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Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2025: The Innovation-Venture Nexus, Igniting Transformative Success

Two-Day Event to be Held on 6-7 November
Bringing Together Global Investors and Entrepreneurs to Explore New Frontiers in AI, Digital
Assets, and Hong Kong's Role as an International Innovation and Technology Hub

Hong Kong, 28 October 2025 – As the global venture capital market evolves amid economic shifts, investment flows are increasingly concentrated, particularly in artificial intelligence (AI), which continues to drive significant momentum. The annual flagship event, Cyberport Venture Capital Forum (CVCF), will take place on 6-7 November 2025 at Cyberport. Themed "The Innovation-Venture Nexus: Igniting Transformative Success", this year's CVCF will unite influential global investors and entrepreneurs to explore the transformative impact of AI on the global venture capital landscape and Hong Kong's unique strengths in blockchain and digital assets. The forum aims to empower start-ups and investors to break through financing and market expansion barriers, seizing new market opportunities.

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Cyberport Community Raised HK\$46 Billion in funding, with Al and Web3.0 as Market Focus

Despite a challenging venture capital environment, Cyberport's start-ups have demonstrated robust fundraising performance over the past year. From October 2024 to September 2025, Cyberport companies raised nearly HK\$3.4 billion in total, bringing the cumulative total to HK\$46 billion. During the year, nine Cyberport companies successfully listed, including Yunji Technology and Xunfei Healthcare, which achieved listing within six months after landing at Cyberport, alongside Cyberport incubatees Diginex and Real Messenger. Additionally, Cyberport welcomed two unicorns, Qiangnao Technology, valued at US\$1.3 billion, and Inspur Cloud, valued at US\$2.5 billion, injecting powerful momentum into the I&T ecosystem. Recent high-value fundraising rounds include Bowtie, DigiFT, Klook, KPay, KUN, Hashkey Group, LeapXpert, Animoca Brands, and more, many of which





leverage AI, blockchain, and digital assets, reflecting the market's focus on AI and Web3.0, underscoring Cyberport's success in fostering the development of these industries.

Hendrick Sin, Chairman of Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) Steering Group; Co-Founder of CMGE Technology Group Limited; Chairman of China Prosperity Capital, said, "The global market presents both challenges and opportunities, with AI continuing to dominate high value transactions. Building on last year's establishment of the 'Web3.0 Investment Circle', which successfully gathered over 40 investors focused on blockchain and digital assets, we have now launched the 'AI Investment Circle' to connect AI companies showing strong fundraising potentials. Through various financing channels, Cyberport continues to link global investors with start-ups. Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) has facilitated nearly HK\$4.26 billion in investments, while Cyberport Macro Fund (CMF), alongside co-investments, has contributed close to HK\$1.99 billion, reflecting strong investor confidence in Cyberport companies. The CVCF further connects international investors, industry leaders and start-ups, fostering deep collaboration across government, industry, academia, research, investment, and users, while gathering innovative pioneers and ideas from home and abroad to propel Hong Kong's development as an international I&T hub."

As Hong Kong's digital tech hub, Al accelerator and key incubator, Cyberport leverages the Cyberport Investors Network (CIN) to attract influential investment units from around the world to connect with high-potential Cyberport enterprises to accelerate their development. Since its inception in 2017, the total investments facilitated by CIN have reached over HK\$4.258 billion, a year-on-year increase of over HK\$1.66 billion, representing a threefold growth. CIN has facilitated a cumulative total of 109 projects, up by 13 from last year. CIN's investment units have also grown by over 20, now exceeding 220, with 15% from the Greater Bay Area and 14% from the Asia-Pacific region, successfully aggregating global venture capital. Following the success of the establishment of "Web3.0 Investment Circle" last year, which successfully brought together more than 40 investors, Cyberport has launched the "Al Investment Circle" this year to match investors with high-potential and high-growth Al start-ups, further strengthening the Al ecosystem.

Another key financing channel, Cyberport Macro Fund (CMF), continues to invest in high-potential start-ups while enhancing their fundraising capabilities. As of October 2025, CMF has invested in 29 start-up projects, with the total investment, including co-investments, exceeding HK\$1.989 billion, with a co-investment ratio of 1:9.3 — meaning every HK\$1 invested by Cyberport attracts an additional HK\$9.3 in co-investment. This demonstrates Cyberport's sustained ability to attract capital in a challenging environment.

Driving Innovation Financing and Supporting Enterprise Growth

Cyberport companies have recently achieved remarkable success in the venture capital market. Among them, virtual insurer **Bowtie Life Insurance** and **DigiFT**, a licensed Hong Kong digital asset firm headquartered in Singapore, have successfully secured financing exceeding US\$10 million and attracted significant market attention. Bowtie successfully completed its Series C funding round of a US\$70 million in July 2025, which was led by Sun Life Hong Kong Limited. Meanwhile, DigiFT, which earlier received approval from Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) for Type 1 and Type 4 licenses, supporting its regulated activities in the tokenised securities space.





Fred Ngan, Co-Founder of Bowtie Life Insurance, Cyberport Incubation Programme Alumnus, and a leading virtual insurer in Hong Kong, shared their success story and said, "Cyberport's role as an international springboard helps start-ups accelerate their business growth. The CIN platform has connected us with local large enterprises, government bodies, global investors, leading tech corporations, and international professional services providers, improving our capital strength base. Bowtie successfully completed a US\$70 million Series C funding round in mid-2025, marking it the largest funding round for digital health insurers in Asia with a direct-to-consumer model. This not only reflects our confidence and that of our investors in Hong Kong's healthtech and virtual insurance market, but also demonstrates that, in Hong Kong as an international financial centre, start-ups with strong technological capabilities and clear profitability models can attract diverse capital and become the next success story."

Kevin Loo, CEO of DigiFT Hong Kong, Cyberport Incubatee DigiFT, a licensed digital asset firm headquartered in Singapore and received approval from the regulatory authorities in Singapore and Hong Kong, said, "Cyberport serves as a 'super-connector' and 'super value-adder,' actively driving the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and supporting high-potential start-ups in expanding into local and international markets. We are thrilled to be selected for the 'Blockchain & Digital Asset Pilot Subsidy Scheme' and to collaborate with UBS and Chainlink on the 'open architecture for RWA processes automation' pilot project in Hong Kong. Having recently obtained SFC Type 1 and 4 licences in Hong Kong, DigiFT is among the few financial institutions leveraging smart contract-driven on-chain infrastructure with such regulatory approval, underscoring the growing maturity of Hong Kong's digital asset market and RWA tokenisation. As a Cyberport incubatee, we are encouraged by the support from Cyberport and the HKSAR Government for the development of digital assets and blockchain technology, as well as the tangible assistance provided in expanding into global markets, fostering collaboration and promoting innovative RWA applications."

Connecting Investors and Start-ups, Showcasing Cutting-Edge Innovations

Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2025 will feature an opening remarks by Professor Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, and bring together venture capital leaders, including representatives from Longling Capital, Cyber Creation Ventures, Hongshan CBC Cross-border Digital Fund, Cathay Innovation, Rasmal Ventures, Granite-Integral, Sinovation Ventures, Eminence Ventures, Gobi Partners, and more, to discuss the latest technology and market focus:

- Al and Web3.0 Nexus: Exploring practical applications and investment prospects of Al, blockchain, and digital assets, with sessions focusing on Al's role in reshaping industries, digital assets in financial systems, and the decentralised innovations driven by Web3.0.
- Regional Market Focus: Analysing growth potential, unique innovations and investment advantages in key markets through dedicated panel discussions.
- Web3.0 and Digital Assets: Highlighting Hong Kong's development as a digital asset hub, covering virtual asset regulatory frameworks, Real-World Assets (RWA)





tokenisation, and the commercialisation of Decentralised Finance (DeFi) and Web3.0 gaming.

CVCF 2025 will continue to feature the popular "Investor Matching" session, offering face-to-face and online interactions to pair investors with start-ups based on their technological focus and investment preferences, enhancing collaboration efficiency. Additional highlights include innovator showcase, start-up clinic & workshop, providing attendees with practical insights and strategic advice.

The **Web3.0 Innovation Expo**, a key highlight of the forum, aims to strengthening Hong Kong's position as an international digital asset hub. The expo will bring together global Web3.0 leaders, regulators, and traditional financial giants, and showcasing cases from Cyberport's "Blockchain & Digital Asset Pilot Subsidy Scheme", which accelerates the practical applications in tokenised assets, payments, Regulatory Technology (RegTech), and the creator economy.

As Cyberport's flagship venture capital event, CVCF connects investors and entrepreneurs in the global digital technology. In 2024, the hybrid event attracted over 2,600 participants, achieved more than 150,000 views and facilitated more than 350 deal flows, fostering partnerships and investment opportunities. For more details, please visit the website: http://cvcf.cyberport.hk/.

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Eric Chan, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport introduced the speakers and highlights of the two-day Cyberport Venture Capital Forum 2025, as well as the Web3.0 Innovation Expo.



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About Hong Kong Cyberport

Wholly owned by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, Cyberport is Hong Kong's digital tech hub and Al accelerator, with a vision to empower industry digitalisation and intelligent transformation, to promote digital economy and Al development, and to foster Hong Kong to be an international Al, innovation and technology (I&T) hub. Cyberport gathers over 2,300 companies, including 12 listed companies and 10 unicorns. One-third of onsite companies' founders come from 26 countries and regions, while Cyberport companies have expanded to over 35 global markets.

Cyberport, with Hong Kong's largest Al Supercomputing Centre and Al Lab as the engine, has been building the Al ecosystem with industry-leading Al companies and over 400 Al and data science start-ups. Through development of tech clusters, namely Al, data science, blockchain and cybersecurity, Cyberport empowers industries across smart city and government, banking and finance, digital entertainment, culture and tourism, healthcare, education and training, property management, construction, transportation and logistics, green environment and more, while hosting Hong Kong's largest FinTech community. Commissioned by the HKSAR Government, Cyberport has implemented proof-of-concept and sandbox schemes, subsidisation for digital tech adoption, industry tech training and start-up incubation, to drive technology R&D, translation and commercialisation, thus propelling digital transformation and intelligent upgrade across industry and society.

Also as "State-level Scientific and Technological Enterprise Incubator" and Hong Kong's key incubator, Cyberport supports entrepreneurs with funding and office space, extensive networks of enterprises, investors, technology corporations and professional services for business growth and expansion to Chinese Mainland and overseas markets, all-round facilitation for landing in Hong Kong, talent attraction and cultivation, ready as a launchpad to take start-ups in any stages of development to the next level.

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