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The 11th Cyberport University Partnership Programme 2026 Graduation Ceremony Successfully Concluded

Combining Overseas Entrepreneurship Training with FinTech Industry Experience to Nurture the New Generation of I&T Talents

Hong Kong, 31 August 2026 – The **Cyberport University Partnership Programme 2026** (CUPP), organised by the **Cyberport Academy** and supported by the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund (CCMF), concluded with its graduation ceremony on 29 August. Since its launch in 2015, the programme has attracted over 1,200 applicants, nurtured 648 university students who formed 212 teams. More than 100 of these teams have received funding from the CCMF. This year, the programme continued to receive support from 12 local universities, admitting 20 teams to participate in entrepreneurship training. More than 50 students attended an entrepreneurship boot camp at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in the United Kingdom, with around 60% coming from outside Hong Kong, including Central Asian and ASEAN countries. This reflects the programme's steady development into an important platform bringing together local and international I&T talent. 10 outstanding teams were awarded seed funding of HK$100,000 each under the CCMF to support the development of product prototypes over the next six months.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), as Honorary Sponsor, has for the first time integrated its FinTech talent development initiative, the Industry Project Masters Network (IPMN), into this year's CUPP, and updated it to IPMN 2.0. The initiative provides participants with enhanced opportunities to engage with the industry and gain hands-on experience in innovation. The programme has been well received with the participation of 16 CUPP teams. They will be matched with participating banks and engage with industry representatives to exchange on real-world business needs and challenges. They will also participate in banks' FinTech initiatives and industry projects, exploring the application of innovative technologies in the financial services and banking sector.

Ir Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport, said: "In line with the National 15th Five-Year Plan to support Hong Kong's development as an international hub for high-calibre talents, Cyberport has long been committed to nurturing a new generation of I&T entrepreneurs with a global outlook and innovative mindset. This year's CUPP further integrates overseas entrepreneurship training with real-world industry experience. Through the overseas entrepreneurial boot camp, participants can broaden their international perspectives and gain insights into global entrepreneurship trends. Meanwhile, our collaboration with the HKMA on IPMN 2.0 provides valuable opportunities to engage with real industry applications and enhances participants' ability to apply innovative technologies to solve practical problems. Cyberport will continue to strengthen Hong Kong's I&T talent pool through comprehensive support, including funding, training and entrepreneurship incubation, injecting fresh momentum into the development of Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem and digital economy."

As CUPP's Entrepreneurship Boot Camp Partner for the first time, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) arranged a series of entrepreneurship training activities. Through intensive workshops, case studies and collaborative team projects, participants enhanced their analytical and problem-solving skills. Exposure to the overseas entrepreneurial ecosystems and emerging technology trends also broadened their international outlook and better prepare them for future careers in I&T as well as entrepreneurship.

Laura-Jane Silverman, Head and Co-Founder of LSE Generate, The London School of Economics and Political Science, said, "We hope that the CUPPers' experience at LSE, and with Cyberport more broadly, helped them understand that technology does not exist in isolation. Every innovation is shaped by people and society, and its success depends on more than technical excellence. Technology must address real human needs, earn public trust and create meaningful value for society. Ultimately, the most impactful innovations are those that understand the people they serve and respond to the social context in which they are developed and used."

The CUPP is one of the key initiatives of the Cyberport Academy in nurturing young entrepreneurial talent. Since its launch in 2015, 107 teams have received funding from CCMF, with 8 teams subsequently admitted to the Cyberport Incubation Programme (CIP). To date, the CCMF has supported nearly 1,144 teams in developing product prototypes, of which 308 teams have admitted to the CIP. Established in 2020, the Cyberport Academy collaborates with leading technology companies, business organisations and tertiary institutions to provide a broad range of technology and entrepreneurship activities and training programmes, helping to expand Hong Kong's technology talent pool and enhance Hong Kong's overall I&T competitiveness.

For details of the Cyberport University Partnership Programme, please visit: https://www.cyberport.hk/en/entrepreneurship/ccmf_cyberport_university_partnership_programme/

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Appendix:

List of Award-Winning Teams and Project Introduction of the CUPP 2026 (alphabetically listed)		
1	AI OF EYE	AI OF EYE provides AI-enabled ophthalmic screening for diabetic retinopathy and other eye diseases, supporting early detection and clinical referral. It is a medical screening and healthcare technology solution.
2	Common Cents	CoinCatch is positioned as an AI-native otome game and AI entertainment experience with AI characters, dynamic narrative, and virtual companionship. Financial learning is embedded, but the primary product is digital entertainment.
3	Ctrl.	Lab-Ctrl. translates sEMG signals into digital commands for hands-free control of laboratory tools and software. The neural-interface and gesture-control hardware/input layer aligns most closely with Robotics/IoT.
4	HireYou	HireYou is an AI interview-preparation and career-readiness platform for university students, offering simulations, feedback and career-center integration. Its primary objective is training and education.
5	Honey Lab	HoneyBot is a Honeypot-as-a-Service solution that deploys AI agents to engage scammers, collect deterministic evidence and alert banks, telcos and government agencies. It is proactive anti-fraud cybersecurity infrastructure.
6	SafeRent	SafeRent uses licensed escrow, milestone-based payment release, and payment-risk reduction for rental transactions. It also uses AI and blockchain evidence, but its most material business function is trusted transaction/payment infrastructure.
7	Teachn.io	Teachn.io is an AI-powered learning and community platform combining interactive courses, tutoring, AI learning copilots and learning analytics. Its primary business area is education technology.

8	TimeTap	AccessMonitor evaluates open banking API performance, compliance and effective access for FinTechs, banks and regulators. As a RegTech/Open Banking SaaS platform, it belongs under Fintech.
9	VibeQuest	VibeQuest provides structured Build Quests and project-based learning to help non-technical users develop product, security, architecture and debugging capability when using AI coding tools. Although AI and developer tools are central, the core customer value is learning and upskilling.
10	WeLink	WeLink applies AI algorithms to job matching and professional networking for Hong Kong's labor market. While it operates in recruitment, there is no HRTech category in the provided list, so AI/Big Data best captures its project nature.

List of Co-organising Universities for the CUPP 2026 (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 2,400 companies, including 29 listed companies and 10 unicorns. One-third 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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