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# HKSTP and FHKI Nurture Young Entrepreneurs for I&T - "Innopreneur Experience Journey" Cohort 2 Concludes Successfully

- HKSTP and FHKI co-organised "Innopreneur Experience Journey" Cohort 2, offering around 40 students from local secondary schools a chance to gain "executive shadowing" experience and hands-on work opportunities.
- By deepening their interest and understanding in I&T and industry, the students could have better planning for their future studies and career path.
- HKSTP and FHKI have always been dedicated to nurturing talents with different backgrounds and experiences and encouraging them to join HK I&T and industrial sector, promoting "new industrialisation", and improving the entire I&T ecosystem.

(Hong Kong, 14 Apr 2023) – Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation ("HKSTP") and Federation of Hong Kong Industries ("FHKI") co-organised "Innopreneur Experience Journey" Cohort 2, which concluded successfully with a closing and graduation ceremony at Hong Kong Science Park today. Participating students and representatives from tech and industrial companies shared their unique experience journey and feelings of taking part in the programme.

For the past four days (11-14 Apr), the programme offered around 40 students from local secondary schools a chance to visit Hong Kong Science Park and InnoPark. On top of that, participating students have gained "executive shadowing" experience and hands-on work opportunities in selected member companies of FHKI and partner companies of HKSTP located inside Hong Kong Science Park or InnoPark. By deepening their interest and understanding, and broadening their horizon in innovation and technology (I&T) and industry, the students could have better planning for their future studies and career path.

The programme was sponsored by SINO Group and partnered with Po Leung Kuk Life Planning & Financial Education Centre. HKSTP and FHKI will continue to work together in nurturing talents with different backgrounds and experiences and encouraging them to join HK I&T and industrial sector, promoting "new industrialisation", and improving the entire I&T ecosystem.







**Photo 1:** "Innopreneur Experience Journey" Cohort 2 brought around 40 students from local secondary schools to the Tai Po InnoPark for a site visit at partner companies of HKSTP.



**Photos 2 and 3:** Students visited the Yakult factory in Tai Po InnoPark to learn about the manufacturing process and history of Yakult. Yakult is a probiotic milk beverage of which the entire production process is fully automated and monitored by on-site personnel and is tracked by the quality assurance department.







**Photos 4 and 5:** Students visited the factory of Farm66 located in the Precision Manufacturing Centre (PMC) to learn about their aquaponics farming technology – wastes from fishes are converted into nutrients that can be used by plants, which then extract the nutrients from water to grow and clean the water for the fishes. This is an environmentally friendly system that reduces the amount of fertilizer used and waste produced.





**Photos 6 and 7**: Students got a taste of the unique "Work. Live. Play. Learn." Innovation culture of HKSTP by visiting the Experience Centre and InnoCell inside Hong Kong Science Park.





**Photos 8 and 9:** Students gained "executive shadowing" experience and hands-on work opportunities in selected member companies of FHKI and partner companies of HKSTP located inside Hong Kong Science Park or InnoPark.







**Photo 10:** Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP and FHKI, delivered a speech at the closing and graduation ceremony, emphasising that "talent" is a key pillar for the development of I&T and new industrialisation.







**Photos 11 and 12:** "Innopreneur Experience Journey" Cohort 2 concluded successfully with a closing and graduation ceremony at Hong Kong Science Park today.

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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.

#### **About Federation of Hong Kong Industries**

Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) was established in 1960 to promote and foster the interests of Hong Kong's industrial and business communities. Representing manufacturing and associated businesses from 32 industry groups, FHKI brings together like-minded entrepreneurs to spearhead the advancement of Hong Kong's industry. Through policy advocacy, professional business support services and cross-sector collaboration, FHKI strives to build a dynamic industrial ecosystem to take forward transformation and re-industrialisation of Hong Kong's economy, sparkling new business opportunities and charting diverse paths for the younger generation.





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