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## **Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou Innovation Cluster Tops the Global Innovation Index 2025**

### **Cyberport Reinforces Connectivity Between Mainland and Global Markets, Contributing to Greater Bay Area's Development as International Innovation and Technology Hub**

**Hong Kong, 1 September 2025** - The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) today (1 Sep) released the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 ranking of the world's top 100 innovation clusters, with the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou cluster securing the top position globally. Cyberport has welcomed and congratulated this achievement. This year's ranking added venture capital transaction volume as a new metric. By leveraging Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre, and the fact that mainland China and Hong Kong's venture capital and private equity funds ranking first and second, respectively, in Asia by managed assets, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou cluster demonstrated exceptional performance in channelling capital to transform innovative ideas into tangible outcomes.

**Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport**, stated: "The Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou innovation cluster has topped the GI 2025 ranking, underscoring Hong Kong's pivotal role in the nation's innovation strategy. Hong Kong is fully committed to establishing itself as an international innovation and technology (I&T) hub. The HKSAR Government is implementing a comprehensive strategy to allocate resources, enhance the I&T ecosystem, leverage its unique strengths, and strengthen collaboration with cities in the Greater Bay Area (GBA). Together, we are building a globally competitive I&T industrial chain to support the nation's pursuit of high-level self-reliance and strength in I&T. As Hong Kong's digital tech hub and artificial intelligence (AI) accelerator, Cyberport proactively aligns with both national and HKSAR Government development strategies. We seize opportunities in AI to drive industrial upgrading, nurture start-ups, and attract talent and capital. Additionally, we are enhancing collaboration with I&T institutions within the GBA, facilitating exchanges among talent and I&T enterprises. This reinforces Hong Kong's unique position as a bridge connecting the Mainland with the international community, serving as a two-way springboard for Mainland enterprises to 'go global' and attracting overseas companies. This approach helps promote Hong Kong's I&T achievements globally and contribute to the development of the GBA as an international I&T hub."

The GI Cluster ranking identifies local concentrations of world-class innovation activity using three key metrics: international patent filings via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), scientific publications, and, newly added this year, the number of venture capital deals. In

previous editions of the GII Cluster ranking, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou cluster held the second position for five consecutive years, but this year it has ascended to the top spot, filing 2,292 patent applications, publishing 3,775 scientific papers, and achieving 135 venture capital deals per one million people over the last five years.

Cyberport hosts over 2,200 enterprises, including five listed companies and seven unicorn enterprises. To date, its start-ups have secured cumulative funding exceeding HK\$44.3 billion, received over 1,700 industry awards, accumulated over 550 intellectual properties, and been selected for over 280 accelerators worldwide. One-third of the park's enterprise founders come from 26 countries and regions, with Cyberport enterprises expanding into more than 35 global markets. Cyberport has consistently utilised its Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) to engage over 210 global investment entities, including investors from the Mainland and the Asia-Pacific region, facilitating investment connections with high-potential Cyberport enterprises. Since its inception, CIN has facilitated 96 investment projects, with total investment reaching HK\$2.597 billion. Cyberport also invests in high-potential start-ups within its ecosystem through the Cyberport Macro Fund (CMF), actively assisting them in securing further funding. To date, CMF has invested in 28 start-up projects, with total investment (including co-investments) reaching HK\$1.94 billion (US\$248 million), achieving a funding leverage ratio of 1:9. Through annual flagship events such as the 'Cyberport Venture Capital Forum' and 'Maker in China', Cyberport provides start-ups with opportunities to connect with Hong Kong and international I&T capital, and to expand their corporate and investor networks. Since the launch of these events, approximately 2,500 project leads have been generated.

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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 5 listed companies and 7 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 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 Mainland China 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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