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HKSTP and J.P. Morgan Collaborate to Boost Hong Kong's Tech Talent Pool

NxTEC Career Launcher Graduation Ceremony sees over 100 graduates securing places at more than 60 Park companies

- The NxTEC programme welcomes students of diverse educational backgrounds and provides invaluable opportunities to connect them with innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders in the I&T industry.
- Since 2015, NxTEC has successfully advanced the tech careers of over 2,500 young talents, engaged with more than 550 partner companies, and facilitated more than 500 successful job placements.
- HKSTP is committed to nurturing I&T talent, boosting Hong Kong's tech talent pool as the collaboration with J.P. Morgan sees graduates from the NxTEC (Next Technologist Entrepreneurial Champion) Career Launcher programme secure job placements at over 60 HKSTP partner companies and further drives the city's economic growth.

(Hong Kong, 11 September 2023) – In an impressive showcase of collaboration and talent development, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) and J.P. Morgan proudly celebrated the graduation of more than 100 promising students from the NxTEC (Next Technologist Entrepreneurial Champion) Career Launcher programme. The graduates completed intensive trainings to secure job placements at over 60 HKSTP partner companies and were honoured at a graduation ceremony together with their employers as well as J.P. Morgan volunteers.

To meet the growing demand for tech talent in Hong Kong, the NxTEC programme was created to nurture the next generation of tech leaders through a comprehensive blend of upskilling workshops, internships and mentorship opportunities. Sponsored by J.P. Morgan and supported by partners including Generation Hong Kong, a global non-profit organisation dedicated to fostering tech careers, along with a number of participating universities and HKSTP partner companies, the programme provides a bridge to young professionals eager to explore careers in the Innovation and Technology (I&T) sector.

The infusion of innovation thinking and fresh perspectives into startups has cultivated an environment where ideas flourish and boundaries are shattered. These next-gen talents are also accelerating the success of HKSTP partner companies and propelling them to new heights.

Derek Chim, Head of Incubation and Acceleration Programmes at HKSTP, said: "Talent remains a critical element to a thriving I&T sector which will help power a new chapter in Hong Kong's economic growth. HKSTP is proud to work alongside visionary partners like J.P. Morgan, Generation Hong Kong as well as universities and various institutions to foster the next generation of talent. The ongoing success and spirit of collaboration at NxTEC will help to support the city's burgeoning potential as a global I&T talent hub."



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Sukrit Khatri, Executive Director of APAC Strategy at J.P. Morgan, said: “Building a skilled workforce and ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background, has access to the support and training is critical to a more equitable future. Educators, employers and non-profit partners all play an important role in coming together to create learning opportunities. With the latest NxTEC Career Launcher, I am proud to say we have successfully built a diverse talent pipeline by nurturing passionate and high-calibre students from different academic backgrounds and we are delighted to see that many of them were placed into Science Park’s startups.”

Brian Cheng, CEO of Generation Hong Kong, said, “Generation Hong Kong is delighted to have played an instrumental role in the NxTEC Career Launcher programme, helping to match young talent with exciting start-ups in HKSTP. Our expertise in transitioning those in education into employment supports the growth of start-ups in Hong Kong and allows talented youth to embark on fruitful career journeys.”

The NxTEC programme is open to students of diverse education backgrounds – both STEM and non-STEM – with the aim of broadening the appeal of I&T and related industries and offers an array of activities including tech immersion, interview skills training, alumni sharing, career exploration workshops, site visits and employer introductions. These engagements provide participants with invaluable opportunities to connect with innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders in the I&T industry. Since its inception in 2015, NxTEC has successfully advanced the tech careers of over 2,500 young talents, engaged with more than 550 partner companies, and facilitated more than 500 successful job placements.



Photo 1: Derek Chim, Head of Incubation and Acceleration Programmes, HKSTP, shared how public-private partnerships can bring positive and crucial impacts to start-ups and young people who are looking to develop their exciting career in the I&T sector.



Photo 2: Sukrit Khatri, Executive Director of APAC Strategy at J.P. Morgan, shared the importance of building an inclusive workforce for employees from all walks of life and ensuring comprehensive and equal support for all to create a more equitable future.



Photo 3: Brian Cheng, CEO, Generation Hong Kong, shared how NxTEC provides support and solutions to closing the critical gap between education and job market demands, which allows talented youth to build a strong foundation for their career path.



Photo 4: HKSTP joined J.P. Morgan in celebrating 100 successful graduates who have completed professional placements under the NxTEC Programme, which is also supported by partners Generation Hong Kong and a number of universities, institutions as well as HKSTP partner companies.

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About Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) has for over 20 years committed to building up Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology hub to propel success for local and global pioneers today and tomorrow. HKSTP has established a thriving I&T ecosystem that supported over 10 unicorns and Hong Kong's leading R&D hub with over 13,000 research professionals and over 1,400 technology companies focused on healthtech, AI and robotics, fintech and smart city technologies.

Established in 2001, we attract and nurture talent, accelerate and commercialise innovation and technology for entrepreneurs on their journey of growth. Our growing innovation ecosystem is built around our key locations of Hong Kong Science Park in Shatin, InnoCentre in Kowloon Tong and three modern InnoParks in Tai Po, Tseung Kwan O and Yuen Long. The three InnoParks are realising a vision of new industrialisation for Hong Kong. The goal is sectors like advanced manufacturing, electronics and biotechnology are being reimagined for a new generation of industry.

Through our infrastructure, services, expertise, and network of partnerships, HKSTP will help establish innovation and technology as a pillar of growth for Hong Kong, while reinforcing Hong Kong's international I&T hub status as a launchpad for growth at the heart of the GBA innovation powerhouse.

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About Generation Hong Kong

Generation is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 2014 by McKinsey & Company that transforms education to employment systems to prepare, place and support people into life-changing careers that would otherwise be inaccessible. In 2018, Generation Hong Kong was formally established to bring Generation's proven approach to addressing employment challenges to Hong Kong. To date, more than 89,000 people have graduated from Generation programs globally, which prepare them for meaningful careers in 17 countries.

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