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## **Cyberport and Home and Youth Affairs Bureau Jointly Launch the Fourth Edition of the "HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme"**

*Over 16,000 Applications Received in Previous Cohorts*

*More Than Half of Employers Participating for the First Time This Year*

**Hong Kong, 22 January 2025** – **Cyberport** and the **Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB)** are continuing their collaboration this year to launch the "**HYAB Youth Start-up Internship Programme 2025**" (the Programme), supporting enterprises in nurturing talents and driving local innovation and technology (I&T) development. Cyberport start-ups will offer 100 internship positions across various innovative fields, such as FinTech, Smart Living, and Digital Entertainment. Employers under the Programme can engage interns on a full-time, part-time, or mixed-mode basis. Each internship position can receive a maximum monthly salary subsidy of HK\$11,200 provided by the HYAB.

Since its launch in 2021, the Programme has received overwhelming responses from both the youth and I&T companies. Over the past three cohorts, Cyberport has provided 300 internship positions, attracting over 16,000 applications and successfully matching more than 400 interns with Cyberport start-ups. This year, the Programme received applications from 168 Cyberport companies, half of which are first-time participants, reflecting broader industry support for the initiative. Participating companies span across sectors, with Smart Living being the largest, followed by FinTech and Digital Entertainment, showcasing the diversity of Hong Kong's I&T industry.

**Ir Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport**, said, "Hong Kong is striving to become an international I&T hub with a pressing demand for I&T talent. In the past three cohorts, the Programme has successfully nurtured numerous I&T talents for Hong Kong. This year, the goal is to further expand the talent pool for local start-ups. The participating companies from diverse I&T sectors can provide interns with valuable practical experience. Last year, about 34% of interns were employed by their employers after completing the Programme, a promising outcome that demonstrates the Programme's effectiveness in helping young people enter the I&T industry. Cyberport is committed to building a vibrant I&T ecosystem and will continue to work with the government to nurture I&T talents, supporting the robust development of Hong Kong's I&T sector."

The Programme welcomes students aged between 18 and 30, who are either Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card holders currently enrolled in full-time post-secondary programmes (including sub-degree, undergraduate or postgraduate programmes), or Hong Kong Identity Card holders currently enrolled in full-time post-secondary programmes (including sub-degree, undergraduate or postgraduate programmes) in Hong Kong, to participate. The internship eligibility and other details can be found on the [Cyberport website](#). The three-to-six-month Programme offers valuable work experience, and interns may also have the opportunity to join a four-day Greater Bay Area study tour to gain firsthand experience of the vibrant I&T ecosystem. The Programme is now open for registration starting today (22 January). Interested youth can directly submit their applications to individual companies through the [TechJob Asia platform](#). Young individuals aspiring to enter the I&T industry are encouraged to sign up for the valuable opportunity to intern at local start-ups. Cyberport will organise a series of training and networking activities for participating interns and start-up leaders, helping them build professional networks and lay the foundation for future development in the I&T industry.

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**About Cyberport**

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