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Cyberport Artificial Intelligence Supercomputing Centre Officially Commences Operations

*AI Lab opened synchronously to drive Hong Kong forward
a new milestone of “AI Plus”*

Hong Kong, 9 December 2024 – Cyberport’s Artificial Intelligence Supercomputing Centre (AISC), first of this kind currently in Hong Kong, officially commences operations, and the AI Lab is also open concurrently. **The opening ceremony of the AISC and AI Lab** was held today at AI Lab and **Prof Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Ir Tony Wong, Commissioner for Digital Policy; Hendrick Sin, Chairman of the Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme (AISS); Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport; and Dr Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport** officiated at the ceremony. Committee members of the AISS, artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem partners of Cyberport, and representatives of AI-related enterprises also attended the ceremony to witness the crucial moment of promoting local AI development to a new milestone.

Prof Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry said, “Artificial intelligence (AI) is the most critical technology for ‘new quality productive forces’ in the future. The Government has introduced a number of policies and measures to improve the development of the local AI ecosystem orderly and promote the ‘digital-intelligent’ application of AI. The official establishment of Cyberport’s Artificial Intelligence Supercomputing Centre today will become an indispensable and important pillar of the development of AI in Hong Kong. The supercomputing centre will not only provide advanced computing capabilities to promote industry development, but also become a cradle for converging and cultivating AI-related quality professionals. The supercomputing centre will bring together talents specialising in computing power, data and algorithm technology, coupling it with Cyberport’s AI Lab, Cyberport will provide an innovative platform for AI ecosystem partners and enterprises to connect with relevant application scenarios, explore product innovations and integrate with technologies, facilitating the transformation and application of more technologies, thereby injecting new impetus into the high-quality development of Hong Kong's economy”.

Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport said, “The official commencement of Cyberport’s AISC signified the development of local AI ecosystem and industry has risen to a new height, broadening the prospects for the innovation and technology (I&T) advancement. The computing power of the first-phase facility provides 1,300 PFLOPS this year, and it will increase to 3,000 PFLOPS next year to meet the growing demand for computing power in the technology sector. With the opening of AI Lab concurrently, it leverages the research and development (R&D) capabilities of ecosystem partners to create a heterogeneous

computing platform, which enables joint development of innovative AI products across different industries and use cases to facilitate the transformation and realisation of R&D outcomes as well as empowers communities and business sector to drive intelligent transformation. Additionally, it will enhance Hong Kong's R&D capabilities to attract more cutting-edge technology projects and talents from Mainland China and around the globe to the city, thereby solidifying Hong Kong's status as an international I&T hub.”

To promote the development of AI in Hong Kong, the HKSAR Government announced in the 2023 Policy Address that Cyberport would set up an AISC in phases from this year onwards to provide research teams with the necessary computing hardware. In addition, the HKSAR Government also announced in the 2024-2025 Budget that HK\$3 billion were allocated to Cyberport to implement a three-year AISS, which mainly provides funding support to five categories of eligible entities, including local institutions, R&D centres and enterprises to utilise the computing power of the AISC to achieve more breakthroughs in scientific research.

The first phase of the AISS was launched in early October and multiple applications from eligible entities, including AI start-ups, local institutions, R&D centres, and strategic enterprises, were received. The funding has also been set aside to facilitate works including strengthening the cyber and data security of AISC in addition to promotion and education. It's expected the scheme will allow the industry to make good use of the computing facilities as well as attract relevant talents, enterprises and R&D projects from Mainland China and around the world to land in Hong Kong, thereby providing necessary support to facilitate the many aspects of local AI and related industries developments.

The AI Lab launched today brings together the R&D capabilities of AI ecosystem partners in Hong Kong, providing them with an interactive space to showcase AI solutions and launch service products. Nearly 15 companies showcased their innovations at the ceremony, including local start-ups, strategic enterprises based at Cyberport, and ecosystem partners, to facilitate AI-related R&D and collaborations.. Furthermore, the AI Lab provides AI ecosystem partners and enterprises with a platform to experience different supercomputing tools, explore product innovations, converge technologies, which could be applied to different industries and use cases to promote the transformation and realisation of innovative technologies, thereby driving new quality productive forces to foster the development of digital economy and smart city.

With the AISC as its core engine, Cyberport has built a comprehensive AI ecosystem that encompasses computing power, general and professional large models, model risk assessment, industry application support, governance and ethics discussions, and more, which gathers talent and innovative resources from the Mainland China and overseas to support innovative R&D and applications spanning across the AI ecosystem chain to accelerate industry development.

Currently, Cyberport houses more than 330 start-up enterprises specialising in AI and big data, including many strategic enterprises that have established operations in Cyberport, including D2 Intelligence, LAiPIC, Saunova, and beyond. Cyberport also fosters collaborations with leading AI enterprises including Baidu, Huawei and Inspur Cloud, and interconnects with start-up enterprises with the combination of their R&D capabilities in computing development, large model building, and more to promote the innovation and application of AI R&D. The strategic enterprises attracted to Hong Kong have invested capitals, technologies and talents to develop international headquarters. Through Hong Kong as an international springboard, they can “go global” to enable internationalisation of their AI products and services.

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Prof Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry; Ir Tony Wong, Commissioner for Digital Policy; Hendrick Sin, Chairman of the Committee of the AISS and committee members; Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport; Dr Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport and board members attended the opening ceremony of AISI and AI Lab at AI Lab to witness the crucial moment of promoting local AI development to a new milestone.



Prof Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry said, the official establishment of Cyberport's Artificial Intelligence Supercomputing Centre and AI Lab today will become an indispensable and important pillar of the development of AI in Hong Kong, thereby injecting new impetus into the high-quality development of Hong Kong's economy.



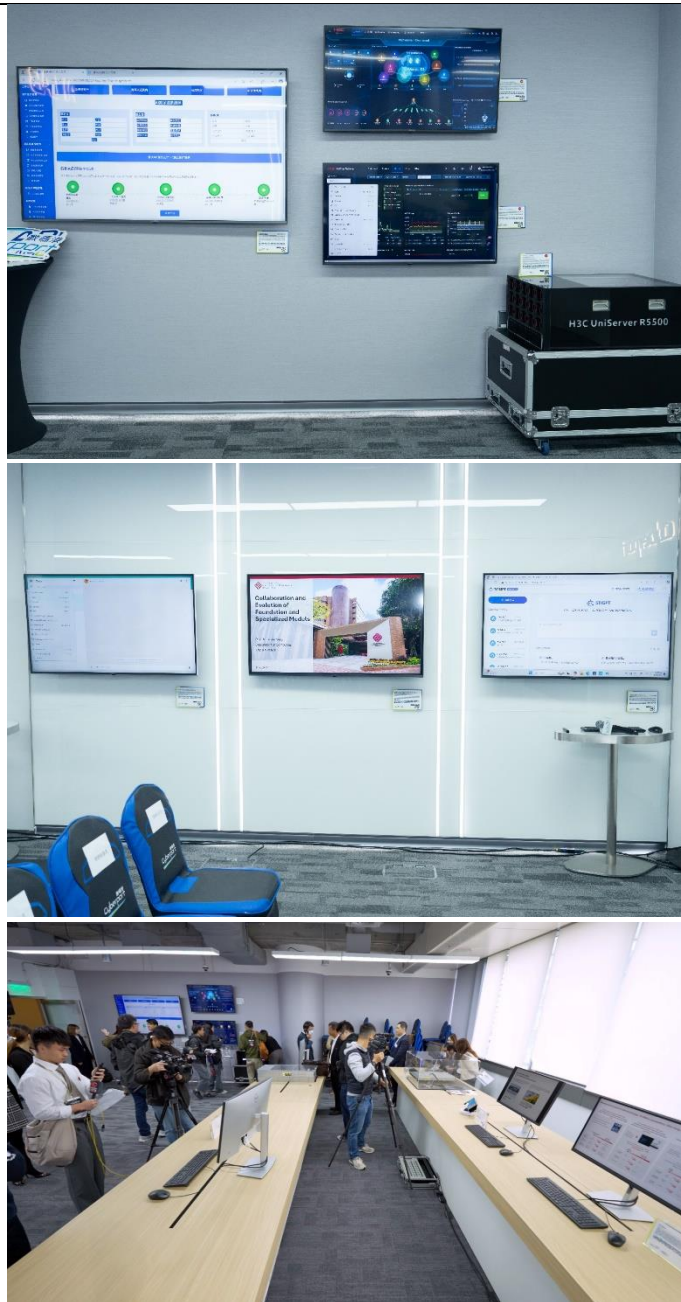
Simon Chan, Chairman of Cyberport said the official commencement of Cyberport’s AISC signified the development of local AI ecosystem and industry has risen to a new height, broadening the prospects for the innovation and technology (I&T) advancement. While the AI Lab facilitates the transformation and realisation of innovative technologies to empower communities and business sector to drive intelligent transformation, in addition to enhancing Hong Kong’s R&D capabilities to attract more cutting-edge technology projects and talents from Mainland China and around the globe to the city, thereby solidifying Hong Kong’s status as an international I&T hub.



Dr Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport explained Cyberport regards the AISC as its core engine to build a comprehensive AI ecosystem that encompasses computing power, general and professional large models, model risk assessment, industry application support, governance and ethics discussions, and more, which gathers talents and innovative resources from the Mainland China and overseas to support innovative R&D and applications spanning across the AI ecosystem chain to accelerate industry development.



Hendrick Sin, Chairman of the Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme, and Crystal Fok, Director of AI Applications at Cyberport discussed the potential of broad application of artificial intelligence and its future development trends with ecosystem partners.



The newly opened Cyberport's AI Lab brings together the R&D capabilities of AI ecosystem partners, providing them with an interactive space to showcase AI solutions and launch service products.

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