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HKSTP Chief Executive Officer Albert Wong appointed as Council Member of CUHK

(Hong Kong, 15 December 2023) – Mr Albert Wong, Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), has been appointed as a member of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Council. The appointment, made by the CUHK Council, is effective from 14 December 2023 for a term of three years.

Mr Wong said, "I am deeply honoured to be appointed as a member of the CUHK Council. As a comprehensive research university, CUHK has, over the past 60 years, nurtured a wealth of exceptional talents. It is home to a distinguished body of academics and researchers, achieving a status of global leadership across a variety of research areas. Technological innovation is a cornerstone of societal progress. I am keen to collaborate with the other members of the Council in fostering the long-term development of CUHK, assisting in the fulfilment to build Hong Kong as an international education as well as innovation and technology (I&T) hub."

HKSTP has built a thriving I&T ecosystem in Hong Kong, actively engaging in collaborations with stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and research sectors to strategically shape the future of Hong Kong. We maintain strong links with local universities, offering a variety of programmes and activities to jointly nurture I&T talent. In addition, we are dedicated to help universities commercialise their research and development (R&D) findings, taking full advantage of Hong Kong's strengths in R&D, innofacturing, and financing. The Hong Kong SAR Government's major I&T initiative, InnoHK, has established innovation and research clusters within Hong Kong Science Park, uniting premier local and international tertiary institutions and research institutes. By utilising our comprehensive range of value-added services from research to commercialisation, we strive to create impacts by turning research discoveries into tangible benefits for all.



Photo 1: Albert Wong, Chief Executive Officer of HKSTP.

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About Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) was established in 2001 with a mission to position Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology (I&T) hub. HKSTP has created a thriving I&T ecosystem supporting over 10 unicorns with more than 13,000 research professionals and over 1,500 technology companies from 24 countries and regions focused on healthtech, AI and robotics, fintech and smart city technologies.

We offer comprehensive support to attract and nurture talent, accelerate and commercialise innovation for technology ventures on their I&T journey. Our growing innovation ecosystem is built around our key locations of Hong Kong Science Park in Shatin, InnoCentre in Kowloon Tong and three modern InnoParks in Tai Po, Tseung Kwan O and Yuen Long. The three InnoParks are realising a vision of new industrialisation for Hong Kong, where sectors including advanced manufacturing, micro-electronics and biotechnology are being reimagined for a new generation of industry.

To support Hong Kong's future development and its growing demands of the I&T industry, HKSTP is actively connecting the city with Shenzhen. This aims to strengthen cross-border exchange, attract technology companies as well as talent from around the world, helping them go global by exploring the mainland China and overseas markets.

Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch in Futian, Shenzhen, opened in September this year with a gross floor area of 31,000 square meters. The two buildings provide both dry and wet laboratories, co-working areas, conference and exhibition spaces, and more. We will focus on attracting enterprises in seven key areas: Medtech, big data and AI, robotics, new materials, microelectronics, fintech and sustainability.

Through our infrastructure, services, expertise, and network of partnerships, HKSTP will help establish I&T as a pillar of growth for Hong Kong, while reinforcing the city's international I&T hub status as a launchpad for growth at the heart of the GBA innovation powerhouse.

More information about HKSTP is available at <u>www.hkstp.org</u>.

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