



## Press Release

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### **HKSTP Signs MoU with World-leading Cybersecurity Enterprise Qi An Xin Group to Establish an International R&D Centre in Hong Kong**

**(Hong Kong, 15 December 2023)** - Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) and world-leading cybersecurity service provider, Qi An Xin Technology Group Co., Ltd (QAX Group) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to set up the QAX Group international R&D centre at Hong Kong Science Park. QAX Group will become the largest cybersecurity company within HKSTP's ecosystem. The partnership aims to deliver groundbreaking cybersecurity technologies and collectively promote Hong Kong's status as an international I&T hub.

Witnessed by Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Dr Hao Yinxing, Director-General of the Information Centre of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Philip Yung, Director-General of OASES; Lillian Cheong, Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP; and Yang Hongpeng, Vice President of QAX Group, Ir Dr HL Yiu, Chief Corporate Development Officer of HKSTP and Zhang Fan, Vice President of QAX Group signed the MoU.

The QAX Group International R&D Centre will focus on areas such as terminal security, digital forensics and managed security service operating platforms. The Centre will also launch initiatives including network security technical research, network security testing and laboratory set-up, nurturing cybersecurity talent and organising cybersecurity competitions, with an aim of providing high-grade cybersecurity services for the government, public institutions, as well as the financial services, education, medical and transportation sectors.

Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, said, "With the increasing application of innovative technologies in areas such as digitalised government services, smart city and the 'Digital Bay Area', the HKSAR Government and Hong Kong businesses have rising concerns about cybersecurity. The establishment of the QAX Group in Hong Kong will positively impact and bring critical mass to the local cybersecurity market. It will also strengthen the industry with its sector knowledge, capability, infrastructure and supporting solutions. We aim to welcome more cybersecurity companies from the Mainland and overseas wishing to set up offices in Hong Kong to enhance the construction of Hong Kong's cybersecurity system."

Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP, said, "There are over 1,500 companies in HKSTP's I&T ecosystem. Equipped with high-intensity data infrastructure, our Tseung Kwan O InnoPark is home to the DT Hub and 12 data centres operated by local and multinational corporations to support growing demands for cloud computing, e-commerce and Internet of Things. Tseung Kwan O InnoPark also houses most of the top data centre providers in Hong Kong. We will connect partner companies with QAX Group to conduct network security simulation tests and protection, contributing to a win-win situation which



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Qi Xiangdong, Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Vice President of All-China Federation of Industry & Commerce (ACFIC), Chairman of QAX Group, said, “As Hong Kong’s largest I&T ecosystem, Hong Kong Science Park has gained popularity and influence in Mainland China and overseas. QAX Group is honoured to be one of the first batch of strategic enterprises joining Science Park, starting a new chapter to help promote the digitalisation and I&T development in Hong Kong. QAX Group will help establish three centres including an international business centre, a security operation centre and an international R&D and talent training centre, dedicating to Hong Kong’s development into an international I&T hub in the future.”

QAX Group is a national top cybersecurity company that has been ranked first in the China Cyber Security Industry Alliance (CCIA) Top 50 for three consecutive years. The Group designed a cybersecurity framework and system catering for the specific cybersecurity needs of the Beijing Winter Olympic Games to provide effective protection for data assets. It successfully ensured seamless operations and achieved the first “zero incident” record for the Olympic Games. Apart from their core business in China, QAX Group has been enhancing its international presence and launching cybersecurity projects across the Belt and Road countries.



**Photo 1:** (2<sup>nd</sup> roll from left) Lillian Cheong, Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Yang Hongpeng, Vice President of QAX Group; Dr Hao Yinxing, Director-General of the Information Centre of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP and Philip Yung, Director-General of OASES, Ir Dr HL Yiu, Chief Corporate Development Officer of HKSTP and Zhang Fan, Vice President of QAX Group signed the MoU.



**Photo 2:** Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, said that the establishment of QAX Group in Hong Kong will positively impact and bring critical mass to the local cybersecurity market. It will also strengthen the industry with its sector knowledge, capability, infrastructure and supporting solutions.



**Photo 3:** Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP, said that HKSTP will connect partner companies with QAX Group to conduct network security simulation tests and protection, contributing to a win-win situation which provides a testing platform for QAX Group and helps Park companies to strengthen their network security at the same time.



**Photo 4:** Qi Xiangdong, Chairman of QAX Group, said that QAX Group is honoured to be one of the first batch of strategic enterprises joining Science Park, starting a new chapter to help promote the digitalisation and I&T development in Hong Kong.



**Photo 5:** A group photo of officiating guests include Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology (Centre) and Industry; Dr Hao Yinxing, Director-General of the Information Centre of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (seventh from left); Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (seventh from right); Yang Hongpeng, Vice President of QAX Group (sixth from left); Philip Yung, Director-General of OASES (sixth from right); Lillian Cheong, Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (fourth from left), Ir Dr HL Yiu, Chief Corporate Development Officer of HKSTP (fifth from right); Zhang Fan, Vice President of QAX Group (third from left) with other guests.

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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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