

Welcome Remarks at the HSUHK Entrepreneurship Day 2025

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Fung Yiu King Hall, 4/F, S H Ho Academic Building, North Campus, HSUHK

Mr Derek Chim, Team Members of HKSTP, esteemed guests, colleagues, alumni, and students,

A very warm welcome to HSUHK Entrepreneurship Day 2025 organised by our Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE). This marks the 8th Entrepreneurship Day since its inception in 2018. It is truly inspiring to see so many bright minds gather here today, united by a shared passion for innovation and entrepreneurship.

We are deeply privileged to have Mr Derek Chim, Head of Startup Ecosystem and Development from Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks (HKSTP), as our keynote speaker today. With his extensive experience in nurturing young entrepreneurs and his expertise in digital transformation, product development, and corporate innovation, his insights will undoubtedly inspire our young talents on their entrepreneur journeys and to push the boundaries of what is possible.

Today, we will witness the outcome of the Entrepreneurship Challenge, which has been the University's premier business competition for eight consecutive years. This year, under the theme "Empowering Young Innovators," five outstanding start-up teams will showcase their innovation ideas—spanning AI, health tech, translation, social innovation, and beyond—before a panel of esteemed judges. This competition not only highlights the entrepreneurial talents at HSUHK but also reinforces our mission to bridge academia with real-world opportunities.

We are also pleased to update you that CIE has recently been awarded approximately HK\$8 million under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) "Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area", supported by the Youth Development Commission. This additional funding enhances our support to students and alumni who aspire to launch their businesses in the Greater Bay Area. Later today, we will share more details about this scheme.

I would like to extend special thanks to our strategic partners, including Cyberport, HKSTP, and HKAI Lab. Your support is instrumental in making this event a success.

To all participants: Whether you are here to compete, learn, or network, I encourage you to embrace Entrepreneurship Day as a platform for growth and discovery. The

future belongs to those who take bold steps—and today is the perfect opportunity to begin that journey.

Thank you for your unwavering support of entrepreneurship at HSUHK. We are honoured to have you with us as we celebrate innovation, creativity, and the spirit of entrepreneurship.

I wish everyone an engaging, inspiring, and rewarding Entrepreneurship Day!