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**FinTech Ecosystem Flourishes With Cyberport's  
Diversified Entrepreneurial Support**

*Cyberport FinTech Start-ups and Companies Bagged Awards at Latest Industry Event*

**HONG KONG – 3 April 2017** – As a leading global FinTech centre, Hong Kong continues to boast a thriving ecosystem for FinTech start-ups and business alike. At the helm of the sector sits Cyberport, which has dedicated itself to the development of FinTech in Hong Kong. While pioneering initiatives such as the Cyberport University Partnership Programme have helped catapult fresh talent into the scene through tailored entrepreneurial training, other efforts have proven successful as well in cultivating creativity among aspiring entrepreneurs and empowering them with concrete forms of support, including the Cyberport Incubation Programme, Cyberport Smart-Space FinTech (a dedicated co-working space for FinTech companies), and close collaborations with industry partners, both local and overseas. To date, over 180 FinTech start-ups and companies have grown under the auspices of Cyberport, among which [Neat](#), [Clare.AI](#), [Seasonalife](#) and [Privé Managers](#) all won accolades at the recent Hong Kong ICT Awards 2017 in the Best Fintech category, again testifying to Cyberport's success in accelerating the city's FinTech momentum.

“We are delighted to see the work of FinTech start-ups and companies bearing fruit. Three years ago, we at Cyberport were able to discern the potential of FinTech, and since then we have strived to provide key support for FinTech companies through a variety of initiatives. We focus not only on hardware support, but also on the creation of a nourishing environment in partnership with financial and educational institutions, including banks, regulatory bodies and universities,” said Herman Lam, CEO of Cyberport. “In addition, we pride ourselves on being able to connect start-ups with potential investors and business partners. Within three years, the number of FinTech businesses in our community more than tripled, growing from 50 to over 180. The results are extremely encouraging, and without a doubt we owe this burst of creativity and entrepreneurial spirit to the staunch support of the Innovation and Technology Bureau and our industry partners.”

Representatives from the four awarded companies praised and thanked Cyberport for its support of tech start-ups and businesses:

Bianca Ho, Co-Founder of Clare.AI, said, “Thanks to the Cyberport Incubation Programme and the extensive network it has opened up, we made it to the SuperCharger Accelerator Programme and were given networking opportunities in the banking and related sectors.”

Igor Wos, Co-Founder of Neat, said, “Cyberport's entrepreneurial support made it possible for us to enter the SuperCharger Accelerator Programme in 2016, which in turn helped us expand our network of overseas partners and accelerate business growth.”

David Lee, Managing Director of Privé Managers, said, “Since we became a member of the Cyberport community in 2011, we have been invited to numerous industry events, such as the Asian Financial Forum and Silicon Dragon, getting access to Cyberport’s far-reaching network. In 2016, we further strengthened our investor relations by joining Accenture FinTech Innovation Lab - Asia Pacific.”

Fred Ngan, Co-Founder of Seasonalife, said, “Not only are the Cyberport Creative Micro Fund and the Cyberport Incubation Programme examples of Cyberport’s commitment to the development of digital technology and the start-up ecosystem, but they have also opened the door for us to industry recognition.”

Equally devoted to the sharing of knowledge and experience, Cyberport hosts seminars and workshops to foster interaction among community members on a frequent basis, while supporting industry events such as the Asian Financial Forum to help start-ups enhance their exposure. Most recently, Cyberport has been acknowledged as the Strategic Partner of Internet Economy Summit 2017, kicking off the three-day event (10-12 April 2017) with a thematic forum entitled “Global FinTech Innovation.”

The following Cyberport start-ups were honoured at the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2017 in the “Best FinTech Award” category:

1. Neat Best FinTech Award (Silver), for Emerging Solutions/ Payment Innovation
2. Clare.AI Best FinTech Award (Bronze), for Emerging Solutions/ Payment Innovation
3. Seasonalife Best FinTech Award (Silver), for Banking, Insurance and Capital Market
4. Privé Managers Best FinTech Award (Bronze), for Banking, Insurance and Capital Market



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From Left to Right, Fred Ngan, Co-Founder of Seasonalife, David Lee, Managing Director of Privé Managers, Herman Lam, CEO of Cyberport, Bianco Ho, Co-Founder of Clare.AI and Igor Vos, Co-Founder of Neat.

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### **About Cyberport**

Cyberport is a creative digital community with over 800 community members. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited which is wholly owned by the Hong Kong SAR Government. With a vision to build a legacy of entrepreneurial excellence that establishes Cyberport as a leading global innovation and technology hub, Cyberport is committed to facilitating the local economy by nurturing digital industry start-ups and entrepreneurs, driving collaboration to pool resources and create business opportunities, and accelerating digital adoption through strategic initiatives and partnerships. Equipped with an array of state-of-the-art tech facilities and a cutting-edge broadband network, the Cyberport community is home to four grade-A intelligent office buildings, a five-star design hotel, and a retail entertainment complex.

For more information, please visit [www.cyberport.hk](http://www.cyberport.hk) or follow us on Twitter [@cyberport\\_hk](https://twitter.com/cyberport_hk)

### **About Cyberport Creative Micro Fund**

The Cyberport Creative Micro Fund is set up to inspire innovation and creativity in Hong Kong. The programme sponsors high potential digital tech start-up projects and business ideas with a HK\$100,000 grant. Participants use the grant over six months to produce proof of concepts and prototypes.

### **About Cyberport Incubation Programme**

The Cyberport Incubation Programme supports entrepreneurs and start-ups with resources that aim to accelerate their growth. In addition to a range of business and professional services, incubatees get up to HK\$330,000 support over 24 months.

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