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## **Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2022 opens on 27 and 28 October Engaging over 100 industry leaders and professionals to reveal new dynamics of venture capital**

**Hong Kong, 13 October 2022** – The Cyberport Venture Capital Forum (CVCF) will be held on 27-28 October in hybrid format again, with the theme of “Thriving in the Dynamic: Refocusing for Growth”. The Forum will engage more than 100 venture capitalists and industry leaders to look into the new situation of the global venture capital market, investors and start-up financing strategies, new opportunities in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area (GBA) markets, as well as the development of start-ups and venture capital prospects in the field of smart living under the receding epidemic and the changing geopolitical situation.

Cyberport, as the digital technology flagship of Hong Kong, is dedicated to facilitating deal flow for start-ups and enriching the regional venture capital landscape. On the first day of the Forum, Professor Sun Dong, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry of the HKSAR Government will give the opening remarks. Professionals across various industries, including **Alibaba Group, Primavera Capital, Gobi Partners, Chuangxin Industry, HSBC Ventures, KPMG, Morgan Stanley Asia Limited, Vickers Venture, Lightspeed Venture, China Resources Capital, Quest Ventures, Amino Capital, Radiant Tech Ventures, Greater Bay Area Homeland Investments Limited, Guangzhou Nansha Service Centre in Hong Kong and Da Heng Qin Group**, will provide in-depth analysis of the latest market and investment trend of the areas, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, FinTech, green finance, HealthTech/MedTech, meta-universe, Construction Tech, digital entertainment/SportsTech, and IPO/mergers and acquisitions. A spotlight event **Smart Living Venture Day** will be introduced for the first time during the second day of the Forum, focusing on the start-up development and prospects in smart living, especially EdTech, ArtTech, GeronTech and SocialTech.

**Peter Yan, CEO of Cyberport**, said “The National 14th Five-Year Plan explicitly supports Hong Kong to develop as an international I&T hub. Given that Hong Kong’s status as an international financial centre, the momentum of Hong Kong’s I&T development will be strengthened and we are full of confidence in the future of Hong Kong’s I&T sector. In light of the new trend of the venture capital market, this year’s CVCF is particularly meaningful as it provides a platform for start-ups and venture capital funds to connect, facilitate start-ups’ financing needs, promote the application of innovative technologies in the field, and capture the opportunities arising from the economic recovery. Cyberport will continue to connect investors and the innovation community through Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) and Cyberport Macro Fund (CMF), and motivate start-ups to seize the development opportunities in GBA and the Asian markets to enable a thriving venture capital ecosystem.”

### **Discovering new market opportunities through panel discussions**

Cross-border investment and the development of the GBA are becoming key elements of the market development, and the Forum will have three panel discussions to help start-ups seize the new trend of venture capital, including **“Venture Capital Ideals in a Universal World”**, **“Road to Next - Hong Kong’s Future Path for I&T Capital Hub”** and **“GBA - the Growth Engine for Start-ups and Investment”**. For the **“Venture Capital Ideals in a Universal World”**, **Rebecca Fannin, founder of Silicon Dragon, an internationally renowned venture capital platform**, will be the host and other venture capital experts will share the macroeconomic trends and regional political landscape, and also analyse the strategies of Hong Kong start-ups for China business market and investors. **Duncan Chiu, Legislative Council Member of Technology & Innovation Constituency** will host the panel discussion **“Road to Next - Hong Kong’s Future Path for I&T Capital Hub”**, together with industry leaders including and Cindy Chow, the **Executive Director of the Alibaba Hong Kong and Entrepreneurs Fund and Cyberport Investors Network Steering Group Chairperson**, to explore how to help Hong Kong build a forward-looking innovation ecosystem. The panel discussion **“GBA - the Growth Engine for Start-ups and Investment”** invited investment experts from Guangzhou Nansha New District, Qianhai, Hengqin and the Mainland to analyse the investment potential, technology and development focus of the GBA and to help start-ups and investors grasp the opportunities brought by the synergy of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau.

### **Smart Living Venture Day and Start-up Workshop help seize industry opportunities**

A spotlight event Smart Living Venture Day will be held both online and offline on 28 October, engaging more than 20 industry leaders, scholars, investors, and start-ups, to analyse daily related issues, covering EdTech, ArtTech, GeronTech and SocialTech through the four panel discussions. Speakers include the **Founder of Esperanza John Tsang, Group Chief Strategy Officer of CTF Education Group Jennifer Ma, Executive Director of Hong Kong Design Centre Joseph Wong, General Manager (Elderly Services) of Hong Kong Housing Society Dr Carmen Ng, and Founder and CEO of SVhk Francis Ngai**, etc. A start-up workshop will also be held in the afternoon on 28 October while experienced investors and industry leaders will share practical strategies for start-up management and fundraising strategies. The "Start-up Clinic" is an interactive session where business experts will provide free consultation services covering topics such as marketing, legal, accounting, and financing strategies.

### **One-month online activities provide project showcase and matching at any time**

In order to promote investment opportunities for start-ups, CVCF allows start-ups to interact with investors in person, and use the online platform to showcase their innovative technology solutions to overseas investors. There will be an "Investor Matching Session" where start-ups and investors can arrange matchmaking meetings based on industry type and investment



preference, as well as online matchmaking meetings using the online platform for one month from mid-October. The online platform will be available for a month from 27 October, offering meetings and a series of seminars, and industry leaders are invited to share their insights and new perspectives on smart investment and digital transformation to help companies implement transformation in the new normal. In addition, the Forum will have an “Innovative Technology Showcase” which includes virtual booths and physical booths, for start-ups to showcase their products, allowing investors and attendees to have in-depth exchanges. The Entrepreneur Demo Zone, allowing start-ups from different fields to pitch their projects to investors and increase exposure through short videos on the Forum platform. For detailed information on related seminars and a complete line-up of speakers of the Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2022, please visit the website: <http://cvcf.cyberport.hk/>

CVCF is a highly acclaimed flagship tech venture event for investors and entrepreneurs in the digital technology domain. It was held in a hybrid format (both online and offline) in 2021, attracting more than 2,500 participants, with a total of more than 120,000 views. Over 250 investors participated and more than 350 deal flows resulted. The event successfully connected start-ups with investors and provided extensive opportunities for unfolding venture investments.

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From left: Peter Yan, CEO of Cyberport; Cindy Chow, Chairperson of Cyberport Investors Network Steering Group; Peter Tam, Director and Deputy CEO of CoverGo; Henson Tsai, Founder of SleekFlow; Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport





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**Cindy Chow, Chairperson of Cyberport Investors Network Steering Group**, shares the development of Cyberport Investors Network and investment trend under the receding epidemic and the changing geopolitical situation.





**Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport**, says, a **Smart Living Venture Day** will be introduced for the first time during the second day of the Forum, focusing on the start-up development and venture capital prospects in smart living, especially EdTech, ArtTech, GeronTech and SocialTech.

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**About Cyberport**

Cyberport is an innovative digital community with over 1,800 members including over 800 on-site and 900 off-site start-ups and technology companies. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, wholly owned by the Hong Kong SAR Government. With a vision to be the hub for digital technology, thereby creating a new economic driver for



Hong Kong, Cyberport is committed to nurturing a vibrant tech ecosystem by cultivating talent, promoting entrepreneurship among youth, supporting start-ups, fostering industry development by promoting strategic collaboration with local and international partners, and integrating new and traditional economic by accelerating digital transformation in the public and private sectors. For more information, please visit [www.cyberport.hk](http://www.cyberport.hk)



## Appendix 1

### Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2022

<b>Date</b>	27-28 Oct 2022
<b>Time</b>	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://cvcf.cyberport.hk/">http://cvcf.cyberport.hk/</a>
<b>Event Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynotes and panel discussions</li> <li>• Innovator Showcase</li> <li>• Investor Matching</li> <li>• Founder Stage</li> <li>• Start-up Workshop (on 28 Oct afternoon)</li> <li>• Start-up Clinic</li> </ul>
<b>Spotlight Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyberport Investors Network 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Ceremony (on 27 Oct morning)</li> <li>• Smart Living Venture Day (28 Oct full day)</li> </ul>
<b>Key Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global tech venture trends</li> <li>• Impacts of geopolitics on capital flows and regional markets</li> <li>• Guangdong- Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area — Growth engine for start-ups and investment companies</li> <li>• Digital Entertainment / Sports Technology</li> <li>• Green Finance</li> <li>• Health Technology / Medical Technology</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2: 2022 Cyberport Venture Capital Forum Programme

### 27 October (Thursday) CVCF MAIN FORUM

0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks by Mr Simon Chan, Chairman, Cyberport
0910 – 0915	Opening Remarks by Prof Dong Sun, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
0915 – 0925	Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
<b>Macro Trends &amp; Global Stage</b>	
0930 – 0950	An Overview: Global Tech Venture Trends
0950 – 1045	Keynote 1: 6 Mega Trends in An AI and Tech Economy Keynote 2: Venture for Success: Navigating Growth and Change Keynote 3: Hong Kong and the GBA - How it Outshines Silicon Valley and Singapore
1045 – 1115	Panel Discussion: Venture Capital Ideals in a Universal World <i>(Powered by Silicon Dragon)</i>
1115 – 1145	Panel Discussion: Road to Next - Hong Kong's Future Path for I&T Capital Hub
1145 – 1215	Panel Discussion: GBA - the Growth Engine for Start-ups and Investment
1215 – 1245	Fireside Chat: Managing Funding Challenges amid Economic Uncertainty
1245 – 1400	Lunch Break
	Lunch Special:  <i>Alternative Investing</i>  <i>How technology is transforming alternative to mainstream</i>

<b>Venture Track – Investor Strategies &amp; New Venture Voyages</b>	<b>Inno Track – Sectors Spotlight &amp; New Growth Engine</b>
1400 – 1415 Keynote 4: Venture Investing in Tech Breakthroughs	1400 – 1420 A New Reality for the Metaverse
1415 – 1445 IPO, de-SPAC or M&A – Wider Options for Tech Companies	1420 – 1450 Global Positioning: The Driving Force for Soaring Valuation of APAC Sports Tech Companies
1445– 1545 Transiting Hong Kong into a Green Finance and Carbon Trading Hub  <i>Keynote 1: The prospect of voluntary carbon market trading in Hong Kong</i> <i>Keynote 2: How to use ESG data in identifying risk and opportunities?</i> <i>Panel Discussion on ESG Investing: Practices, Progress and Challenges</i>	1450 – 1520 Investment Opportunity in APEC Emerging Giants: How Big Blockchain Gaming Can Be?"

1545 – 1615 FinTech Investment in a Turbulent Market <i>(Powered by Hong Kong Computer Society)</i>	1520 – 1555 Sector Focus: Health x Tech in the Fast Lane
1615 – 1645 Impact Investment and Social Innovation "Impact Valley: Decentralising Changemaking for Good" <i>(Powered by Social Ventures HK)</i>	1555 – 1625 Construction Tech
1645 - 1715 SCMP Conversations: SusTech - The Green Engine Eyed by Investors?	1625 – 1655 Investor-Investee Dialogue
1715 - 1745 Investment Opportunity amid the Time of High Interest Rate and Economic Downturn <i>(Powered by HKVCA)</i>	1655 – 1715 Fundraising from Zero to One: The basic concepts behind venture financing <i>(Powered by Cyberport Start-up Alumni Association)</i>
	1715 – 1745 How Might Start-Ups Break into the NewSpace Sector? <i>(Powered by Orion Astropreneur Space Academy (OASA))</i>
1745 – 1830 Networking	

### **28 October (Friday)**

<b>CVCF Start-up Workshop</b>		<b>Spotlight Event – Smart Living Venture Day</b>	
1100 - 1200	Dr Sue Xu, Amino Capital	0945 - 1100	EdTech
1400 - 1700	Mr Simon Squibb, Chief Purpose Officer, The Purposeful Project	1115 - 1230	ArtTech
		1245 - 1400	SocialTech
		1400 - 1515	GeronTech