs to adopt AI to enhance their competitiveness.

Driving Industrial Development in the Northern Metropolis through Innovative Technology

Cyberport fully supports the HKSAR Government in accelerating the development of the Northern Metropolis and advancing innovation, technology and industrial development. Cyberport will continue to contribute to the accelerated development of the Northern Metropolis through collaboration with mainland entities such as The Authority of Qianhai. Cyberport will accelerate the integrated development of modern services between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, thereby extending its reach to the GBA market. Cyberport is also actively creating synergies with computing infrastructure such as the Sandy Ridge Data Facility Cluster site to provide stronger and more robust computing support for the Northern

Metropolis's digital infrastructure and the development of its innovation, technology and industrial sectors.

Building an Asia-Pacific Hub for Innovative Low-Altitude Applications

As a testing site partner for the "Regulatory Sandbox" and "Regulatory Sandbox X" pilot projects, Cyberport supports the HKSAR Government in advancing the development of the low-altitude economy ecosystem, and is delighted that the low-altitude economy "Regulatory Sandbox" has already facilitated the formalisation of numerous applications. We look forward to working hand in hand with the HKSAR Government and industry partners to connect Cyberport's more than 20 enterprises specialising in the R&D of drone applications and low-altitude economy-related technologies, thereby fostering a more vibrant low-altitude economy industry ecosystem and helping to establish Hong Kong as the "Asia-Pacific hub for low-altitude innovation applications".

Conclusion

Hong Kong's Five-Year Plan sets out a forward-looking development strategy, whilst the latest Policy Address outlines a series of concrete policies to drive I&T development. Cyberport is deeply encouraged by this and will, as always, fully support the HKSAR Government in implementing these policies. We will continue to fulfil our roles as "super connector", "super value-adder" and even "super converter", facilitating the two-way establishment of high-calibre enterprises from Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and overseas. We will help accelerate Hong Kong's development as an international I&T centre, contribute to the nation's high-quality development through technological innovation, and work hand in hand with all sectors of society to write a new chapter for Hong Kong as an international centre for I&T hub.

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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 2,400 companies, including 30 listed companies and 10 unicorns. 40% 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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