

Innovation and Technology Commission launches Innovation Hub@HK website (with photos)

The Launch Ceremony of the Innovation Hub@HK website organised by the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) smoothly concluded today (August 18), marking the combined strength of innovation and technology (I&T) of Hong Kong's universities and research institutes to contribute together in making Hong Kong an international I&T hub.

The ITC launched the Innovation Hub@HK website with the aim of showcasing the research and development (R&D) outcomes of universities and research institutes of Hong Kong. The website provides a one-stop platform to connect universities, research institutes and the industry to facilitate the technology transfer and commercialisation of R&D outcomes, assist the industry to enhance efficiency and to upgrade and transform business, thereby strengthening competitiveness.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, said, "Universities in Hong Kong have many top-notch scholars and specialists. Their fields of research are very extensive and forward-looking. Therefore, Hong Kong has the ability of breaking through the stage from 'zero to one' in I&T development. We treasure the valuable outcomes in Hong Kong over the decades, which was not easy to come by. Hong Kong's numerous R&D outcomes are also widely recognised by the Mainland and worldwide". He added that the Innovation Hub@HK website showcased various R&D outcomes and facilitated closer collaboration among academia, research institutes and the industry, thereby jointly promoting the I&T development and re-industrialisation in Hong Kong, which would foster the development of a diversified economy, boost Hong Kong's economic development and create more quality employment opportunities.

The Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Ms Rebecca Pun, said at the launch ceremony that the Commission would continuously enhance the Innovation Hub@HK website with more functions and enrich its contents, consolidating other important components of Hong Kong's I&T ecosystem, and would gradually include the outcomes of the 28 InnoHK research laboratories. She said, "We expect the Innovation Hub@HK website will expand and bring together Hong Kong's I&T power, and collaborate to commercialise Hong Kong's R&D outcomes".

Subsequently, Professor Sun, together with the Permanent Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Mr Eddie Mak, and other officiating guests jointly presided over the ceremony and launched the Innovation Hub@HK website.

The Government has all along been strengthening Hong Kong's I&T edge

through substantial investments and has implemented various measures to enhance technological research infrastructure, pool together technology talent, promote research and development, support start-ups and commercialise R&D outcomes, etc. The overall I&T ecosystem in Hong Kong is becoming more vibrant through collaboration among the Government, industry, academia and research institutes.

The Innovation Hub@HK website currently includes over 360 R&D outcomes from six research institutes and six universities. Details of the R&D outcomes are available at the website (www.innovationhub.hk).

