

## Hong Kong teams win 20 awards at APICTA Awards 2023 (with photos)

The Awards Presentation Ceremony of the Asia Pacific Information and Communications Technology Alliance (APICTA) Awards 2023 was held today (December 8). In the event organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), Hong Kong teams achieved remarkable results again, bagging a record-breaking total of seven Winner and 13 Merit Awards among over 250 entries, ranking first among the 16 participating economies.

This year's APICTA Awards, hosted by Hong Kong for the third time since 2004 and 2013, brought together over 600 leaders and elites of the information and communications technology (ICT) industry from across the Asia Pacific region. Through four days of award judging and networking activities, the event promoted collaboration in the region's ICT sector and provided opportunities for participants to experience the leading advantages of Hong Kong's innovation and technology (I&T) development.

The Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, congratulated all winning teams at the awards presentation ceremony and applauded their outstanding achievements, which inspired the ICT innovators across the Asia Pacific region. Professor Sun said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government values the contributions of talent with diverse backgrounds and expertise, and will pursue the prevailing strategy of attracting and retaining talent with a view to nurturing an even more vibrant and thriving I&T ecosystem.

The Government Chief Information Officer, Mr Tony Wong, presented awards to winners at the ceremony and commended their outstanding performances. Hong Kong teams performed exceptionally well among over 250 award entries. The list of award-winning projects by Hong Kong teams is in the attachment.

The OGCIO and HKCS, with co-sponsorship by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, also hosted "Hong Kong Night" at Cyberport last night (December 7), enabling Hong Kong teams to present their insights, innovative ideas and technology solutions to representatives from other participating economies. Earlier that afternoon, three networking sessions were arranged to facilitate insightful exchanges among primary, secondary and tertiary students of the member economies, as well as forge new connections for start-ups with their counterparts and investors from across the member economies.

Brunei Darussalam has been chosen as the host of the 23rd APICTA Awards next year.

The APICTA Awards is an acclaimed international awards programme organised annually by the APICTA. Through the concerted support of the 16 member economies, the APICTA Awards is highly regarded by the ICT industry in the Asia Pacific region. More details of the Awards are available on the

thematic website [apicta2023.hk](http://apicta2023.hk).

