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### Welcome Remarks at the [CIE x SDSC] Start-up Realities Talk

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Good afternoon, distinguished Speaker Mr Ian Huang, colleagues, students, and many special guests joining us today. We're truly delighted to have you with us here.

On behalf of the Hang Seng University, we are honoured to have Mr Ian Huang sharing with us his insights on "*Start-up Realities: What They Don't Tell You about Innovation, Leadership, and Succeeding the Quest*".

Mr Huang is CEO of InnoTech Venture, a serial entrepreneur and innovation leader whose journey spans Silicon Valley, Hong Kong, Singapore, and beyond. I first came across Ian's work at the board meeting of the Monte Jade Science & Technology Association of HK. I was impressed by his tech-start-up track records, his passion, and his big heart for sharing what he's learned with the next generation. I'm very glad that we could bring him here today connecting with our students, faculty, and friends of the University.

From robotics and satellite networks to blockchain and AI, Ian has built ventures that push the boundaries of what's possible, apart from winning many patents. And today, he's here to share something truly valuable: the realities behind the success stories. The part that doesn't always make it into textbooks or headlines.

Whether you're aiming to build a start-up, join one, or just want to think more boldly, I hope today's session will inspire you to take that next step.

What makes this talk equally exciting is the collaboration between our Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) and the School of Decision Sciences (SDSC). Together, they reflect our commitment to bringing bold, real-world perspectives into the heart of our University community.

This is exactly what our University's "Liberal + Professional" educational model is all about, an education that prepares you not just for exams and for a job, but for Innovations, leadership, social impacts, and meanings in life.

Once again, thank you for joining us! I hope you enjoy this sharing today!