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Cyberport Enhances Summer Internship Programme to Encourage Cross-discipline Development

Internship quota increases to 100, creating a win-win for start-ups and students

Hong Kong, 13 July 2020 - Cyberport is committed to nurturing technology talents and providing development and training opportunities to local youngsters, with a view to expanding Hong Kong's innovation and technology (I&T) talent pool. This year, the Cyberport Digital Tech Internship Programme (CDTIP) enters its 10th year anniversary. Under Cyberport Academy, Cyberport has enhanced the programme by increasing the internship quota and expanding the scale of the programme to encourage more students to gain I&T related work experience, in order to enrich the talent pool and fulfill the growing need for technology talent. The opening ceremony of CDTIP was held last Saturday (11 July) with Mr. Alfred Sit Wing-hang, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology Bureau giving the opening remarks as the officiating guest.

CDTIP serves as a bridge connecting youngsters who are eager to join the I&T industry and Cyberport community start-ups and tech companies by offering cross-discipline job and training opportunities to students. Since 2011, CDTIP has provided internship opportunities to over 1,000 young talents. Cyberport is scaling up the programme this year and has increased the internship quota by more than two-fold to 100. The programme focuses on three Cyberport major clusters, namely FinTech, digital entertainment and e-sports as well as smart living, connecting students with Cyberport community members for internship training in diverse areas including digital payment, InsurTech, AI, big data, blockchain, EdTech and eCommerce. Students will gain diversified working experience during the 8- to 12-week internship period.

CDTIP has also been enhanced through the introduction of a series of enrichment activities this year. Financial regulators, industry partners and technology companies, including Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Insurance Authority, InvestHK, the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, FinTech Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Digital Entertainment Association, Smart City Consortium, Amazon Web Services, Hong Kong Broadband Network, Xccelerate, Growth Marketer Academy and others, will be conducting seminars, workshops and industry visits for students so as to deepen their learning experiences.

Mr. Alfred Sit, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology Bureau, said at the opening ceremony, "I&T is widely recognised as an essential economic driver in the new era and human capital is key to the development of I&T. This year marks the tenth year in which Cyberport has organised the Digital Tech Internship Programme. I encourage youngsters to seize these opportunities to expand their network and widen their horizons. Our young people are creative and innovative. With the right opportunities and exposure, I am confident that they will be successful in their I&T career."

Mr Peter Yan, Chief Executive Officer of Cyberport, said, "We are encouraged to see this year's programme match a record-high 100 student participants with internship opportunities. This demonstrates that, despite the pandemic, there remains a robust demand for talent from the Cyberport companies and more importantly, a strong desire from our youth to gain

experience in a start-up environment. This is a reflection of their strong interest and confidence in career development in the I&T industry. The internship programme provides young talent hands-on experience in technology projects while at the same time lets our start-ups recruit fresh talent, creating a win-win situation. We see this as an excellent initiative to fulfil Cyberport’s mission in talent cultivation for the development of Hong Kong’s digital technology ecosystem.”

To address the upcoming demand for technology talent and Hong Kong’s development strategies, Cyberport has launched Cyberport Academy as an open platform to provide youth and industry practitioners from different sectors easy access to different I&T training and development opportunities. By engaging top technology, private, and academic institutions, Cyberport will organise a number of activities, trainings and internships under the Cyberport Academy, inspiring and encouraging more young people to join the I&T industry with a vision to enrich and expand Hong Kong’s tech talent pool to support the city’s long-term economic growth.

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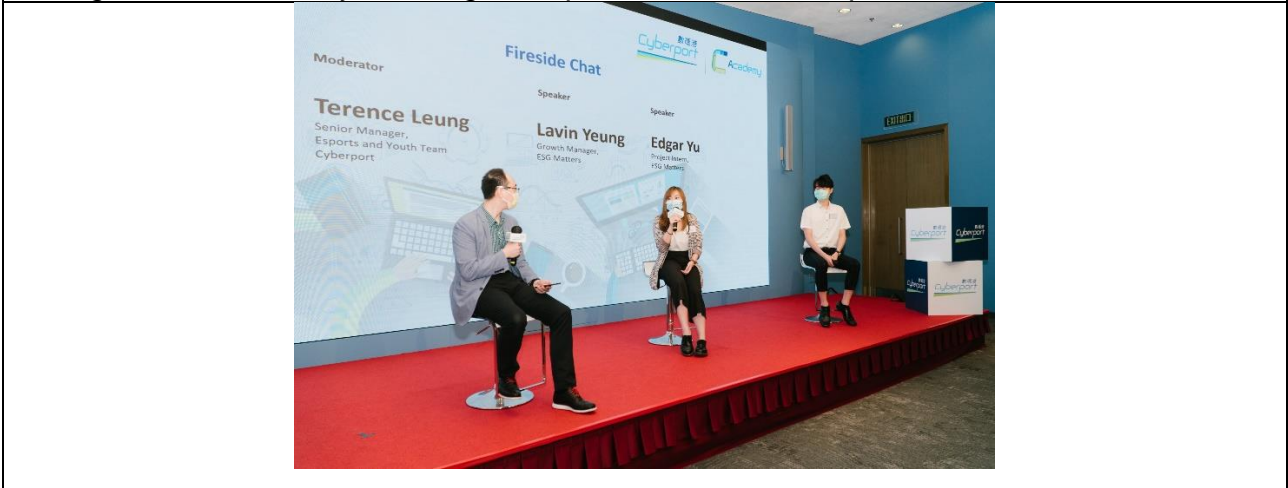
The opening ceremony of the Cyberport Digital Tech Internship Programme (CDTIP) was held last Saturday (11 July). The internship quota has increased by more than 2 folds to 100 this year, providing more opportunities for students who are interested in the I&T industry.



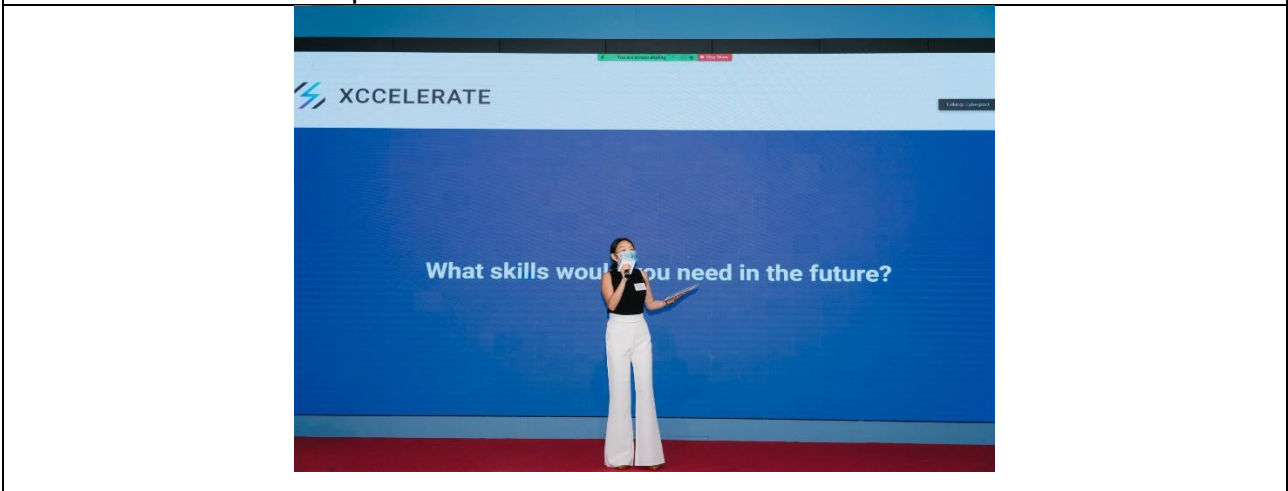
Mr. Alfred Sit, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology Bureau encourages youngsters to expand their network and widen their horizons through CDTIP.



Mr. Peter Yan, Chief Executive Officer of Cyberport says the record-high student participation reflects a strong demand for technology in society and more importantly, a strong desire from our youth to gain experience in a start-up environment.



At the ceremony, FinTech start-up ESG matters and a student intern who participated in CDTIP to share their experience.



The first training began right after the opening ceremony of the programme, with Xccelerate, a tech and coding academy, sharing knowledge on AI, big data and blockchain with participating students.

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Cyberport is an innovative digital community with around 1,500 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.

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