

**Press Release**

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**HKSTP and China Resources Group jointly launched the “Beyond Dreams”  
I&T Talent Nurturing Programme**

*CR Charitable Foundation donates HK\$100 million to the five-year long programme with an aerospace experience programme for Hong Kong’s secondary school students as its first initiative*

- HKSTP and China Resources Group jointly launched the "Beyond Dreams" I&T Talent Nurturing Programme to offer trainings, visits and work experiences to students, encouraging the younger generations to join the I&T ecosystem.
- With the support and a donation of HK\$100 million from CR Charitable Foundation, an experience programme under the theme of aerospace technology will be the first initiative of the five-year programme.
- The donation will also support Park companies to offer more internship opportunities to university students.

**(Hong Kong, 1 December 2023)** — The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) and China Resources (Holdings) Co., Ltd. (China Resources Group) announced the launch of a five-year long “Beyond Dreams” I&T Talent Nurturing Programme, with a donation of HK\$100 million from CR Charitable Foundation. It is the first time for HKSTP to receive a donation from the private sector for a charity project partnership. “Beyond Dreams” aims to provide secondary schools and university students with immersive hands-on training and corporate work experience to build up a positive perception of I&T among our younger generations, encouraging them to join the ecosystem in the future. At the launching ceremony, HKSTP and China Resources Group rolled out the initial project under the theme of aerospace technology which will target all secondary school students in Hong Kong.

Witnessed by Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Mr Liu Maozhou, Inspector of the Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR; Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP; and Mr Chen Ying, Chairman of China Resources Enterprise (CR Enterprise), Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP and Mr Wang Yan, Board Member of CR Charitable Foundation signed the MoU.

The first initiative of “Beyond Dreams” is an experience programme which introduces aerospace technology and its applications to secondary school students in Hong Kong. It will include aerospace seminars in schools, visits to the national space stations for representatives in the education sector and an innovative aerospace competition. Through a series of diverse activities, students can develop a deeper understanding of the country’s achievements in aerospace technologies as well as interests in STEAM subjects. In addition, China Resources Group will provide funding support for Park companies to offer internship opportunities for university students who are interested in pursuing career in I&T, with a view to expanding the I&T talent pool in Hong Kong.

Mr Chen Ying, Chairman of CR Enterprise, said, “Rooted in Hong Kong for 85 years, China Resources Group has been breathing and growing with Hong Kong. At a new stage of ‘advancing from order to prosperity’, we are committed to helping Hong Kong youth innovate, start businesses and integrate into the overall development of the country. Through its Charitable Foundation, China Resources will gather various technology and education resources and facilitate the growth of I&T talents, cultivating teenagers’ passion towards science and deeper understanding of the country’s development. We will create more opportunities for young people to thrive so as to lay a strong foundation for promoting the city into an international I&T centre”.

Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP, said, “Established for more than 20 years, HKSTP has been striving to propel innovation advancement in Hong Kong. With ‘tech for good’ as our mission, HKSTP collaborates with like-minds to promote the welfare of Hong Kong and all nations. We are delighted to work with China Resources Group on our journey in nurturing the next generation of I&T leaders. We will keep garner philanthropic support and charitable donations from different sectors to harness innovations that will build a more vibrant innovation ecosystem, a greener environment and better lives for all.”

Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, commended the collaborative efforts of China Resources and HKSTP in talent nurturing. “We expect that the aerospace experience programme launched in the first year will enhance young people’s understanding of the national aerospace technologies and their interest in mathematics, science, engineering and other subjects, laying a solid foundation for their future careers in innovation and technology.” He sincerely wished for the success of the “Beyond Dreams” to lead more young people to achieve their dreams and support I&T development in Hong Kong. As Hong Kong is actively integrating into the overall development of the country, its I&T talents will have more opportunities to participate in state-level scientific research as well as better contribute to national scientific and technological developments.

At the ceremony, Professor Vivian Yam, Member of Chinese Academy of Sciences, President of Hong Kong STEAM Education Alliance, talked about the inseparable relationship between STEAM education and the national aerospace industry. Two students from Pui Kiu College also shared their insights from the Sichuan Aerospace Base trip this summer.



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**Photo 5:** Guests officiated the ceremony (from left): Professor Vivian Yam, Member of Chinese Academy of Sciences, President of Hong Kong STEAM Education Alliance; Mr Chen Ying, Chairman of CR Enterprise; Mr Liu Maozhou, Inspector of the Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR; Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP; Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP.



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### **About Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation**

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) was established in 2001 with a mission to position Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology (I&T) hub. HKSTP has created a thriving I&T ecosystem supporting over 10 unicorns with more than 13,000 research professionals and over 1,500 technology companies from 24 countries and regions focused on healthtech, AI and robotics, fintech and smart city technologies.

We offer comprehensive support to attract and nurture talent, accelerate and commercialise innovation for technology ventures on their I&T journey. 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, where sectors including advanced manufacturing, micro-electronics and biotechnology are being reimaged for a new generation of industry.

To support Hong Kong's future development and its growing demands of the I&T industry, HKSTP is actively connecting the city with Shenzhen. This aims to strengthen cross-border exchange, attract technology companies as well as talent from around the world, helping them go global by exploring the mainland China and overseas markets.

Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch in Futian, Shenzhen, opened in September this year with a gross floor area of 31,000 square meters. The two buildings provide both dry and wet laboratories,



co-working areas, conference and exhibition spaces, and more. We will focus on attracting enterprises in seven key areas: Medtech, big data and AI, robotics, new materials, microelectronics, fintech and sustainability.

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

More information about HKSTP is available at [www.hkstp.org](http://www.hkstp.org).

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