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HKSTP Delegation Completes South East Asia Tour With Visit to Malaysia to Connect Top Talent and Enterprises to the HK-GBA-China Innovation Powerhouse

- HKSTP delegation continued the visit to Malaysia and met with representatives in the government and business sectors to drive the development of digital economy and collaboration opportunities.
- A series of two Tech Talent Ignite events were met with enthusiasm with over a hundred talent in attendance to understand career opportunities in the HKSTP I&T ecosystem.
- The completion of the South East Asia tour generated high engagement and huge interest and will contribute to HKSTP capturing opportunities in the South East Asia I&T ecosystems and the broader HK-GBA-China market.

(Hong Kong, 2 June 2023) – Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), launched HKSTP’s “Innovation Mixer”, in a mission to boost and elevate the local innovation and technology ecosystem. Following the Singapore leg of the tour, HKSTP continued its overall mission to connect local South East (SE) Asian talent and enterprises to the fast-growing Hong Kong-Greater Bay Area (GBA)-China market opportunities.

As Malaysia seeks to rapidly up-level its digital economy capability, HKSTP’s two-day visit led by HKSTP CEO, Albert Wong and the delegation, is paving a seamless path to technology upskilling and innovation acceleration for Malaysian entrepreneurs.

On the first day in Kuala Lumpur, HKSTP joined a networking dinner with some of Malaysia’s leading government officials and business leaders. These included: Mr. Chang Li Kang, Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation; Mr. Andrew Chiu, Executive Chairman, Land Pacific Development Sdn. Bhd and Mr. Muhammad Ihsan Bin Anwar (son of Malaysia’s Prime Minister), among many others.

HKSTP delegation met with two of SE Asia’s leading and most influential venture capital firms -- 500 Global and SEATech Ventures, to help more promising tech ventures scale up and raise funds regionally and globally.

HKSTP CEO, Albert Wong and the delegation also met with the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC), a leading agency in driving the digital economy in Malaysia under the Ministry of Communications and Digital, to explore digital economy growth and partnership opportunities to between Hong Kong and Malaysia. HKSTP’s leadership team also hosted a special lunch with the representatives from the Ministry of Science and Technology to discuss deeper collaboration to drive innovation between the two eco-systems.

The evening featured the Tech Talent Ignite networking event for top tech talents and entrepreneurs to hear and share views with some of Hong Kong's world class scale-ups and unicorns. HKSTP featured ventures from Hong Kong Science Park included Aerosim, Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, Fano Labs, FreightAmigo, Huawei, Lalamove, SenseTime, and Spaceship. In total, there are 150 top talents engaged with HKSTP during the SE Asia tour. Both events received overwhelming responses and high attendee interest in the career and growth opportunities offered by HKSTP and its park companies.

The SE Asia trip concluded with a visit to Universiti Malaya, Malaysia's top university, to explore research and innovation collaboration as well as talent exchange opportunities. The extensive engagements provided an ideal platform for Malaysia's brightest talent and growing ventures to connect to growth opportunities, plus world-class expertise in R&D and innovations.

The completion of both Malaysia and Singapore visits generated high engagement and huge interest from key stakeholders across government, business, research, education and local talent communities, including networking opportunities with 50+ Singapore startups, investors and professional service providers. There was a significant number of companies that met with HKSTP and Park company leaders to highlight the exciting potential of joining the SE Asia I&T ecosystems with HKSTP's I&T ecosystem and the broader HK-GBA-China opportunity.





Photo 1-3: A full house Tech Talent Ignite networking event is held together with featured ventures from HKSTP.



Photo 4: HKSTP launched the “HKSTP’s Innovation Mixer” and completed the four-day trip in Singapore and Malaysia with the park companies. Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (2nd row, fourth from right) and Fanny Wong, Head of Talent & Human Resources of HKSTP (2nd row, fourth from left) led the delegation with representatives of Science Park tech ventures to connect local talent to join Hong Kong’s I&T ecosystem.



Photo 5 & 6: Mr. Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (fourth from left) joined a networking dinner with some of Malaysia’s leading government officials and business leaders on the first day in Kuala Lumpur, including Mr. Chang Li Kang, Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation (centre); Mr. Andrew Chiu, Executive Chairman, Land Pacific Development Sdn. Bhd (fourth from right) and Mr. Muhammad Ihsan Bin Anwar, son of Malaysia’s Prime Minister (third from left).



Photo 7: HKSTP delegation met with Mr Nick Davison, Director of Marketing Strategy at 500 Global (first from left) and Ms Mei Chel Tan, Partner at 500 Global (second from left).



Photo 8: Mr. Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP, and the HKSTP delegation met with Ms. Jocelyn Chan, Market Access Lead, Digital Export (sixth from right), Mr. Jesse Chooi, Head of Unicorn Development of Digital Export (centre), Mr. Kelvinder Singh, Business Development Manager of Foreign Digital Investment (sixth from left), and representatives of the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC).



Photo 9: HKSTP's leadership team hosted a special lunch with representatives from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.



Photo 10-11: HKSTP delegation met with Mr. Chin Chee Seong, CEO, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of SEATech Ventures (left).



Photo 12-13: HKSTP delegation visited Universiti Malaya and met with Professor Dr. Yatimah Alias, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International) and International Relation Centre of Universiti Malaya (seven from left, left photo).



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 14 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 in Hong Kong, to the Greater Bay Area, Asia and beyond. 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 reimaged 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 global growth at the heart of the GBA innovation powerhouse.

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