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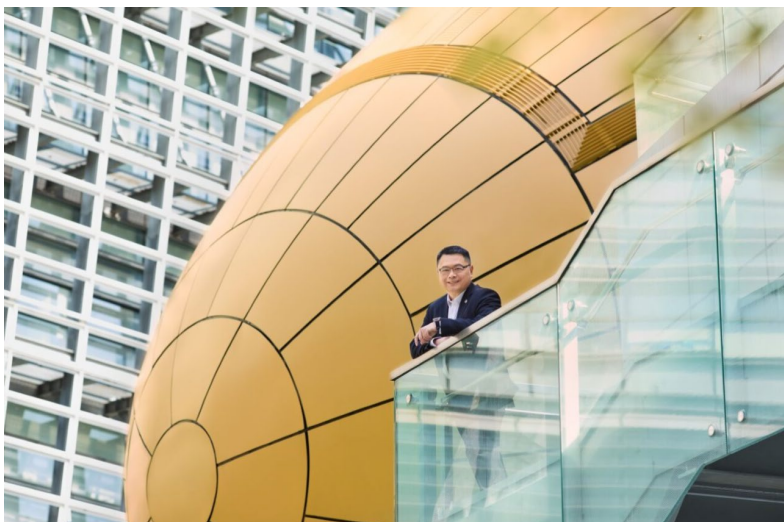
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HKSTP Warmly Welcomes Selection of Hong Kong Payload Specialist Contributing to National Technological Development

(Hong Kong, 11 June 2024) - The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) is immensely encouraged by the selection of the first Hong Kong resident as a payload specialist in the fourth cohort of national preparatory astronauts and expresses deep gratitude for the national support extended to Hong Kong.

The appointment of the inaugural Hong Kong payload specialist marks an unparalleled opportunity for conducting scientific space research, underscoring the nation's esteem and recognition of Hong Kong's scientific community. Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP, said, "The significant achievements of the national spacecraft programme fill Hongkongers with immense pride. In 2022, HKSTP was selected as one of the preliminary screening organisations, and we felt privileged to encourage eligible researchers from our park to participate. We are honoured to be involved in this historic endeavour and extend our heartfelt congratulations to the first Hong Kong resident chosen as a payload specialist in the national preparatory astronaut programme, a distinguished honour for Hong Kong."

HKSTP will continue to strengthen the innovation and technology (I&T) ecosystem and actively promote the development of Hong Kong as an international I&T hub while fully integrating into the broader national development strategy.



Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of HKSTP



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About Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation

Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) was established in 2001 to create a thriving I&T ecosystem grooming 12 unicorns, more than 14,000 research professionals and over 1,800 technology companies from 28 countries and regions focused on developing healthtech, AI and robotics, fintech and smart city technologies, etc.

Our growing innovation ecosystem offers comprehensive support to attract and nurture talent, accelerate and commercialise innovation for technology ventures, with the I&T journey 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 realising a vision of new industrialisation for Hong Kong, where sectors including advanced manufacturing, micro-electronics and biotechnology are being reimaged.

Hong Kong Science Park Shenzhen Branch in Futian, Shenzhen plays positive roles in connecting the world and the mainland with our proximity, strengthening cross-border exchange to bring advantages in attracting global talent and allowing possibilities for the development of technology companies in seven key areas: Medtech, big data and AI, robotics, new materials, microelectronics, fintech and sustainability, with both dry and wet laboratories, co-working space, conference and exhibition facilities, and more.

Through our R&D infrastructure, startup support and enterprise services, commercialisation and investment expertise, partnership networks and talent traction, HKSTP continues contribute in establishing I&T as a pillar of growth for Hong Kong.

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