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Cyberport and Home and Youth Affairs Bureau Launch **“Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2022-23”** *100 internship positions to enhance hands-on I&T experience for youth*

Hong Kong, 11 January 2023 - Cyberport and Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) have joined hands to launch the “Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2022-23” (the Programme), matching Cyberport start-ups with local students interested in accessing the Innovation and Technology (I&T) industry. The Programme provides internship opportunities for young people, as well as enabling Cyberport start-ups to discover youths with potential, hence expanding Hong Kong’s I&T talent pool. This is the second consecutive year that Cyberport collaborates with HYAB to launch the Programme. Full-time students aged 18 to 30 from local post-secondary or tertiary institutions can apply from today to 28 February at the [dedicated webpage on “iTalent”](#), Cyberport’s I&T recruitment platform.

The Programme will offer 100 three-to-six-month internship positions, covering technology, design, business development and more, allowing the students to gain a comprehensive exposure to the I&T industry. Subject to the latest arrangement of resumption of normal travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland, the Programme also includes a 5-day visit to I&T start-ups in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), so that the participants may keep abreast with the I&T industry development and associated opportunities in the GBA.

The Programme attracted applications from 163 start-ups providing a total of 368 internship positions. Start-ups specialised in Smart Living provide the most vacancies, encompassing EdTech, HealthTech, Smart Mobility, Smart Retail, and IoT, among others. Internship in FinTech and digital entertainment sectors are also on offer. Cyberport will select 100 vacancies for students to apply under the Programme based on criteria including the start-ups’ past experience in running internship and talent cultivation programmes, on-the-job training and support for interns, as well as impact of project deliverables.

Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport, said, “Young people are the future of Hong Kong and the I&T industry. Talent is the key factor in Hong Kong’s development into an international I&T centre. As the base for entrepreneurship and talent cultivation, Cyberport has been facilitating the Government in expanding the I&T talent pool and enhancing the I&T atmosphere in the community. Last year, the Programme drew an overwhelming 4,900 student applications, with nearly 50 applicants competing for one internship position on average. This year we are joining hands with the Government again to launch the ‘Youth Start-up Internship Programme’ to provide young people with valuable practical experience. The active participation of Cyberport start-ups also speaks to the vigorous development of the industry. We encourage our start-ups to continue to employ

the students after the conclusion of the internship to bring new blood to the I&T industry and support the development of Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem.”

Employers under the Programme may engage interns on full-time, part-time or mixed mode basis. The Government will provide a monthly subsidy of up to HK\$10,500 per intern engaged. The interns shall complete a minimum of 100 working hours during the three-month internship, or a minimum of 200 working hours in a six-month internship. The interns will be invited to participate in Cyberport-organised training, such as business sharing sessions, entrepreneurship experiential activities and so on.

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