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The 10ᵗʰ Cyberport University Partnership Programme 2025 Graduation Ceremony Successfully Concluded
Overseas Entrepreneurship Training in Silicon Valley
Seed Funding to Embark on Startup Dreams

Hong Kong, 1 September 2025 – The Cyberport University Partnership Programme 2025 (CUPP), organized by Cyberport Academy and supported by the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund, held its graduation ceremony on 30 August successfully. This year's programme highlights four strategic technology themes: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Cybersecurity, and Data Science, aiming to nurture the next generation of tech-savvy entrepreneurs and innovators, injecting new impetus into Hong Kong's innovation and technology (I&T) ecosystem. This year's CUPP attracted 500 teams submitting entrepreneurial ideas. Following a rigorous selection process, a total of 20 teams, comprising over 50 students, were nominated to participate in an overseas entrepreneurship boot camp at Draper University in Silicon Valley, USA.

Upon completing the entrepreneurship boot camp, the 20 teams showcased their innovative solutions to the Cyberport judging panel at the graduation ceremony. 10 outstanding winning teams were each awarded HK$100,000 in seed funding from the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund (CCMF) to support the development of product prototypes over the next six months. These teams will also can join the Cyberport Incubation Programme (CIP), gaining comprehensive support in funding, technology, and business to realize their entrepreneurial dreams (Please refer to the Appendix for the List of Award-Winning Teams).

Ir Eric Chan, the Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport delivered his welcome remarks, "As Hong Kong's digital technology flagship and a pivotal incubation base for entrepreneurship, Cyberport is committed to nurturing a new generation of innovators and technologists with global market perspectives. The Cyberport University Partnership Programme, a key initiative of the Cyberport Academy, supports youth entrepreneurship through a blend of training camps, mentorship, and competitions. Since its launch in 2015, it has provided entrepreneurship training to over 588 local university students. More than 97 teams have received funding from the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund to embark on their entrepreneurial journeys, with seven selected for the Cyberport Incubation Programme. Many innovative solutions developed by past teams have been commercialised and earned industry recognition, underscoring the programme's impact. This year's graduating startups excel across AI, blockchain, cybersecurity, and data science. Through innovative solutions, they are transforming society, enhancing market efficiency, and driving the development of smart cities and the digital economy. Cyberport will continue to fully support startups, helping

them realise their entrepreneurial dreams and fuelling new technological momentum for Hong Kong."

Chris Joannou, Vice President of Ecosystem Growth at Draper University said: "The Cyberport University Partnership Programme (CUPP) is a powerful example of cross-border collaboration, linking the vibrant talent ecosystem in Hong Kong with our global network of innovators. This year's focus on AI, Blockchain, Cybersecurity, and Data Science is perfectly aligned with the strategic imperatives driving the digital asset space. We believe that fostering an entrepreneurial mindset in these critical areas is essential for building the next generation of tech leaders. We've been consistently impressed by the drive and creativity of the CUPP participants, and we're thrilled to be a part of a program that not only nurtures local talent but also empowers them to make meaningful connections with peers and industry leaders in Silicon Valley and beyond. Congratulations to all the teams on their achievements and for helping shape the future of technology."

The CUPP 2025 obtains the strong support and close collaboration of 12 local universities, the highest number to date, with a highly international participant pool. In addition to local students, participants also came from Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and Japan and South Korea. This year also marked the first time female participants outnumbered male participants. CUPP 2025 is honoured to have the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) as its honorary sponsor, also with support from the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC). Industry partners include Amazon Web Services (AWS), Cisco Hong Kong, SPIN Fashion, and the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong (THEi). Supporting organisations include the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA & CIMA) and the Hong Kong FinTech Association (FTAHK).

Since its launch, the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund (CCMF) has supported nearly 1,100 innovative teams in developing product prototypes, and helped nearly 300 of them be selected for the Cyberport Incubation Program, taking an important step towards entrepreneurship. Cyberport also established the Cyberport Academy in 2020. Cyberport also established the Cyberport Academy in 2020 partnering with leading technology companies, business enterprises and higher education institutions to provide various technology and entrepreneurship related activities and training programmes. To date, it has benefited over 15,000 people, further expanding the pool of technology talent in Hong Kong, promoting the city's overall I&T competitiveness and supporting Hong Kong's vision to become an international I&T hub.

For more details about the Cyberport University Partnership Programme 2025, please visit: https://www.cyberport.hk/zh-hk/entrepreneurship/ccmf_cyberport_university_partnership_programme/

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Appendix:

List of Award-Winning Teams and Project Introduction of the CUPP 2025 (alphabetically listed)	
brAIlle	The Nav AI project aims to empower visually impaired and elderly individuals in Hong Kong by providing an affordable, hands-free navigation solution that fosters independence, safety, and social inclusion.
Crux ESG by CoreFlow	The solution aims to provide Hong Kong SMEs with a powerful one-stop-shop to facilitate understanding, engagement and compliance with the most relevant ESG reporting requirements.
Ink & Sight	Ink & Sight is an AI-powered writing error detection and interactive dialogue simulation for Chinese language learners worldwide.
LazyTech	The solution transforms AI into a true executor. With a single prompt, the AI takes full control of the computer and completes tasks end-to-end, while offering a transparent preview so users stay in control. The result is four times faster performance, up to 80% cost savings, and elimination of human errors.
NeuroBacktest	NeuroBacktest is an innovative AI-powered platform designed to revolutionize the way traders and investors evaluate trading strategies.
Slasher Pro	Slasher Pro is an AI-driven, blockchain-verified platform designed to serve as the preeminent solution for challenges within the freelance economy. The platform's core value proposition is to optimize the connection between employers and high-quality, local gig workers through a secure and efficient ecosystem.
SLME	SLME develops advanced AI glasses that provide seamless, two-way communication between sign language users and speakers.
Spark Legacy D-day	D-Day is a revolutionary asset management application designed to simplify and secure the process of managing your estate through cutting-edge blockchain technology.
Young Innovators	Smart Eye aims to create a safe future for children through an integrated system that detects violent behaviour and neglect inflicted among children by caregivers in real-time within homes and childcare facilities and alerts parents through an app.
ZENO Limited	Zeno AI enables users to build solutions without IT knowledge, and it serves as IT developer where employees with zero IT knowledge can build, share, and deploy web apps suited to their daily operations.

List of Co-organising Universities for the CUPP 2025 (alphabetically listed)	
· City University of Hong Kong	· The Chinese University of Hong Kong
· Hong Kong Baptist University	· The Education University of Hong Kong
· Hong Kong Metropolitan University	· The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
· Hong Kong Shue Yan University	· The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
· Lingnan University	· The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
· Saint Francis University	· The University of Hong Kong

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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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