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## "Transforming Cities, Connecting Lives" – HKSTP Showcases Cutting-edge Smart City Innovations at InnoEX 2023

- HKSTP set up a Pavilion at InnoEX 2023 under the theme "Transforming Cities. Connecting Lives", with 13 park companies showcasing their smart city technologies and applications to visitors.
- HKSTP is pleased to announce its partnership of the inaugural Hong Kong/Shanghai Co-operation Data Forum cum Open Data Challenge 2023 at the InnoEX 2023. The debut Challenge aims to promote the development of smart city via the applications of open datasets in Hong Kong and Shanghai.
- HKSTP is committed to guiding innovative companies in realising the full potential of their smart city solutions and contributing to the development of Hong Kong as a smart city.

**(Hong Kong, 13 April 2023)** – Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation ("HKSTP") set up a Pavilion at InnoEX 2023 under the theme "**Transforming Cities. Connecting Lives.**" 13 Park companies, and their market-ready solutions for smart city technologies and applications, were featured for international experts and opinion leaders to promote cross-regional innovation and technology (I&T) collaboration.

HKSTP is committed to guiding innovative companies in realising the full potential of their smart city solutions and contributing to the development of Hong Kong as a smart city. By piloting their applications of innovations and through the Smart Campus in Science Park, Park companies are encouraged to co-create smart city solutions and engage in exchange of ideas with industry partners.

The 13 tech ventures showcased in the HKSTP Pavilion offer solutions for all levels of work to build a smart city from metaverse, management, AI to education. Application of metaverse related technological solutions helps improve customer experience for banking, education and tourism sectors; while the smart technology solutions from the tech ventures helps improve the efficiency in business operation as well as data processing and analysing. In addition, two seminars were organised to spark dialogues and exchange of ideas among the speakers from HKSTP tech ventures and the audience.

Chris Chan, Assistant Director, Incubation and Acceleration Programmes, Corporate Development Division of HKSTP, said, "Regional and international collaboration will continue to play an important role in the development of Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem. Exchanges like these bring more opportunities for technology companies and start-ups to fund their next-generation strategies and lead the way towards realising the brighter, smarter cities of tomorrow. HKSTP believes nurturing these innovative ideas and getting them market-ready will fast-track a smarter future where humans are connected more than ever with technologies".

Coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the "Hong Kong/Shanghai Co-operation Conference", the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economy and Informatization launched the inaugural Hong Kong/Shanghai Co-operation Data Forum cum Open Data Challenge 2023 (the 'Challenge') at the InnoEX 2023. HKSTP is pleased to announce its partnership in the Challenge. The debut Challenge aims to promote the development of smart city via the applications of open datasets in Hong Kong and Shanghai. The event, which includes forums, training, and competitions, will serve as a platform for the exchange of ideas and foster closer ties

between the two cities. The Challenge will open for applications from 1 May until 31 May 2023. Successful teams will have the opportunity to attend the final round of the competition, which will be held in August in Shanghai.

InnoEX 2023 is jointly organised by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) from 12 to 15 April 2023.  It aims to explore the next business opportunity at the premier platform for smart city innovation and technology commercialisation. The Exhibition brings together international exhibitors and buyers, thought leaders, tech experts, and research centres to further regional cross-industry and cross-sector collaboration through I&T exchange. With growing demand for smart city and digital business technologies, InnoEX 2023 showcases exceptional innovations and a range of cutting edge I&T solutions on smart living.



**Photo 1:** Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Lilian Cheong, Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, and Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP, visited HKSTP's Pavilion at InnoEX 2023 and explored the smart city solutions from 13 tech ventures.

**Photo 2:** HKSTP set up a Pavilion at InnoEX 2023 under the theme "Transforming Cities. Connecting Lives", with 13 park companies showcasing their smart city technologies and applications to visitors.

List of exhibiting HKSTP tech ventures exhibiting at the InnoEX 2023:

| 1 | A-China Semiconductor Limited |
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| 2 | CanvasLand Limited |
| 3 | Dayta AI Limited |
| 4 | DeepSite Limited |
| 5 | eSIX Limited |
| 6 | ESSAA Limited |
| 7 | Fill Easy Limited |
| 8 | Kodifly Limited |
| 9 | Lambda Sense Limited |
| 10 | LiDARist Co. Ltd. |
| 11 | Pantheon Lab Limited |
| 12 | Scan the World Limited |
| 13 | Xtra Sensing Limited |

Details of the HKSTP seminars:

Seminar 1:

| Topic: | Connecting Lives: How Technologies Revolutionise the Way Humans Interact and Collaborate |
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| Date: | Thursday, 13 April 2023 |
| Time: | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm |
| Venue: | Innovation Hub, Hall 3E South Concourse, HKCEC |
| Speakers: | • Millie Hung, Senior Manager, Promotions and Community Development, HKSTP<br>• Zen Fong, Head of Metaverse Ecosystem, CanvasLand Limited |

- Hu Xiaoping, Managing Director & Co-founder, DeepSite Limited
- Alex Tong, Co-founder and CEO, ESSAA Limited
- Matthew Lee, Founder and CEO, Fill Easy Limited
- Eugene Mak, Founder, Scan the World Limited
- Erik Suen, CEO and Co-Founder, DigiGear Technology Limited

Seminar 2:

| Topic: | Transforming Cities: How Smart City Innovations Solve Urban Problems |
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| Date: | Friday, 14 April 2023 |
| Time: | 10:30am – 11:30am |
| Venue: | The STAGE, Hall 3E South Concourse, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre |
| Speakers: | <ul><li>Millie Hung, Senior Manager, Promotions and Community Development, HKSTP</li><li>Patrick Tu, CEO & Co-founder, Dayta AI</li><li>Kinson Chan, CEO, eSIX Limited</li><li>Henry Wong, CEO & Co-founder, Kodifly</li><li>Amice Wong, Project Director, Lambda Sense</li><li>Leo Kwan, Founder and CEO, LiDARist</li><li>Nigel Ko, Chief Innovation Officer, Xtra Sensing</li></ul> |

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**About Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation**

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) has for over 20 years committed to building up Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology hub to propel success for local and global pioneers today and tomorrow. HKSTP has established a thriving I&T ecosystem that is home to two unicorns and Hong Kong's leading R&D hub with over 12,000 research professionals and over 1,200 technology companies focused on healthtech, AI and robotics, fintech and smart city technologies.

Established in 2001, we attract and nurture talent, accelerate and commercialise innovation and technology for entrepreneurs on their journey of growth in Hong Kong, to the Greater Bay Area, Asia and beyond. 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. The goal is sectors like advanced manufacturing, electronics and biotechnology are being reimagined for a new generation of industry.

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

More information about HKSTP is available at www.hkstp.org.

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