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“HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2026” Successfully Concluded with a Record-High 6,500 Applications, Nurturing Hong Kong Students Worldwide and International Students in Hong Kong for I&T Sector

Hong Kong, 24 August 2026 - The “HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2026”, jointly organised by Cyberport and the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), has concluded successfully with its closing ceremony held on 22 August officiated by **Leung Wang Ching, Acting Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs**. The programme offered 100 start-up internship placements and attracted more than 6,500 applications, with each position receiving an average of over 65 applicants, reflecting strong demand. Apart from local and international students studying in Hong Kong, the programme also remained open to eligible Hong Kong students studying at institutions in the Chinese Mainland and overseas, attracting participants from universities in the Chinese Mainland, the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia, further showcasing the programme’s international reach and diverse talent pool.

Ir Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport, said, “As Hong Kong’s digital technology hub and start-up incubator, Cyberport is committed to supporting innovation and technology enterprises, nurturing talent and advancing Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology centre. Cyberport is pleased that the ‘HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2026’ has concluded successfully. Since its launch in 2021, the programme has received over 26,000 job applications and provided start-up internship opportunities for 500 young people, reflecting the growing appeal of innovation and technology as a career path, as well as the achievements of cross-sector collaboration in advancing the vision of ‘Inspire Our Youths, Brighten Our Future’. Cyberport will continue working with the Government and industries to nurture young technology talent through internships, entrepreneurship training and talent development initiatives, bringing new momentum to Hong Kong’s innovation and technology ecosystem.”

This marks the fifth consecutive year Cyberport has co-organised the “Youth Start-up Internship Programme” with HYAB, providing aspiring youth with three-to-six-month internship opportunities. This year, the programme received applications from 315 Cyberport companies, from which 100 companies were selected to offer internship placements across a wide range of fields, including AI applications, FinTech, data analytics, biotechnology and business development. The programme enables interns to explore their personal interests while gaining valuable hands-on experience, taking a solid step forward towards a career in innovation and technology (I&T) journey. During the internship period,

20 interns and employer representatives were also arranged to visit Hangzhou for an exchange and study tour, where they visited organisations including Alibaba, BrainCo, Unitree Robotics and Zhejiang University. The visit provided them valuable insights into the latest developments in AI, embodied intelligence technologies, and the commercialisation of research outcomes, while offering opportunities for exchanges with technology leaders and young entrepreneurs, enabling participants to experience the first-hand and the vibrant momentum driving the nation's innovation and technology developments.

Employers and students participating in the “Youth Start-up Internship Programme” may opt for full-time, part-time or hybrid arrangements to suit their needs. Each internship position is eligible for a government subsidy of up to HK\$11,490 per month. In addition, interns will have the opportunity to take part in training and entrepreneurial experience activities organised by Cyberport during the internship period, enhancing their workplace skills and preparing them for careers in the I&T sector, while helping Hong Kong develop into an international I&T hub.

As this year marks the commencement of China's 15th Five-Year Plan, alongside the ongoing development of the Greater Bay Area and the rapid rise of AI, Hong Kong is well positioned to seize new opportunities in innovation and technology. Cyberport will continue to work hand in hand with the Government and industries to nurture young I&T talents through internships, entrepreneurship training and talent development programmes, injecting steadfast momentum into Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem. Cyberport remains committed to empowering young people to seize opportunities arising from innovation and technology, while better integrating into and contributing to the nation's development.

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LEUNG Wang Ching, Clarence, Acting Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs officiated the closing ceremony and delivered the opening remarks.



Welcoming remarks by **Ricky CHOI, Director of Smart City and Digital Transformation of Cyberport**



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Panel sharing session featuring participating employers and interns



Leung Wang-ching, Acting Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, engaged in exchange and sharing with the guests.



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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 29 listed companies and 10 unicorns. Over 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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