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**Press Invitation**  
**PolyU joins forces with Australian partners**  
**in launching impactful research on Blockchain Technologies**

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) joins forces with Monash University and CollinStar Capital – a leading institution and a FinTech expert in Australia – to establish **the first university-industry joint laboratory on blockchain and cryptocurrency technologies in Hong Kong**. Research under the three-year multi-million-dollar collaboration is expected to significantly enhance the efficiency, security and privacy protection of blockchain technologies.

Under the tripartite project, the research team of PolyU's Department of Computing will develop:

- technologies to enhance the efficiency of transaction validation without leaking privacy;
- encryption systems that can be operated on today's computers, yet secured against attacks from powerful quantum-computing; and
- mechanisms for introducing accountability measures against misuse of cryptocurrency (e.g. money laundering, ransom payment request), while safeguarding anonymity and authenticity.

A press conference will be held next Monday (26 March) to introduce the details of collaboration research project, and the foreseeable impacts on various blockchain applications within and beyond monetary field. The Department's education and research endeavours in FinTech, with illustration of real-life applications, will also be shared. The press conference will be followed by the opening ceremony of the Joint Laboratory.

You and your representatives are cordially invited to cover the press event on **26 March 2018 (Monday)**. Details as follows:-

**Press Conference 1:30 – 2:30 pm (Media Registration starts at 1:15 pm)**

- Speakers : • **Professor LU Qin**, Professor and Interim Head, Department of Computing, PolyU
- **Dr Allen AU**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computing, PolyU
- Venue : V1210, 12/F, Jockey Club Innovation Tower (Block V), PolyU
- Language : Cantonese (supplemented by English)
- Remarks : Snack and drinks will be served

**Opening Ceremony 3:00 – 5:00 pm (Media Registration starts at 2:45 pm)**

- Officiating : • **Dr David CHUNG**, Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology  
Guests Bureau, HKSAR Government
- **Mr Tim DILLON**, Commissioner - Greater China, State Government of Victoria Australia



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- **Professor Mark WALLACE**, Deputy Dean (Research), Faculty of Information Technology, Monash University
- **Mr Jacob CHENG**, Managing Director, Collinstar Capital Pty Ltd
- **Ir Professor Alex WAI**, Vice President (Research Development), PolyU

Venue : Gallery D, Podium Level, Jockey Club Innovation Tower (Block V), PolyU

Language : English

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Yours faithfully,

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