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Cyberport, KC Smart Mobility and EHang Signing MoU

Driving Innovation in Unmanned Flight Technology
Boosting the Development of the Low-Altitude Economy

Hong Kong, 9 December 2024 – **Cyberport** today (9 December) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and established a strategic partnership with **KC Smart Mobility**, a subsidiary of Kwoon Chung Bus Holdings Limited (KCBH), which is the Hong Kong's largest non-franchised public bus operator and focuses on innovative smart mobility solutions; and **EHang**, the world's leading urban air mobility (UAM) technology platform company. In response to national guidance and support for the development of the innovation technology projects, three parties will leverage their respective resource advantages to advance the research and application of electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft in Hong Kong, promote emerging technologies and industries such as smart mobility and smart logistics and enforce industry safety standards. It also aims to activate the low-altitude airspace as a new economic factor, explore larger development potentials for various industries and create digital economic benefits for Hong Kong while enhancing the smart living for citizens and bringing inclusive value to the public.

In the presence of **Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Founding Chairperson of the Greater Bay Area Low Altitude Economy Alliance (LAEA) and Legislative Council member; Ir Hon CHAN Siu-hung, the advisor of the LAEA and Legislative Council member; Simon CHAN, Chairman of Cyberport; Matthew WONG Leung-pak, Chairman of KCBH; Timothy WONG Cheuk-tim, COO of KCBH; Bill Choi, EHang Vice President and Weidong Xu, EHang Special Assistance to President;** the MoU was signed by **Dr Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport; Andrew CHENG King-hoi, Head of China Business of KCBH;** and **Darren Xiao, EHang Director APAC & MENA.**

Simon CHAN, Chairman of Cyberport, said, " The low-altitude economy is a key innovation area supported by the country and serves as an important strategic engine for the development of new quality productive forces. This collaboration between Cyberport, Kwoon Chung Smart Mobility, and EHang aims to leverage the advantages and resources of all three parties in different fields. The initiative will fully promote technological innovation in smart mobility and smart logistics, further supporting Hong Kong's development of the low-altitude economy and enhancing the institutional strengths and underlying fundamentals of strategic emerging industries. Looking ahead, Cyberport will continue to collaborate with the government to promote the development of new quality productive forces. It will actively seize the new opportunities presented by the low-altitude economy, fully support the implementation of low-altitude flight pilot projects, and inject innovative

mobility solutions into various industries, including transportation logistics and cultural tourism."

Matthew WONG Leung-pak, Chairman of KCBH, said, "In this collaboration, Kwoon Chung Group will fully leverage the operational experience and advantages to introduce EHang's autonomous aerial vehicles to bring new air mobility solutions and innovative experiences to our city. At the same time, we appreciate Cyberport for providing the route planning and application of the aerial vehicles. Through this collaboration, we aim to align effectively with the Hong Kong government's strategy to develop the low-altitude economy. We also look forward to collaborating closely with all sectors of Hong Kong in the future, so that autonomous aerial vehicles can soon take to Hong Kong's sky, providing logistics and passenger services, and fostering the prosperity of the low-altitude economy in both Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area."

Bill Choi, EHang Vice President, said, "We are honored to join hand with Kwoon Chung Group and Cyberport to explore new models, applications, and scenarios for the low-altitude economy in Hong Kong. Through the promotion and operation of EHang's EH216-S Pilotless eVTOL, we aim to bring more efficient and environmentally friendly air mobility solutions to Hong Kong, inject new impetus into the development of the low-altitude economy in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and support the green and sustainable development in advanced air mobility both within the Greater Bay Area and globally."

According to the MoU, the three parties will collaborate across multiple areas. Cyberport will provide operational space for the pilotless electric vertical aircraft trial project within its campus, integrate its stakeholder resources, liaise with the government to facilitate project implementation, and provide assistance and advice in funding application. By leveraging its extensive experience in managing public transportation, KC Smart Mobility will actively promote pilotless transport projects and green transportation systems. It will manage and allocate its own funded financial resources for the project and operate the designated routes, ensuring compliance with aviation regulations.

EHang will focus on the development of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems and solutions, with applications covering air passenger transportation, logistics, and smart city management. EHang will also provide sufficient technical support for the maintenance and upgrades of hardware, software, and firmware, including necessary training and resources to ensure smooth operation and system enhancements; and supply adequate data and information that comply with government safety standards, ensuring all compliance-related processes are conducted smoothly and meet regulatory requirements. Additionally, Cyberport and Kwoon Chung Smart Mobility, as key partners of EHang in Hong Kong, will jointly explore more collaboration opportunities to advance the development of Hong Kong's low-altitude economy.

Cyberport was previously appointed by the HKSAR Government as the venue partner for the Sandbox Pilot Projects for the low-altitude economy which is responsible for providing suitable locations and supporting facilities for different pilot projects. Cyberport has equipped its campus with information technology and communication facilities to support the wireless mobile communication and system infrastructure required for different drone flight tests. Additionally, the pier at Cyberport Waterfront Park is equipped with charging facilities and will establish medium-sized unmanned aircraft take-off and landing points and more to facilitate the simultaneous operation of multiple drones and the testing of trial flights over the sea. As a supporting organisation of the Greater Bay Area Low-altitude Economy Alliance, Cyberport actively explores cooperation opportunities with various industry organisations and community companies. The Cyberport startup community is also actively developing a diverse range of innovative drone technology applications, covering areas such as construction and environmental surveying, logistics delivery, drone programming and training, geographic information systems, and urban spatial planning. Furthermore, Cyberport also brings together startups focused on the research and development of AI and data science, fintech, the Internet of Things, and robotics, which will provide technical support for low-altitude economic activities.

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Cyberport, KC Smart Mobility and EHang established a strategic partnership promoting the development of Hong Kong low-altitude economy.

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Cyberport is Hong Kong's digital technology flagship and incubator for entrepreneurship with over 2,100 members including over 900 onsite and over 1,200 offsite start-ups and technology companies. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, wholly owned by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, and committed to the vision to inject new impetus into digital economy and smart city development through innovation and technology, and to connect enterprises to Mainland China and overseas markets. Cyberport strives to nurture a vibrant tech ecosystem by cultivating talents, promoting entrepreneurship among the youth, supporting start-ups, fostering technology industry development by promoting strategic collaboration with local, Mainland Chinese and international partners, and integrating new and traditional economies by accelerating digital transformation in public and private sectors.

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