

PReCIT Innovation and Technology Forum Series

FUNDING LANDSCAPE FROM RESEARCH TO COMMERCIALIZATION

27 September 2022
3:00pm – 5:15pm

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About the Speakers

Dr Miranda Lou

Dr Miranda Lou is Executive Vice President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The scope of her responsibility covers knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship, mainland development, alumni and institutional advancement, communications and public affairs, finance, human resources and information technology. Dr Lou is also Chairman of PolyU Base (Shenzhen) Limited and PolyU Technology and Consultancy Co. Limited, CEO of PolyU Enterprise Plus Limited, and Board Director of Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre.

Abstract:

There is an increasing expectation of the universities to create substantive societal impact through knowledge transfer and technology commercialization. The key for the universities to do so lies in the ability to build an ecosystem that goes beyond funding support to facilitate the translation of their research and innovations into products and solutions that can address the needs of society. Dr Miranda Lou will share PolyU's experience in striving to create an enabling environment for promoting knowledge transfer and advancing entrepreneurship from education and ideation, to incubation and acceleration, in partnership with stakeholders in the innovation and technology ecosystem.

Mr Peter Yan, JP

Mr Yan is an industry leader with more than 35 years of experience in the information technology industry. As Cyberport CEO, Mr Yan leads the digital technology flagship focusing on talent cultivation, industry development, and integration of new and traditional economies. Prior to joining Cyberport, Mr Yan was the Executive Director and CEO of SUNeVision and held senior management positions in Accenture, Tradelink, Computer and Technologies, etc.

Active in public services, Mr Yan is a member of the Election Committee (the Technology and Innovation Subsector) and serves as a member of the Council of CityU and HKMU, various public bodies, industry or professional organizations in the I&T sector. He also lectures as an Adjunct Professor at CUHK, and an Adjunct Associate Professor at HKU.

Abstract:

Venture capital investment in Hong Kong substantially increased from \$1.24 billion in 2014 to over \$40 billion 2021, manifesting investors' growing precedence accorded to I&T entrepreneurship, its immensurable market potential and social value. Venture capital funding in various stages of entrepreneurship, especially the early-stage, are instrumental in start-up growth and therefore the success of commercialisation of technological innovations. Riding on experiences of bolstering high-potential start-ups with pivotal co-investments, Cyberport continues to enrich the venture capital ecosystem in Hong Kong to bring innovation to fruition, as the city strives to attract worldwide investments with the Government's strategic policies and navigate challenges in the funding outlook.

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Dr Denis Yip

Dr Denis Yip has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ASTRI, effective in October 2021. He is a veteran with over 30 years of extensive leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, covering management, strategy, operation, research and development as well as marketing.

Dr Yip had worked in Hong Kong, Beijing, Guangzhou, San Francisco, Shanghai and Tokyo, and served at senior positions in a number of large enterprises. He served as the Commissioner for Belt and Road of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Hong Kong SAR government, since June 2019.

Dr Yip holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences from University of California, Berkeley. He also holds an MBA degree from Golden Gate University and Doctor of Business Administration degree in University of Management and Technology.

Abstract:

To successfully establish Hong Kong as the Nation's international innovation and technology (I&T) hub, enhancing the I&T ecosystem, attracting and retaining talents, and improving commercialization of technologies are among the City's top priorities. Dr Denis Yip, CEO of ASTRI, will introduce ASTRI's University Technology Transfer Scheme, and discuss how the Institute as Hong Kong's largest deep tech research and development centre is playing a pivotal role not only in nurturing talents to create impactful technology innovations ("from 0 to 1") and bridging gaps across technology ecosystems, but also in promoting technology commercialization ("from 1 to 10") in collaboration with universities and the industry.

Mr Raymond Wong

Raymond Wong, Head of Investment, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), manages the HKSTP Venture Fund and Investor Engagement departments. He has over 25 years of extensive financial services experience in venture capital, private equity investment, and investment banking in Asia Pacific. Prior to HKSTP, Raymond was with HSBC Private Equity Asia for 16 years. Active in the VC and PE circles, Raymond is a member of the Venture Committee, Hong Kong VC & PE Association and the Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Business Angel Network.

Raymond has a MBA in Finance from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering from University of Toronto.

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Dr Charleston Sin

Dr Charleston Sin is Executive Director of MIT HK Innovation Node. Dr Sin held executive positions in Research & Development, Product Management, System Engineering, and Sales & Marketing at VMware, Cisco Systems, and Nortel Networks. He worked in both hardware and software industries in United States, Canada, Asia Pacific, and Greater China. He is currently Professor of Practice at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, School of Business, and is appointed as member of the Board of HK Cyberport Management. He holds a PhD in Management Science, Faculty of Engineering, University of Waterloo. He is active in start-up community and currently in the boards of five start-ups.

Abstract:

Entrepreneurship can be simply defined as Innovation + Commercialization.

With strong researches from universities, research institutes and innovation platforms, many excellent innovation ideas reveal. The next challenge is the how to commercialize these innovative ideas.

There are well proved frameworks to help passionate entrepreneur. In this session, some toolsets will be shared and discussed.