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Cyberport FinTech Training Programme to Launch Eligible financial practitioners can receive a government subsidy of 80 per cent

Hong Kong, 4 November 2019 – Cyberport is committed to nurturing FinTech talents. As announced in the Policy Address this year, Cyberport will launch a FinTech Training Programme targeting in-service financial practitioners in January next year. The programme will provide seminars and workshops for practitioners who are currently in the sector to deepen their understanding of FinTech, thereby enriching the FinTech talent pool and promoting the adoption of innovative FinTech solutions in the traditional financial services sector. More than 30 training courses will be provided and eligible financial services practitioners can receive a government subsidy of 80 per cent of the training fee. More than 1,500 practitioners are expected to benefit.

The FinTech Training Programme Info Seminar was held in the HKUST Business School Central today. Representatives from human resources and training departments of financial institutions were in attendance to learn about the programme and exchange ideas. The Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE), a well-known Fintech training institution from the UK will be the official Training Partner of the programme. Its Head of Entrepreneurship and Academic Board, Janos Barberis, hosted a mock lecture to share on the impact of FinTech on the global banking industry and local development to illustrate the programme's content and training format.

Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport, said, "As an international financial centre, FinTech development will help enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness. FinTech talent cultivation is absolutely crucial in achieving this. We deeply appreciate the HKSAR government for recognising Cyberport's efforts in fostering FinTech development and entrusting us with the mandate to provide FinTech training for the financial industry. We hope the programme will further expand our FinTech talent pool. By offering training to financial practitioners of different levels and positions, including senior executives, and enhancing their understanding of FinTech, we can encourage and accelerate the digital transformation of traditional financial institutions, thereby enhancing their competitiveness with technology."

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB) are the strategic partners of the programme, providing academic and industry professional advice, venue support and promotional support for the programme. More than 30 training sessions will be available, divided into two categories, namely "FinTech Foundation Seminars" and "Deep Dive Workshops". The seminars target financial institution executives and decision makers by inviting Industry experts and professionals to share on the latest trends in FinTech as well as digital transformation strategies. The seminars will also focus on specific FinTech topics, such as RegTech, InsurTech, capital market trading, cybersecurity, blockchain and more. Cyberport FinTech start-ups will be invited to share their innovative solutions in related fields. The workshops are aimed at general practitioners, covering areas such as digital mindset, digital asset management, cybersecurity, AI application, corporate ventures, user experience and more.

The programme welcomes in-service practitioners from banking, insurance, securities sectors and fund companies to enhance their FinTech knowledge, consolidate relevant skills and grasp the trend of global FinTech innovation and applications. Through case studies of global financial centres such as London and New York, best practices of digital transformation will be examined. Details of the first batch of training sessions will be announced and open for online registration in mid-November. For more details, please visit the Cyberport website.

In order to ensure the diversity and relevancy of the content to local practitioners, Cyberport has formed the 'Cyberport Academy Advisory Group for FinTech' to provide professional advice on the course's content and training direction. The advisory group comprises representatives from the Government, academia and professional bodies, including the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, HKUST, HKIB, the FinTech Association of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Association of Banks, the Hong Kong Federation of Insurers and established start-ups (Details refer to appendix).

As the largest FinTech hub in Hong Kong, Cyberport houses more than 350 FinTech start-ups and companies. As stated in the Policy Address, the HKSAR government will collaborate with Cyberport to establish 'Fintech@Gloucester', a new FinTech event space for stakeholders including FinTech companies, traditional financial industries, innovation laboratories and accelerators, venture capital firms and FinTech training institutions, to engage and exchange ideas, with a view to driving demand for FinTech and creating business opportunities.

Photo Description :



[Photo 1]: Cyberport will launch the FinTech Training Programme for in-service financial practitioners in January next year, providing various forms of workshops and training activities.



[Photo 2]: Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport expects the programme will expand the FinTech talent pool of Hong Kong and encourage digital transformation of financial institutions by enhancing the FinTech knowledge of financial practitioners of all levels, including senior executives.



[Photo 3]: The FinTech Training Programme Info Seminar was held in the HKUST Business School Central today. Human resources and training representatives from different financial institutions attended to learn about the programme and share their opinions.

For high resolution photos, please download via this [link](#).

Appendix :

Cyberport Academy Advisory Group for FinTech Board Member List
Professor KY Tam, Dean of Business and Management, HKUST Business School
Mr TE Chi-wang, Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Mr Rocky Cheng, FHKCS, Vice President (Greater China Affairs) and General Manager of Information Technology, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
Ms Carrie Leung, Chief Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers
Mr Angus Choi, Chief Executive Officer, JETCO
Ms Selina Lau, General Manager, Communications & Committee, The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers
Mr Ken Lo, Board Member, The FinTech Association of Hong Kong
Mr Fred Ngan, Co-founder and Co-CEO, Bowtie Life Insurance Company Limited
Mr Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer, Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (The Secretariat)

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About Cyberport

Cyberport is an innovative digital community with around 1,400 start-ups and technology companies. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, which is wholly owned by the Hong Kong SAR Government. With a vision to be the hub for digital technology thereby creating a new economic driver for Hong Kong, Cyberport is committed to nurturing a vibrant tech ecosystem by cultivating talent, promoting entrepreneurship among youth, supporting start-ups on their growth journey, fostering industry development by promoting strategic collaboration with local and international partners, and integrating new and traditional economies by accelerating digital transformation in the public and private sectors. For more information, please visit www.cyberport.hk

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