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Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch Opens to Realise GBA Innovation Powerhouse Vision

The Shenzhen Branch supports local and global I&T enterprises to capture Mainland market opportunities and attract talents, enterprises and investment to the GBA and Beyond

- Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch opens to support global tech enterprises and talents to “attract in and expand out”.
- The Shenzhen Branch targets to house around 150 enterprises and supports the development of the GBA international I&T centre.
- The Shenzhen Branch will connect innovation ecosystems of Shenzhen and Hong Kong, providing all-round services for I&T talents and enterprises.

(Hong Kong, 7 September 2023) – Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (“HKSTP”) celebrated the opening of Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch (“Shenzhen Branch”) at Futian. The Shenzhen Branch will house around 150 enterprises and connect the innovation ecosystems of Hong Kong and Shenzhen, paving the way for tech ventures to enter the Mainland market as well as going global.

Last month, the Central Government launched the “Development Plan for Shenzhen Park of Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong Science and Technology Innovation Co-operation Zone” to promote high-quality development in the Greater Bay Area (GBA). With strong support from the Central and HKSAR Governments, HKSTP will continue to play an active role in helping local and global enterprises to “attract in and expand out”, achieving the mission of developing the GBA into an international innovation and technology (I&T) centre.

The newly opened Shenzhen Branch provides tech ventures with a two-way gateway to the thriving innovation ecosystems of HKSTP and Shenzhen. Participating enterprises can leverage the collaboration between corporations and startups, access to worldwide talents, reach new markets and connect with investors.

With a gross floor area of 31,000 square metres, the Shenzhen Branch offers co-working spaces, wet/dry laboratories, independent offices and MICE venues. Currently a total of 16 I&T companies have already moved in to support their global and regional expansion plans. HKSTP aims to attract enterprises from seven sectors including healthcare, big data & artificial intelligence, robotics, new materials, microelectronics, fintech and sustainability.



Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of the HKSTP said, “The opening of the Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch is a key milestone in HKSTP’s journey to actualise the full innovation potential of the GBA by integrating with Shenzhen, fulfilling the national mandate of establishing Hong Kong as an international I&T hub. The Shenzhen Branch will create a bridge between the two cities to unlock cross-border talents, knowledge, collaboration, incubation and market opportunities for local and global corporations and tech ventures.”

Located at 32 Shihua Road, Futian District, the Shenzhen Branch comprises of two six-storey buildings. Block A has a gross floor area of 21,000 square metres which specifically supports innovative enterprises to expand into the Mainland and international markets. The 10,000 square metres Block B is dedicated to incubation purposes to nurture talents and startups. The branch will serve as a platform to foster exchange and collaboration across government, industry, academia and research sectors, strengthening the innovation ecosystems of the two cities.

The Shenzhen Branch will provide all-round services for I&T talents and enterprises including:

- **Talent Recruitment & Nurturing:** grooming future tech leaders through the training and exchange platform “Talents Resources Centre”
- **Business Growth & Industrial Expansion:** fostering cooperation between startups and innovation enterprises in expanding into Mainland and global markets
- **University Incubation Network:** developing a network with corresponding universities in the GBA to nurture talents and startups
- **Listing & Financing:** assisting enterprises in financing and growth
- **Technology Collaboration, Manufacturing & Supply Chain:** supporting innovation enterprises end-to-end in seizing the opportunities in the GBA

Starting today, companies of all sizes can join the Shenzhen Branch to enjoy scalable, efficient, and tailored infrastructure and services to develop their business in the GBA and beyond. According to the 2022 Global Innovation Index (GII), the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong technology cluster is the second largest in the world. The enormous growth potential would propel the region into the largest “Bay Area” economy in the world.



Photo 1: Mr Michael Wong, the Deputy Financial Secretary (seventh from right), Professor Sun Dong, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (sixth from right), Mr Qin Weizhong, the Mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government (seventh from left), Dr Wang Weiming, the Director-General of the Department of Educational, Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (fifth from left), Mr Eddie Mak, the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (fifth from right), Ms Huang Weibo, the Deputy Director-General of Regional Economy Department of the National Development and Reform Commission and First-class Inspector (sixth from left), Mr Ivan Lee, the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (third from right), Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP (fourth from right), Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (second from right), and other guests officiated at the Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch opening ceremony.



Photo 2: Mr John Lee, Chief Executive of the HKSAR, delivered a speech at the opening ceremony.



Photo 3: Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of the HKSTP said that the opening of the Shenzhen Branch was a key milestone in HKSTP's journey to actualise the full innovation potential of the GBA by integrating with Shenzhen, fulfilling the national mandate of establishing Hong Kong as an international I&T hub.



Photo 4: Representatives of the park companies attended the opening ceremony. HKSTP targets to house around 150 enterprises from seven sectors including healthcare, big data & artificial intelligence, robotics, new materials, microelectronics, fintech to sustainability.



Photo 5: Located in Futian, the Shenzhen Branch covers a gross floor area of 31,000 square metre. It comprises two six-storey buildings to support global tech enterprises to “attract in and expand out”.

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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 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.

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

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