

Welcome Remarks at the HSUHK Entrepreneurship Day 2021

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Mr Duncan Chiu, Dean Bradley Barnes, Dr Thomas Man, Distinguished Judges, Sponsors, Guests and Students,

On behalf of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, I would like to express our warmest welcome to you all for joining the HSUHK Entrepreneurship Day 2021 — an annual key event of our Wu Jieh Yee Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (WUCIE). Since the inception of the Centre in 2018, the Entrepreneurship Day has become a significant event on our campus where our student entrepreneurs, alumni, business executives, and investors meet and witness the entrepreneurial success of our students.

WUCIE was established through the generous donation of the Wu Jieh Yee Charitable Foundation. The key aim of WUCIE is to nurture future entrepreneurs and innovators. It is the place to equip our students to pursue their entrepreneurial dream. So far, over 3000 students have joined various activities and events organized or co-organized by WUCIE for a better preparation of their entrepreneurial journeys.

Today, we are very grateful to have Mr Duncan Chiu joining us as our keynote speakers on the topic “The Road of Innovation after COVID-19 – Perspective from an Investor”. Mr Chiu is Convenor of Innovate for Future (IFF), President of the Hong Kong Information Technology Joint Council (ITJC) and Co-Founder & Managing Director of Radiant Venture Capital Limited. He has been actively engaged in the IT, technology and cultural sectors. He is also well known for his commitment to support youth entrepreneurs.

Another key activity today is the final presentation of HSUHK x SCMP Entrepreneurship Challenge 2021 (E-Challenge 2021). Under the theme of “New Opportunities under New Normal”, WUCIE had organized a series of start-up related workshops in collaboration with SCMP, Cyberport and Amazon Web Service Educate (AWS Educate) over the past two months as the preparatory stage of E-Challenge. Over a hundred students and colleagues have joined these workshops.

Despite the uncertain circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, 14 teams participated in the first round of E-Challenge and submitted their start-up ideas and one-minute pitching videos. The first-round judges found the submissions this year of exceptionally high quality. Finally, five finalist teams were selected to present their business plans on stage and compete for the awards today.

The teams comprise not only our students but also students from other tertiary institutions, including The University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, etc.

The winning teams will receive a cash prize, a seed fund, a pre-incubation programme, mentorship support and access to co-working space to help them implement their business plans. Also, thanks to our strategic partner Cyberport, the winning teams will be offered a fast-track opportunity of Cyberport Creative Micro Fund – Young Entrepreneur Programme, valued at HKD100,000. In addition, we are most grateful for the support from the sponsors, AWS Educate as well as the Excellent Global Business Center.

We are honoured to have a distinguished panel of the final round judges today. They include the Panel Chair: Mr Dicky Yuen (Chairman of HSUHK Alumni Association and Founder of Venturenix Limited), and Panel Members: Mr Perkins Ho (Senior Business Development Manager, Hong Kong Taiwan Strategic programs from AWS Educate), Mr Terence Leung (Senior Manager, Esports and Youth Team from Cyberport) and Mr Tommie Lo (Founder of Preface Coding).

In closing, I hope this Entrepreneurship Day is a time for us to collaborate, to grow and to explore a better future together. Let's enjoy today's event!

Thank you.