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HKSTP's Trip to Silicon Valley Inspired Young Talent to Be Next Generation Tech Leaders
Experiences of the six Talent Game On 2K23 winners highlight enormous career opportunities for young people in a golden era of I&T

- HKSTP delegation led winners of the Talent Game On 2K23 challenge on an eye-opening journey to the West Coast of the US.
- Young talent gained experience of the thriving Silicon Valley innovation ecosystem and networking occasions with prestigious universities, inspiring more to join the I&T sector and explore the many possibilities within.
- Through various talent programmes, HKSTP is committed to unleashing the potential of the next generation and establishing Hong Kong as an international I&T hub.

(Hong Kong, 30 October 2023) – Led by a delegation of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), six winners of the Talent Game On 2K23 challenge embarked on an eye-opening journey to the West Coast of the US. Through the immersive experience of the thriving Silicon Valley innovation ecosystem and networking occasions with prestigious universities, young talents from all backgrounds were encouraged to explore the infinite possibilities in the I&T industry.

The five-day itinerary was packed with visits to global leaders in AI computing and semiconductor NVIDIA and AMD; tours at iconic tech companies, including Google and Apple; exploring the School of Engineering and networking events with students and entrepreneurs at Stanford University, as well as insightful sharing sessions from the Stanford's Professor and senior executives from Microsoft and Plug and Play.

Fun-filled activities were also arranged for the youngsters to experience cutting-edge technologies firsthand. For example, they explored the magic of VR with a first-of-its-kind immersive demo and the latest generation of smart glasses at Meta.

Ms Fanny Wong, Head of Talents and Human Resources, HKSTP, said, "As Hong Kong enters a golden era of innovation and technology, an exciting future lies ahead, not only for those from STEM disciplines but for all."

"HKSTP's Talent Game On and the trip to Silicon Valley are ideal showcases for young people to get a glimpse of the flourishing I&T ecosystem, inspiring them to explore the possibilities and pursue a career in I&T. By unleashing the potential of our next generation, we strive to strengthen our talent pool and establish Hong Kong as an international I&T hub." She added.

Attracting over 102,000 participants, the Talent Game On 2K23 challenge was held in the first half of this year, featuring the "Talent Quest" virtual game, "Park Exploration" experience sessions, "Battle with Bosses" interviews with Park companies' experts, among others. Two of the winners regarded the whole journey as inspiring, especially in the aspect of life planning.

"Technology is my passion and the reason why I'm studying AI and Machine Learning. But I had no clear sense of where it would take me. With insights from HKSTP programmes and Silicon Valley, where I had the opportunity to learn from real-world tech executives, I now believe that technology will lead me to a rewarding career in Hong Kong, the GBA, the UK and maybe even the US," said Jeffrey Chang, a master's student in Computing at Imperial College London. He also worked part-time at a Park company and was a champion in a hackathon co-organised by HKSTP.

Another winner Evan Tao said, "The Talent Game On has been a mind-blowing experience for me to connect with all those brilliant innovators and the I&T ecosystem. Hong Kong and HKSTP could be a springboard to new opportunities around the world that I had never contemplated." Evan was a marketing professional from the mainland with 10-year experience in the FMCG industry. After completing a master's degree in Hong Kong and an internship at Science Park, he is studying for a master's in Advanced Management at the School of Management, Yale University.

Photo 1: Talent Game On 2K23 winners visited the headquarters of Google in the US.

Photo 2: Talent Game On 2K23 attracted over 102,000 participants. Six winners embarked on a journey to the West Coast of the US.
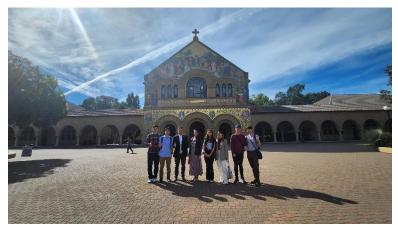

Photo 3: The winners visited the Stanford University. They said the Silicon Valley trip had inspired them in the aspect of life planning.

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 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 growth at the heart of the GBA innovation powerhouse.

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