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Smart QS Hackathon 2026

Jointly organised by the Housing Bureau and the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), Cyberport and the University of Hong Kong, the Smart QS Hackathon 2026 aims to explore innovative artificial intelligence (AI) applications for the quantity surveying (QS) profession. It was officially launched on 29 July with a welcome ceremony and briefing session held at Cyberport.



The Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho (front row, fifth left), pictured with representatives of co-organisers and supporting organisations at the welcome ceremony.

The Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie Ho, highlighted at the ceremony that Hong Kong is proactively driving new quality productive forces with innovative technology to promote high-quality development in various industries, hoping that cutting-edge AI solutions would accelerate digital transformation of the QS industry.

Running from July to November, the Hackathon has drawn over 120 proposal submissions. Participating teams come from diverse backgrounds, including technology enterprises and start-ups, QS consultancies, construction professionals and university students.



The Hackathon features two categories: (1) the Assigned Challenges which focus on contract advisory and payment valuation, and (2) the Open Challenges which are open to both student and professional teams for broader AI applications in QS, comprehensively exploring the potential of AI applications.



The event attracts professionals from the industry.

Five teams from each challenge have been shortlisted to advance to the next stage. Between September and November, the co-organisers will provide technical resources, professional training and on-site experience to help the shortlisted teams refine their proposals.

A 48-hour hackathon and a final presentation will be held in November, in which the teams will showcase their visionary AI solutions. Winning teams will have an opportunity to further explore collaboration opportunities with the co-organisers for wider application in future public housing construction projects.



HA Annual Report Honoured with an International Award

The Annual Report 2024/25 (AR) of HA has won the Honours award of “Interior Design: Housing” from the 40th Annual International ARC Awards (2026). Organised by MerComm, Inc of New York, USA, the Awards give recognition to corporations producing excellent annual reports. Entries around the world have been evaluated by panels of judges representing international leaders in the fields of writing and design.



HA's Annual Report 2024/25 has received the Honours award from the Annual International ARC Awards.

With a theme of “Enhance Living Quality Optimise Housing Resources”, the Report highlights HA’s key achievements of the year. It also outlines our resolve to press ahead with the public housing development programme to provide affordable housing to those in need through the work on various fronts. A wide range of measures, from introducing Well-Being Design Guide, enhancing living quality of elderly residents, to combating tenancy abuse, and facilitating home ownership for young people, have been introduced to improve the living environment for millions of residents.

The e-version of the Report is available from [the Housing Authority / Housing Department Website](#).



Government Summer Internship Programme

The HA has been supporting the annual Government Summer Internship Programmes for years. The Programme aims to facilitate students from tertiary institutions who are interested in joining the civil service to gain a better understanding of the Government's operation and to obtain work experience, thereby promoting their future career planning.

This year, 45 students from different academic institutions were offered to work in the Housing Bureau (HB) or HD under the Programme for a period of two to three months. They were assigned to the internship positions at the Strategy Division (SD), the Development and Construction Division (DCD), the Estate Management Division (EMD) and the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority.



Students (first left and right) meet with the Director of Housing, Miss Charmaine Lee (third right).



Students are briefed on the HA's background and its work.

In addition to meeting with the management of the HB and the HD, the students were arranged to participate in a series of briefing sessions, visits and experience activities to learn about the various aspects of our work, and to grasp how innovative technology is being applied to construction and management of public housing.



A visit to the sales office of the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme organised by SD.



A visit to the solar photovoltaic system in Lok Wah North Estate arranged by EMD.



Students at a trial of an AI Tower Crane System (left photo) and viewing the public housing development in the Northern Metropolis through virtual drones at the Hong Kong Science Park arranged by DCD.

Student representatives shared their internship experiences at the Experience Sharing Session cum Certificate Presentation Ceremony on 31 August. The Director of Housing, Miss Charmaine Lee, presented certificates of internship to the students and encouraged them to join the Government after graduation to unleash their talents.



The Director of Housing, Miss Charmaine Lee, gives a speech at the Ceremony.