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Dear Ms Wu,

Invitation for Proposal for Admission to the Third InnoHK Research Cluster – SEAM@InnoHK

We write to invite you to submit proposal for admission to the third InnoHK research cluster -SEAM@InnoHK.

InnoHK is a major innovation and technology initiative of the Government to develop Hong Kong as a hub for global research collaboration, with the aim to attract institutions that are among the global top echelon to collaborate with local universities and institutions to set up research centres/laboratories in Hong Kong.

The Government is now taking forward the establishment of the third InnoHK research cluster – *SEAM@InnoHK*, focusing on **sustainable development**, **energy**, **advanced manufacturing and materials**, which will enable Hong Kong to move full steam ahead towards the vision of becoming a global research collaboration hub. It will not only facilitate top-notch universities, research institutes and the industries to collaborate in research and development ("R&D"), but also promote translation of R&D outcomes

into impactful, real-world application and the development of relevant industries in Hong Kong.

The selected research centres/laboratories should conduct collaborative researches that are **innovative**, **world-class**, **of global relevance and addressing real-world problems** in collaboration with world-renowned non-local universities and research institutions. The final R&D deliverables are expected to achieve significant societal impact by bringing demonstrable contributions, beneficial effects, valuable changes or advantages both locally and globally. Collaboration among local universities/research institutions is also highly encouraged. Besides, they are expected to build strong industry collaborations in their research area for realisation and commercialisation of the R&D outcomes.

We are pleased to invite you to submit proposals for admission to *SEAM@InnoHK*. You may wish to note that each institution is confined to submit no more than **TWO** proposals under *SEAM@InnoHK*. To allow sufficient time for universities/research institutions to work out quality proposals in collaboration with non-local counterparts, the submission deadline is **29 August 2025 (Friday) at 17:00 hrs (Hong Kong Time).** For details, please find the enclosed Guidance Notes for Submitting Proposals for *SEAM@InnoHK*. Please note that late submission or any revisions after the deadline will normally **NOT** accepted.

If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Ms Winnie CHAN, Assistant Commissioner (Research Clusters) or Mr Kendrew CHAN, Senior Manager (Life and Health Technology Research Institutes) of our Commission (email: winnie.chan@itc.gov.hk / tel: 3855 7700; kendrew.chan@itc.gov.hk / tel: 3855 7649).

Yours sincerely,

(Ivan KB Lee)

Commissioner for Innovation and Technology

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