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Hong Kong Policy Address 2018

- The Hong Kong Policy Address 2018, themed “Striving Ahead, Rekindling Hope”, was announced on 10th October 2018.
- The Hong Kong Government has proposed funding of more than HKD 20 billion for the development of innovative technologies.

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In the Hong Kong Policy Address 2018, the Government has focused the coming year’s policy on good governance, housing and land supply, diversified economy, nurturing talent, improving people’s livelihood, liveable city and connecting with young people. The Hong Kong government encourages collaboration of overseas and local entities to promote innovation and the development of technologies. The major policies proposed for innovation and technology and the environment has been listed below:

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Innovation and Technology

- Enhanced tax deductions for qualifying R&D expenditure for local enterprises
- HK\$20 billion for Research Endowment Fund to local universities, collaborative researches are also applicable under the funding
- HK\$3 billion for the encouraging private entities to increase support for the R&D work of universities
- Adopt a five-pronged approach in facilitating Fintech development, namely promotion, facilitation, regulation, talents and funding
- Launch the Government Green Bond Programme and make an inaugural green bond issuance under the Programme

Environmental

- Implementation of Municipal Solid Waste charging
- Strengthen actions in tackling plastic wastes, such as taking the lead in studying the feasibility, scope and mechanism of controlling or banning disposable plastic tableware
- Explore installation of large-scale floating PV systems at suitable locations in reservoirs and consider installing PV panels at suitable landfills.
- Support and facilitate private sector in Feed-in Tariff for the investment in renewable energy

Company News

UoE Alumni Association of Hong Kong Reception

On 18th November, we attended the UoE Alumni Association of Hong Kong reception. During the night, Prof Peter Mathieson has performed a speech and the University of Edinburgh Alumni Association of Hong Kong and the University of Edinburgh Hong Kong Foundation has been officially announced.

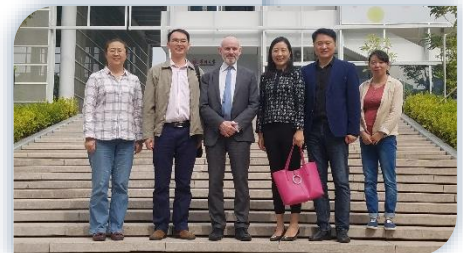


Ground breaking ceremony of LEH

We are honoured to be invited by our local education partner Trumpteck to attend the ground-breaking ceremony of the Lady Eleanor Holles School International School at Foshan on 23rd October, 2018. As the first international boarding school in Foshan, the project offers students in Foshan and Guangdong the opportunity to experience a British curriculum, learning style and environment, combining its academic standards with a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Visit at Shenzhen University

We have paid a visit to the Shenzhen University on 24th November with Prof Marc Turner, UoE affiliate professor and the Medical Director of Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service. A meeting and lab tour was held by Prof Gou Deming from the College of Life Sciences and Oceanography.



Opportunities

Research Collaboration for Health@InnoHK and AIR@InnoHK

InnoHK is an initiative to develop Hong Kong as the hub for global research collaboration, which involves the establishment of healthcare-related technologies (Health@InnoHK) and artificial intelligence and robotics technologies (AIR@InnoHK). The two clusters establishment emphasise the involvement of a top-notch institution to collaborate with local institutions, with a funding of about HKD 500 million for the laboratory set up and 5 years of operation. Contact Shelley Zhou at shelley.zhou@hkcci.com.hk for further information.

Funding from the "Postdoctoral Hub"

The Innovation and Technology Commission launched the Postdoctoral Hub programme under the Technology Talent Scheme. [Learn more...](#)

CIC Research Fund

The Construction Industry Council of Hong Kong is accepting research fund applications. Partnership with local institution is required for the research fund. [Learn more...](#)



Research Case Studies

Explore the latest innovative research capabilities in Asia:



Turning Plastic Bottles into Aerogels

Researchers from the National University of Singapore (NUS) have turned plastic bottle waste into aerogels. They published their findings in *Colloids and Surfaces A*.

[Read more](#)



Sensor Could Grant Robots a 'Human Touch'

A team of researchers in South Korea has developed an artificial touch sensor that mimics the ability of human skin to detect surface information such as shapes, patterns and structures. [Read more](#)



A Robotic Millipede that Delivers Drugs

Researchers in Hong Kong have invented a tiny robot with soft caterpillar-like legs that can cross obstacles inside the body and carry heavy loads. [Read more](#)



Combining DNA & MicroRNA Data for the Best of Both Worlds

To obtain a comprehensive view of diseases, researchers at Osaka University, Japan, have developed an analytical approach that integrates information from microRNAs (miRNAs) and genome-wide association studies (GWAS). [Read more](#)



Upcoming Events

Browse upcoming events in Hong Kong and Asia:

Events 2018	
Hong Kong	
02-05 DEC	Sixth International Symposium on Nanotechnology in Construction
05-07 DEC	HKTDC SmartBiz Expo
06-07 DEC	Business of IP Asia Forum
06-07 DEC	Big Data & Machine Learning Leaders Summit Hong Kong
10-12 DEC	Passive and Low Energy Architecture 2018 Conference
14 DEC	ASTRI Technovation Summit 2018
17-20 DEC	EMAP 2018: The 20th International Conference on Electronics Materials and Packaging
Asia	
15-16 JAN	Responsible Business Forum on Climate Innovation
18-20 MAR	Phar-east Asia's Pharma & Biotech Festival

 **Other News**

Browse low-carbon and innovation news in Hong Kong and Asia:

20 NOVEMBER 2018

Hong Kong falls six places to 18th in global talent ranking, trailing Singapore; second in Asia

15 NOVEMBER 2018

Irish firms see growing role for HK, mainland China after Brexit

13 NOVEMBER 2018

Why Hong Kong must act on better waste management: for starters, it can ease the housing crisis

04 NOVEMBER 2018

Hong Kong’s environment chief Wong Kam-sing urges public to back waste charging scheme, saying city is 20 years behind Seoul and Taipei on issue

01 NOVEMBER 2018

Fees for new waste charging scheme set with ‘restraint’, Hong Kong environment minister Wong Kam-sing says

26 OCTOBER 2018

Hong Kong Science and Technology Park gives tech tenants a bonanza with US\$893 million worth of measures

29 OCTOBER 2018

Hong Kong still China’s most competitive city, but Greater Bay Area has a long way to go, study shows

19 OCTOBER 2018

Alibaba-backed Hong Kong AI lab names first batch of start-ups for funding

19 OCTOBER 2018

Hong Kong’s fast-track immigration scheme for tech talent gets tepid response

18 OCTOBER 2018

Five ways to strengthen Carrie Lam’s IT strategy and spark innovation in Hong Kong

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