



**Opening Ceremony of IoT Innovation and Technology Centre  
20 October 2020 (Tuesday)**

**Welcome Speech by  
Mr Tony TAI  
Chairman of VTC**

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Secretary Sit (Mr Alfred Sit, JP, Secretary for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning! It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the Opening Ceremony of the Internet-of-Things (IoT) Innovation and Technology Centre. First of all, I must thank the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Alfred Sit, for taking time out of his busy schedule to officiate at this Ceremony. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our close partners for joining us today and their valuable support all along.

In today's fast-paced digital world, a smart and versatile workforce is crucial to a city's development. At the VTC, we are committed to nurturing high-calibre, innovative and tech-savvy talent for Hong Kong and beyond. We provide applied and interdisciplinary education to equip our students with a wide range of professional skills and competencies in demand by the 21st century employers. We also strive to create a stimulating and technology-enhanced environment to enable "hands-on" learning, preparing our students for tomorrow's tech world.

While Hong Kong is building a robust innovation and technology (I&T) ecosystem to support its transformation into a smart international city, smart technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics and IoT have become more embedded in our daily life. With the adoption of IoT technology, more industrial and business processes can be automated, enhancing operational efficiency.

The establishment of this new IoT Innovation and Technology Centre is one of our major initiatives at the VTC to strengthen our students' knowledge and skills in IoT applications to support the manpower need. Echoing the Government's direction and vision for a smart city, the Centre will undertake academia-industry collaborative projects, multidisciplinary projects and applied research in IoT for the goal of producing innovative and impactful solutions for smart city development.

We are grateful for the staunch support of Siemens for donating the latest equipment to the Centre, and CLP and Hong Kong Telecommunications for providing professional counsels to help our students develop IoT know-how and skills in authentic settings. The Centre will continue to leverage industry's support and synergise with other centres under VTC such as the Innovation and Technology Co-creation Centre and the HealthTech Centre to facilitate knowledge exchange for the benefit of students and the community. Another technology-enhanced facility, Power Engineering Training Centre equipped with smart-grid applications for improving power management will come on stream early next year. We hope that the new infrastructure will enable our students to master the new technologies for the digital era.

In closing, may I once again convey my sincere gratitude to all our supporters. We look forward to continuing our work with the Government, industry and academia to create quality talent for a smart future.

Thank you.