

## Press Release

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### **HKSTP Delegation Visits Singapore to Kick Off “HKSTP Innovation Mixer” in Asia**

*Connecting Talent and Ecosystems to Capture Rapidly Growing HK-GBA-China Opportunity*

- HKSTP delegation visits Singapore and Malaysia to explore economic and trade partnership opportunities between Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong as well as the HK-GBA-China market potential.
- HKSTP further expands the development of Asia’s collective innovation and technology (I&T) ecosystems via the “HKSTP Innovation Mixer” programme.
- Park companies such as Lalamove, SenseTime and Huawei shared their business expansion and talent recruitment plans for Southeast Asia in the networking events.

**(Hong Kong, 31 May 2023)** – Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) launched “HKSTP Innovation Mixer”, an outreach programme aimed at collaborating with enterprises and talent from around the world to grow Southeast Asia’s collective innovation and technology (I&T) ecosystems.

In a four-day visit to Singapore and Malaysia led by HKSTP CEO Albert Wong, the HKSTP delegation strives to enhance the partnership between Singapore, Malaysia and HK to capture the rapidly growing HK-Greater Bay Area (GBA)-China market opportunity.

On the first day of the Singapore visit, Albert and the HKSTP delegation including Fanny Wong, Head of Talent & Human Resources at HKSTP and representatives of park companies met with Deng Chao, CEO of HashKey Capital and HashKey Singapore, to explore opportunities offered by Hong Kong as a global virtual asset hub with its growing Blockchain ecosystem.

The delegation then visited the National University of Singapore (NTU) and exchanged ideas with Professor Joseph Sung, Senior Vice President (Health & Life Sciences) Dean of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine at NTU. The delegation learnt about Hong Kong and Singapore’s talent landscape and the latest updates of the job markets.

During the visit, the delegation also organised two networking events and panel discussions on talent and enterprises. Representatives of HKSTP park companies including Lalamove, SenseTime, Huawei, Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, FreightAmigo, Fano Labs and Spaceship also attended the event. At “Tech Talent Ignite” event, park companies shared their business expansion and talent recruitment plans for Southeast Asia, as well as differences in work culture between Hong Kong and Singapore.

The HKSTP delegation also paid a visit to Enterprise Singapore (ESG), the government agency leading the support for enterprise development in the city state to explore inbound and outbound company exchange opportunities.

The HKSTP delegation will continue their tour in Malaysia on 1-2 June.



**Photo 1:** Mr. Albert Wong, CEO at HKSTP met with Deng Chao, CEO of HashKey Capital and HashKey Singapore to explore opportunities offered by Hong Kong as a global virtual asset hub with its growing Blockchain ecosystem.



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**Photo 3-5:** During the visit, the delegation also organised two networking events and panel discussions about talent and enterprises. Park companies shared their future expansion and recruitment plans in Southeast Asia, as well as the differences in work culture between Hong Kong and Singapore.





**Photo 6:** (From left to right) Ms. Pheona Kan, Associate Director, Business Development at HKSTP; Ms. Fanny Wong, Head of Talent & Human Resources at HKSTP; Mr. Albert Wong, CEO at HKSTP; Mr. Jonathan Lim, Director of Global Innovation Network at Enterprise Singapore; Mr. Jason TT Low, Senior Development Partner at Enterprise Singapore; Mr. Ahn Seongho, Management Associate at Enterprise Singapore, to explore inbound and outbound company exchange opportunities.

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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 supported 14 unicorns and Hong Kong's leading R&D hub with over 13,000 research professionals and over 1,400 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.

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