Cyberport Congratulates Five Cyberport Community Companies for Being Recognised as HKSARG Strategic Enterprise Partners

Gathering Innovative Resources and Talents from Around the World to Drive Strategic Industries and Economic Growth

Hong Kong, April 9, 2025 – Cyberport welcomes the announcement of the fourth batch of Strategic Enterprise Partners by the HKSAR Government yesterday and congratulates the five Cyberport companies selected. These include **CertiK**, a fintech unicorn and Web3.0 cybersecurity company; **Baidu Apollo International**, an autonomous driving platform of the listed conglomerate Baidu; **FinLoop**, a global leading one-stop wealth management platform; **IceKredit**, a leading enterprise in financial services powered by artificial general intelligence (AGI); and **Yunji Technology**, a leading enterprise in embodied intelligent robotics. Cyberport fully supports these five enterprises in driving R&D, innovation and internationalisation of business, injecting new momentum into the development of Hong Kong's innovation ecosystem and digital economy.

Dr Rocky Cheng, CEO of Cyberport said, " As Hong Kong's digital technology hub and AI accelerator, Cyberport actively aligns with the national and HKSAR government development strategies, playing a key role in fostering Hong Kong's position as a 'super-connector' and 'super value-adder'. Cyberport has attracted over 10 strategic enterprise partners to settle in Cyberport, integrating their innovative technologies, research outcomes, business investments, research talents and other innovative resources to create high-quality jobs and nurture I&T talents, driving the development of new quality productive forces and strategic emerging industries in Hong Kong. At the same time, these enterprises will leverage Cyberport as an international springboard to promote their business internationally, boosting Hong Kong's headquarters economy. We believe that as Strategic Enterprise Partners, unicorn enterprise CertiK, Baidu Apollo International, FinLoop, IceKredit and Yunji Technology will inject new vigour into Cyberport's ecosystem with their leading strengths in blockchain security, autonomous driving, fintech, artificial intelligence and embodied intelligence. Cyberport will continue to attract more leading technology companies, enhancing Hong Kong's competitive advantages in R&D and internationalisation of the technology industry, and supporting Hong Kong in realising its vision as an I&T hub."

CertiK

CertiK is a world-leading Web3.0 security service provider headquartered in the United States, with a strong business presence in over 150 countries and cities, and is also a unicorn company of Cyberport. The founders of Certik are two well-known professors from

Yale University and Columbia University. Since its establishment, CertiK has been backed by 12 top-tier investors such as Goldman Sachs, Sequoia, Hillhouse and Shunwei, with a company valuation exceeding US$2 billion. CertiK offers a full lifecycle of security compliance services, including security risk assessments and audits, penetration testing, online real-time monitoring, security incident response, asset tracking and tracing, compliance consulting and audit. Based in Hong Kong, CertiK has extended its enterprise-level client services to Asia Pacific and globally, successfully serving multiple global banks and financial institutions by providing security auditing and advisory for virtual asset custodian services. CertiK also actively supports Web3.0 corporate clients, among which a number of them serviced by CertiK have applied for and obtained a virtual asset trading platform license from the Securities & Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

Professor Li Kang, Chief Security Officer of CertiK, said, **"**Cyberport is Hong Kong's incubating headquarter for Web3.0, AI, and FinTech start-ups. CertiK is lucky to be selected as an incubator at Cyberport to promote CertiK's enterprise application solutions. Hong Kong has the world's most comprehensive supply chain for the financial industry sector. This environment provides a full range of scenarios for security and compliance demands, allowing us to design solutions to help our clients meet the safety and compliance requirements in Hong Kong and around the world, enhancing their global competitiveness."

Baidu Apollo International

Baidu, a company listed in Hong Kong, began developing autonomous driving technology in 2013. Its autonomous ride-hailing service platform, Apollo Go, has already launched its services in more than ten cities, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Wuhan, and Chongqing, and has started road tests in Hong Kong while actively expanding to overseas markets. Based on the world's first large model supporting Level 4 autonomous driving, Apollo Go can ensure both technical safety and generalisation capabilities, with a safety level more than ten times higher than that of human drivers. Baidu has registered Baidu Apollo International Limited in Hong Kong. In November last year, it obtained the first pilot license and Autonomous Vehicle certificates in Hong Kong, starting the tests of autonomous vehicles in the airport area and gradually applying for more vehicles and test areas under relevant regulations. After moving into Cyberport in Hong Kong, the company has formed a local team, continuously recruiting and cultivating local talents, carried out industry-academia-research collaboration, and held technical popularisation lectures and online training courses in many primary, secondary, and tertiary schools. By continuously building a technological innovation ecosystem, Baidu aims to promote the popularisation and development of smart mobility.

Halton Niu, General Manager of Overseas Business of Baidu Apollo International, said **"**Hong Kong is the starting point for the company's global strategic layout. After Baidu Apollo moved into Cyberport in 2024, we have been committed to developing autonomous driving in accordance with Hong Kong's traffic rules and road conditions, based on more than a

decade of autonomous driving technology research and development by Baidu. This initiative also aims to boost related industries such as data centres, financial insurance, and maintenance and energy replenishment. Last year, we obtained the first pilot licence for autonomous vehicles and Autonomous Vehicle certificates in Hong Kong. We tested autonomous vehicles in the airport area, adhering to the principle of 'safety first,' without causing any accidents or traffic congestion. Currently, Baidu's autonomous vehicles are providing services in multiple cities in the Mainland and have started road tests in Hong Kong, accumulating over 10 million trips and a safe driving mileage of more than 150 million kilometres. In the future, we will leverage Cyberport to carry out industry-academia-research cooperation, develop and strengthen the innovative technology ecosystem for autonomous driving, and allow more Hong Kong residents to understand and experience autonomous vehicles."

FinLoop

As a one-stop corporate wealth management platform driven by AI, FinLoop has become a tenant of Cyberport since March this year. FinLoop delivers technological solutions to financial institution clients, covering a comprehensive range of wealth management products, including cash management, public funds, private funds, structured products, bonds, insurance, virtual assets (VA), and real-world assets (RWA). Based in Hong Kong and radiating across the Greater Bay Area (GBA), FinLoop has become one of the most impactful providers of financial products and technology solutions for Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect 1.0 and 2.0. Finloop is intensifying its competitiveness with cutting-edge technologies, by embedding AI into its innovation core. Its proprietary middle-office system of wealth management, also known as "FinOne", integrates deeply with AI technology to power three intelligent operating systems: AI Product Manager, AI Investment Advisor and AI Assistant. These systems significantly boost the operational efficiency of financial institution clients. FinLoop also taps into digital asset business, by offering one-stop technological solutions to help licensed institutions such as fund companies and virtual asset exchange institutions by providing technological services such as the redemption of virtual asset ETFs and stablecoin dealings. At the same time, FinLoop actively supports the development of tokenisation in Hong Kong, promoting Hong Kong as a hub for RWA tokenisation. FinLoop provides comprehensive and advanced fintech solutions for deeply assisting licensed institutions in participating in Hong Kong Monetary Authority's sandbox projects. This helps traditional financial institutions upgrade their systems to adapt to the new framework and landscape of wealth management in the virtual asset world.

Cai Hua, CEO of FinLoop, said: "Hong Kong, with its unique advantage of 'One Country, Two Systems', is a bridge between Mainland China and the international market, which is a perfect fit with FinLoop's two-way empowerment strategy. In recent years, the HKSAR Government has introduced a series of policies to promote technological innovation, including the construction of Cyberport's AI Supercomputing Centre (AISC) and other infrastructural facilities and advancing R&D, which have created a favourable environment

for FinLoop to expand its business in Hong Kong. After settling down in Cyberport, FinLoop will remain driven by 'digital intelligence', with a focus on AI to empower financial institution clients in achieving business growth and creating synergy across the wealth management industry—from technological R&D to financial scenario applications and market output. Simultaneously, we will strengthen cooperation with the HKSAR government, Cyberport, and local incubation organisations, actively participate in regulatory sandbox programs, strengthen ties with academia, promote knowledge sharing and standardisation, and work together to build an efficient, intelligent, and secure wealth management ecosystem."

<u>IceKredit</u>

IceKredit specialises in enterprise-level services powered by artificial general intelligence. Headquartered in Shanghai, the company has branch offices in Beijing, Hong Kong, Los Angeles and Singapore, and is leading in AI enterprise services sector and driving digital transformation for financial institutions. IceKredit currently provides AI-driven scoring and modelling services to more than a thousand clients worldwide, including banks, consumer finance companies, insurance providers and e-commerce platforms. By enhancing operational efficiency and profitability for its clients, the company also helps address credit needs of underserved groups such as small businesses and long-tail customers, promoting broader and more inclusive financial services. The company has received numerous accolades from governments and industry authorities, including National-Level Specialised and Innovative "Little Giant" Enterprise in China, CB Insights Global Fintech 250, KPMG Top 50 Leading Fintech Companies in China for seven consecutive years, and Forbes China Top 50 AI Companies.

Dr Gu Lingyun, Founder and Chairman of IceKredit, said: "Being recognised as a Strategic Enterprise Partner by the HKSAR Government is a tremendous encouragement for IceKredit. As one of the world's premier financial centres, Hong Kong is a crucial gateway for expanding our business footprint across the Greater Bay Area and beyond. We are committed to strengthening our collaborations with local financial institutions, cultivating AI-powered business models, and contributing to Hong Kong's role as a world-class financial hub. As Hong Kong's digital technology hub, AI accelerator and incubator for start-ups, Cyberport has emerged as a major driver of the city's new economy, particularly in nurturing AI and FinTech companies. Since landing in Cyberport, IceKredit has ramped up R&D investment targeting overseas markets, securing several new financial institution clients in Southeast Asia and the Middle East within just six months. Looking ahead, IceKredit plans to set its global headquarters in Hong Kong, attracting top tech talents from both local and international markets. The company will focus on developing standardised, market-specific risk management and marketing products tailored for Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. By embedding its proprietary Origin One Large Language Model into end-to-end client workflows while adapting to the unique regulatory landscape of each region, IceKredit aims to pioneer new pathways for AI-driven digital transformation in the financial services industry."

Yunji Technology

Founded in 2014, Beijing Yunji Technology Co., Ltd. is a pioneer in the research, development and commercialisation of hospitality robotic-based AI agents by harnessing the power of AI agents to deliver adaptive, scalable, consumer-centric and future-ready products and services. Currently, the Company has deployed its robots in more than 30,000 hotels, hospitals, factories, apartments, buildings and other scenarios worldwide, covering countries and regions such as the Middle East, Americas, South Korea, Japan and Thailand. In 2024, our robotic-based AI agents provided more than 500 million services and travelled 20.33 million kilometers, which is equivalent to roughly 507 laps around the Earth's equator. In 2023, Yunji Technology pioneered a new model of embodied AI agents with the launch of its UP robots, which are composite polymorphic robots capable of using tools, understanding assigned tasks and collaborating in groups. With the application of "robot + 5G technology", the Company was selected as one of the first batch of "List of Comprehensive 5G Application Solution Suppliers" by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) of China. Yunji Technology has been recognised as a "Specialised and New" Little Giant Enterprise by both the MIIT and the Beijing Municipal Government, won the "Wu Wenjun Artificial Intelligence Technology Award", a prestigious award for AI achievements in China, and participated in the development of 26 technical and industry standards.

Xie Yunpeng, Vice President of Yunji Technology, said, "AI is reshaping global industries and will also help Hong Kong, an international financial centre, build itself into an 'international innovation and technology hub'. As an innovative technology company focusing on AI agents, Yunji Technology ranks first globally in terms of the number of robots operating concurrently and total number of end consumers in multi-layer environments, and in the robotic-based AI agent market and AI agent market for hotels. As the overseas business headquarters of Yunji Technology, Hong Kong represents the most cost-effective choice for the globalisation of Yunji's AI agents. It offers abundant applications in settings such as hotels, hospitals and healthcare, along with innovation-friendly policies, resources and a pool of international talents. We feel honoured to receive recognition from the HKSAR Government. Yunji Technology has established a joint research and development centre with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and will settle down at Cyberport. Through strengthened cooperations with the Hong Kong Productivity Council and Lenovo SSG, we aim to deepen our roots in Hong Kong, collaborate with partners across various sectors to foster innovation, and enhance the life experiences of consumers worldwide."

Cyberport actively attracts high-quality I&T enterprises to settle in Cyberport and leads in connecting enterprises with the Mainland and overseas markets. Cyberport has attracted over 10 HKSAR Government's Strategic Enterprise Partners. In the past year (as of January 2025), more than 420 companies, 16% of which are from the Mainland or overseas, have settled in Cyberport, gathering I&T funds, technology and talent to drive R&D, transformation and application of cutting-edge technology in different areas. This effort creates more local

I&T jobs and enhances I&T talent support and economic value. At the same time, Cyberport collaborates with various official units and large enterprises from Mainland and overseas to deepen talent interaction, technology exchanges and innovation cooperation between Hong Kong and different regions. Cyberport is committed to fostering Hong Kong's roles as a 'super-connector' and a 'super value-adder', and to serving as a two-way springboard for attracting overseas enterprises and for Mainland enterprises to "go global".

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About Hong Kong Cyberport

Wholly owned by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, Cyberport is Hong Kong's digital tech hub and AI accelerator, with a vision to empower industry digitalisation and intelligent transformation, to promote digital economy and AI development, and to foster Hong Kong to be an international AI, innovation and technology (I&T) hub. Cyberport gathers over 2,200 companies, including 5 listed companies and 7 unicorns. One-third of onsite companies' founders come from 26 countries and regions, while Cyberport companies have expanded to over 35 global markets.

Cyberport, with Hong Kong's largest AI Supercomputing Centre and AI Lab as the engine, has been building the AI ecosystem with industry-leading AI companies and over 350 AI and data science start-ups. Through development of tech clusters, namely AI, data science, blockchain and cybersecurity, Cyberport empowers industries across smart city and government, banking and finance, digital entertainment, culture and tourism, healthcare, education and training, property management, construction, transportation and logistics, green environment and more, while hosting Hong Kong's largest FinTech community. Commissioned by the HKSAR Government, Cyberport has implemented proof-of-concept and sandbox schemes, subsidisation for digital tech adoption, industry tech training and start-up incubation, to drive technology R&D, translation and commercialisation, thus propelling digital transformation and intelligent upgrade across industry and society.

Also, as Hong Kong's key incubator, Cyberport supports entrepreneurs with funding and office space, extensive networks of enterprises, investors, technology corporations and professional services for business growth and expansion to Mainland China and overseas markets, all-round facilitation for landing in Hong Kong, talent attraction and cultivation, ready as a launchpad to take start-ups in any stages of development to the next level.

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