

Press Release

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**FHKI and HKSTP Co-organise
“Innopreneur Experience Journey Cohort 2” Job Shadowing Programme
Bringing in new blood to local I&T and industrial sectors**

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- Over the four days, students will intern at FHKI member companies and HKSTP partner companies, gaining hands-on experience in the working environment of the industrial and I&T sectors.
- Eighteen FHKI and HKSTP partner companies have provided students with "executive shadowing" experiences, workplace visits, hands-on work opportunities, and serving as student mentors.

(Hong Kong, 11 Apr 2023) – Federation of Hong Kong Industries (“FHKI”) and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (“HKSTP”) co-organise “Innopreneur Experience Journey Cohort 2”, bringing around 40 local secondary school students to join a unique and unforgettable internship journey, immersing themselves in an atmosphere fueled with technology, creativity, and new industry. The opening ceremony of the event was successfully held today (11 April) at FHKI, with the honour of having Mr Clarence Leung, Under Secretary for Home Affairs and Youth Affairs, as the officiating guest, joining the corporate representatives to witness the beginning of an extraordinary journey for the participating students.

Over the four days, students will intern at FHKI member companies and HKSTP partner companies, gaining hands-on experience in the working environment of the industrial and I&T sectors, as well as understanding the latest developments and employment prospects in the field. In addition, they will also visit specially invited FHKI member companies, the Hong Kong Science Park, and the InnoPark. The organisers hope that this job shadowing experience journey will not only broaden the students' horizons but also inspire their interest in the industrial and I&T sectors, helping them make the best decisions for their future education and career planning.

Sponsored by SINO Group and partnered with Po Leung Kuk Life Planning & Financial Education Centre, a total of 18 FHKI and HKSTP partner companies have participated in the event, providing students with "executive shadowing" experiences, workplace visits, hands-on work opportunities, and serving as student mentors, all in a joint effort to nurture the pillars of the future.

FHKI and HKSTP Chairman Dr Sunny Chai said, “In December last year, the government announced the “Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint” and the “Youth Development Blueprint” in succession, highlighting the close relationship between I&T and youth nurture. With the strong support of the nation and the Government, Hong Kong has entered a golden age of I&T and new industrialisation, resulting in a boost in demand for talent. We look forward to continuously hosting experience journeys, attracting more young people to join our ranks and nurturing new forces for the development of the industry.”

The Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs Mr Clarence Leung said: “Hong Kong's innovation, technology and industrial development will require a large number of talents in the future. This

experiential career and life planning can help young people deepen their interest in innovation and technology and understand the development trend of the country and the world. Being one of the important hubs, Hong Kong can expand opportunities to cities in the Greater Bay Area, other mainland markets, Southeast Asian markets, and even the world. The SAR government hopes to unite various forces, promote cooperation between the government, business, and the society, and jointly promote youth development.”

Mr Ricky Chan, Executive Deputy Chairman, FHKI, believed that the crux of the shortage of manpower faced by Hong Kong's I&T sectors for many years is the lack of interest among young people to join the industry. He said, “We hope that this event will increase students’ awareness of the I&T industries. We urge the Government to allocate more resources towards promoting STEM education in primary and secondary schools, and to encourage and guide young individuals to pursue opportunities in emerging industries. This will help develop the necessary talent to drive diversified economic growth in Hong Kong.”

Ms Fanny Wong, Head of Talents and Human Resources, HKSTP, said, “Majoring in science or computer-related subjects is not a prerequisite for one to join the I&T sector. Supporting roles in marketing and design, for example, are there for you to showcase your strengths in I&T. I hope that participating students will go a step further out of the classroom during this four-day programme to experience Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem on the ground and get prepared for future university study or career development.”

Ir Andrew Young, Associate Director (Innovation) of Sino Group, said, “Nurturing talents is key to Hong Kong’s sustainable development and future success. Youth entrepreneurship is vital to the start-up ecosystem as well as Hong Kong’s growth into an international innovation and technology hub. We would like to thank our partners the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and the Hong Kong Science Park for spearheading this experiential programme to help to enrich young people’s understanding of the industries and scaling the experience to support our young generations to realise their potential and reach out for their dreams. We also extend our congratulations and best wishes to the aspiring young entrepreneurs for completing the experiential programme.”

The Closing Graduation Ceremony, including sharing sessions of participating students and company representatives, will be held at Science Park on 14 April (this Friday). With an aim to nurture a new generation of young talent for the I&T and industrial sectors, we hope to organise more Innopreneur Experience Journeys in the future, creating more opportunities for local students to engage with emerging industries. FHKI and HKSTP will continue to join hands in bringing together people from different backgrounds and experiences, creating a diversified and vibrant I&T and industrial ecosystem in Hong Kong.

Full lists of participating companies and schools are attached **in Appendixes 1 and 2 respectively**.



Photo 1: Mr Ricky Chan, Executive Deputy Chairman of FHKI, said that this extraordinary event aims to deepen young people's understanding of industry and I&T sectors, cultivating a new generation of aspiring talent.



Photo 2: Ms Fanny Wong, Head of Talents and Human Resources, HKSTP, said that there are a variety of positions in the I&T sector suitable for talent with different backgrounds and specialties.



Photo 3: Mr Clarence Leung, Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, delivered an opening speech for the event.



Photo 4: Around 40 students from local secondary schools commenced the four-day Innopreneur Experience Journey. They will take part in executive shadowing and gain hands-on I&T work experience in one of the participating companies.



Photo 5: Mr Clarence Leung, Under Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, took a group photo with representatives from FHKI and HKSTP.



Photo 6: The students visited the Lee Kee Group and had an eye-opening experience.

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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 is home to two unicorns and Hong Kong's leading R&D hub with over 12,000 research professionals and over 1,200 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 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 global growth at the heart of the GBA innovation powerhouse.

More information about HKSTP is available at www.hkstp.org.

About Federation of Hong Kong Industries

Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) was established in 1960 to promote and foster the interests of Hong Kong's industrial and business communities. Representing manufacturing and associated businesses from 32 industry groups, FHKI brings together like-minded entrepreneurs to spearhead the advancement of Hong Kong's industry. Through policy advocacy, professional business support services and cross-sector collaboration, FHKI strives to build a dynamic industrial ecosystem to take forward transformation and re-industrialisation of Hong Kong's economy, sparking new business opportunities and charting diverse paths for the younger generation.

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Appendix 1
Full list of participating companies*

Aerosim (HK) Limited

BPS Global Management Limited

Calbee Four Seas Company Limited

FreightAmigo Services Limited

Geek Plus International Company Limited

G.M.P. Industrial Company Limited

Immune Materials Limited

Intertek Testing Services Hong Kong Ltd

Koln 3D

MameShare Limited

Microbiota I-Center

Priester Corporation Limited

Pro-Technic Machinery Ltd

Solos Technology Limited

Suga Global Innovation Limited

Time Medical

Top Form Brassiere Manufacturing Company Ltd

Vitargent

**in alphabetical order*

Appendix 2
Full list of participating schools*

Kwun Tong Maryknoll College

Ling Liang Church E Wun Secondary School

Lingnan Dr Chung Wing Kwong Memorial Secondary School

Lui Ming Choi Lutheran College

Po Leung Kuk Lee Shing Pik College

Stewards Pooi Tun Secondary School

St. Teresa Secondary School

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