



## Press Release

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### **Over 800 local and international academics and scientists attended the InnoHK Summit 2023**

*Showcasing the latest developments in life sciences, AI and robotics, paving way to Hong Kong as an international science and research hub*

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- Experts from leading universities and industry representatives shared insights covering research and development (R&D) initiatives in the Life Sciences sector, artificial intelligence and the commercialisation of R&D outcomes.
- Representatives from 28 research laboratories of two InnoHK clusters, including Health@InnoHK and AIR@InnoHK, also attend the Summit to present their latest breakthroughs result from their collaborative research.

**(Hong Kong, 6 December 2023)** - Organised by the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), InnoHK Summit 2023 was held successfully in Hong Kong Science Park, attracting over 800 world-class academics, scientists, representatives of renowned institutes and industry leaders from Hong Kong and around the world. Under the theme of "From Collaborative Research to Real World Impact", the Summit aims to showcase the latest innovation and technology (I&T) developments and breakthroughs of InnoHK, Hong Kong's leading role as a global research collaboration hub, and its strengths in commercialisation and talent development.

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, gave his welcoming at the Summit by video. Mr Lee said that the InnoHK initiative strives to build a global network of mutual learning and advancement, and the Summit is testimony to the importance attached by the HKSAR (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region) Government to international collaboration for knowledge advancement, addressing global issues, and transforming scientific findings into innovations that benefit humankind. He encouraged the Summit's participants to draw on the spirit of collaboration, and make lasting connections that would lead to more scientific breakthroughs and innovations in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the forum, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, said that Hong Kong has always been an open cosmopolitan with a diverse community and remains the only place in the world where global connectivity and the China advantage come together. With the staunch support from the motherland's National 14th Five-Year Plan, and the opportunities brought by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong is well positioned for I&T development. The Chief Executive had announced the establishment of a new InnoHK research centre focusing on Generative AI in his newly released Policy Address and the preparation for the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster focusing on advanced manufacturing, materials, energy and sustainable development would commence next year.



The Founding President of the Hong Kong Academy of Sciences and Chairman of the InnoHK Steering Committee, Professor Tsui Lap-chee, pointed out in his speech that the exchange of knowledge and ideas by people from different parts of the world has always been crucial to stimulating advances in science and technology while turning scientific findings into solutions with real-world impact requires the collaboration among the academia, industry, government and civil society that transcends traditional sector boundaries. He emphasised that InnoHK encapsulated the two dimensions of collaboration by connecting institutions and researchers across Asia Pacific, Europe and North America and encouraging them to work with the industry to translate their research outcomes into applications.

The Chief Executive Officer of the HKSTP, Mr Albert Wong, also spoke at the forum. He stated that InnoHK is unique due to Hong Kong's high concentration of top researchers and universities, its international connections, and robust government support for I&T. HKSTP is committed to focusing on research and its practical application. It will continuously enhance the ecosystem by attracting more participants, investment funding, and additional resources to solidify Hong Kong's role as a global powerhouse of innovation and technology.

The Summit invited representatives from 28 research laboratories of two InnoHK clusters, namely Health@InnoHK, focusing on healthcare technologies, and AIR@InnoHK, focusing on artificial intelligence and robotics technologies to present their latest breakthroughs resulted from their collaborative research. They also shared the challenges faced, and set out targets and vision for future researches.

Also, the summit provided a platform for experts from leading local and international universities and industry representatives to exchange valuable insights on I&T topics, covering life sciences' research and development (R&D), artificial intelligence and commercialisation of R&D outcomes, during three panel discussions. They also discussed and exchanged views and ideas on the latest trends and perspectives of I&T research and development to harness the collective wisdom and insights that helps lay solid foundation for Hong Kong's transformation into an international I&T hub.

InnoHK is a major I&T initiative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government to develop Hong Kong as a hub for global research collaboration. Two research clusters have been set up at the Hong Kong Science Park, namely Health@InnoHK, focusing on healthcare technologies, and AIR@InnoHK that focuses on artificial intelligence and robotics technologies. InnoHK involves seven local universities and research institutions as well as over 30 top-notch institutions from 11 economies, pooling together 2,500 researchers locally and from all over the world.



**Photo 1:** Organised by the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, the InnoHK Summit 2023 was held in Hong Kong Science Park. Photo shows Mr John Lee, Chief Executive, delivering his welcoming remarks by video.



**Photo 2:** Photo shows Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, delivering speech at the opening ceremony.



**Photo 3:** Photo shows Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (centre); Professor Tsui Lap-chee, the Chairman of the InnoHK Steering Committee(second from left); Mr Eddie Mak, the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (second from right); Mr Ivan Lee, the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (first from left); and Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (first from right), officiating at the opening ceremony.



**Photo 4:** Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP stated that InnoHK is unique due to Hong Kong's high concentration of top researchers and universities, its international connections, and robust government support for I&T. HKSTP is committed to focusing on research and its practical application.



**Photo 5:** Photo shows Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (front row, seventh right); Professor Tsui Lap-chee, the Chairman of the InnoHK Steering Committee (front row, seventh left); Mr Eddie Mak, the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (front row, sixth right); Ms Wu Cheng, Deputy 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 (front row, fourth right); Mr Ivan Lee, the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (front row, first left); and Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (front row, first right), with members from the InnoHK Steering Committee, members of the Board of the HKSTP, presidents, chairmen and representatives of universities and institutions participating in InnoHK, and other guests.



**Photo 6:** Photo shows Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (front row, tenth left); Professor Tsui Lap-chee, the Chairman of the InnoHK Steering Committee (front row, ninth left); Mr Eddie Mak, the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (front row, tenth right); Mr Ivan Lee, the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (front row, eighth left); and Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (front row, ninth right), with directors of InnoHK research centres and their non-local collaborators.





**Photo 7:** Photo shows Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (front row, centre); Professor Tsui Lap-chee, the Chairman of the InnoHK Steering Committee (front row, tenth left); Mr Eddie Mak, the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry (front row, tenth right); Mr Ivan Lee, the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (front row, ninth left); and Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP (front row, ninth right), with members of the InnoHK Scientific Committee.



**Photo 8:** Photo shows Professor Alan Ashworth, President of the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California (second to left); Professor Stephan Beck, Professor of Medical Genomics, University College London Cancer Institute (third to left); Professor Angela Casini, Chair of Medicinal and Bioinorganic Chemistry, Technical University of Munich (second to right); Prof Muming Poo, Scientific Director of Institute of Neuroscience and Chinese Academy of Sciences & Director of Shanghai Center for Brain Science; Brain-Inspired Technology (China) (first from right) and Professor Tsui Lap-Chee, Founding President of Hong Kong Academy of Sciences, Chairman of InnoHK Steering Committee (first from left) shared their views towards innovation and technology development in a panelist discussion session.



**Photo 9:** One of the panel sessions is moderated by Mr Albert Wong, CEO of HKSTP, Hon Duncan Chiu, Legislative Council Member Functional Consultancy – Technology and Innovation (second from left), Ms Cindy Chow, Executive Director of Alibaba Entrepreneurs Fund (third from left), Mr Patrick Tsang, CEO of Deloitte China (first from right), Mr Chee-How Tan ,Vice President of Infineon Greater China for Power and Sensor Systems (second from right) and Mr Bo Hanson, Head of Global Fund Banking, HSBC Innovative Banking (third from right) to share about bridging innovation and commercialization.

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### **About Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation**

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) was established in 2001 with a mission to position Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology (I&T) hub. HKSTP has created a thriving I&T ecosystem supporting over 10 unicorns with more than 13,000 research professionals and over 1,500 technology companies from 24 countries and regions focused on healthtech, AI and robotics, fintech and smart city technologies.

We offer comprehensive support to attract and nurture talent, accelerate and commercialise innovation for technology ventures on their I&T journey. 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, where sectors including advanced manufacturing, micro-electronics and biotechnology are being reimaged for a new generation of industry.

To support Hong Kong’s future development and its growing demands of the I&T industry, HKSTP is actively connecting the city with Shenzhen. This aims to strengthen cross-border exchange, attract technology companies as well as talent from around the world, helping them go global by exploring the mainland China and overseas markets.

Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch in Futian, Shenzhen, opened in September this year with a gross floor area of 31,000 square meters. The two buildings provide both dry and wet laboratories, co-working areas, conference and exhibition spaces, and more. We will focus on attracting enterprises in seven key areas: Medtech, big data and AI, robotics, new materials, microelectronics, fintech and sustainability.



Through our infrastructure, services, expertise, and network of partnerships, HKSTP will help establish I&T as a pillar of growth for Hong Kong, while reinforcing the city'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](http://www.hkstp.org).

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