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HKSTP Showcases City's Biotech Ecosystem as a Platform for French Entrepreneurs to Scale and Go Global

Successful "Think Business, Think Hong Kong" event in Paris attracted 1,300+ participants to reinforce Hong Kong's position as a global hub for biotech talent and enterprises

- HKSTP participated in the "Think Business, Think Hong Kong" event in Paris and received a positive response from the French and Europe biotech and pharma industry.
- Four world-class biotech experts from fast-rising Hong Kong-based ventures showcased Hong Kong's strength to propel innovation to global success.
- HKSTP's integrated ecosystem is an engine of biotech funding, R&D, talent, partnerships and incubation to propel startups to scale and success.

(Hong Kong, 20 September 2023) – Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) successfully completed a showcase of Hong Kong's best biotech innovations and entrepreneurs at the "Think Business, Think Hong Kong" event organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) at Carrousel du Louvre, Paris on 19 September. The event attracted over 1,300 participants in total, of which over 1,000 were full-day participants.

Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKTSP, said: "The "Think Business Think Hong Kong" event has highlighted the huge synergy and collaboration potential between the Hong Kong and French biotech ecosystems, which can propel startups and pharma corporations to global success. Biotech ventures need vital support across the whole startup to scale-up journey as the biotech innovation path is long and challenging. The four rising stars of Hong Kong biotech here at the event prove that HKSTP has the ecosystem to support the global ambitions of biotech innovators as well as establish Hong Kong I&T on the global stage."

The HKSTP thematic session and adjoining pavilion themed "Unlocking Asia's Opportunities in Healthcare Innovation" received a positive response from the French biotech and pharma industry. Four world-class biotech experts from fast-rising Hong Kong-based ventures highlighted Hong Kong's strength to propel innovation to global success, as well as Asia's huge market potential as a global biotech growth engine.

A special gala dinner was held to conclude the event. It was attended by over 300 leaders of the French, European and Hong Kong business communities, including Mrs Valerie *Valérie Péresse*, President of the Ile de France Region Mr Paul Chan, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, Dr Peter Lam, Chairman of HKTDC, as well as the HKSTP delegation led by CEO Mr Albert Wong.

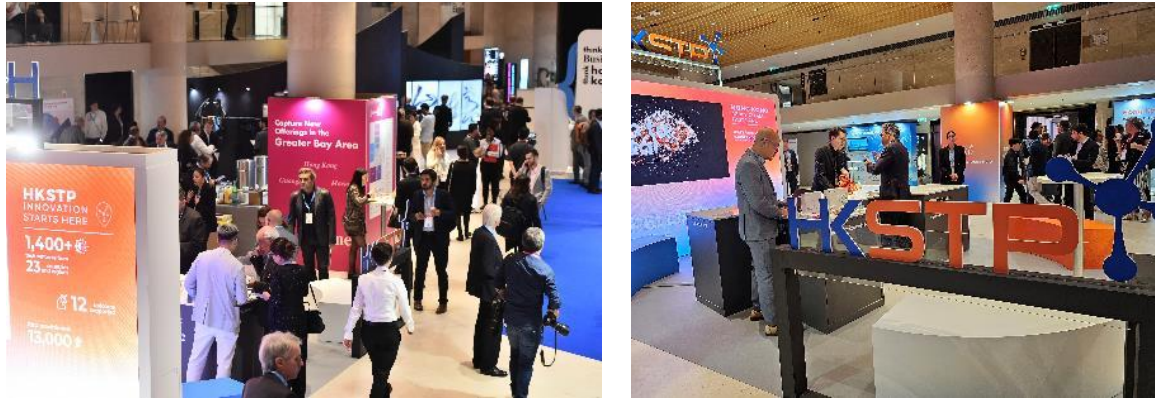


Photo 1-2: HKSTP joined the “Think Business, Think Hong Kong” event organised by Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) on 19 September, at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris to showcase Hong Kong’s strength to propel innovation to global success.



Photo 3-6: Mr Paul Chan, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, visited the HKSTP Pavilion to discover the latest products and applications in Hong Kong’s biotech and healthcare industry.



Photo 7: Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP, delivered a speech to outline how HKSTP and Hong Kong can help start-ups and pharma corporations scale for success and tap into the huge potential of Asia's healthcare technology market.



Photo 8: HKSTP co-hosted a thematic session themed 'Unlocking Asia's Opportunities in Healthcare Innovation'. Moderated by Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (first from left), biotech stars explored the collaboration potential between the Hong Kong and French biotech ecosystems to propel innovation to global success, including (left to right):

- **Prof Roberto Bruzzone**, Co-Director of Centre for Immunology & Infection (C2i), an InnoHK research centre.
- **Prof Siew Chien Ng**, a microbiology expert, Co-founder of GenieBiome, Professor of CUHK Faculty of Medicine, Director of Microbiota I-Center (MagIC).
- **Dr Ricky Chiu Yin-To**, Founder, Chairman and CEO of PHASE Scientific



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- **Dr Yiyou Chen**, Co-founder, Executive Director and Chief Scientist Officer of New Horizon Health.

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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 over 10 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. 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 reimaged 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 growth at the heart of the GBA innovation powerhouse.

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