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	Secondary Schools

**Briefing cum Sharing Sessions of
the IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools Initiative of
the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer**

Summary

The purpose of this circular memorandum is to inform heads of secondary schools of the briefing cum sharing sessions of the IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools initiative of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO).

Details

2. The OGCIO plans to implement the “IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools” initiative under the existing “Enriched IT Programme in Secondary Schools” to provide funding support of up to \$1 million in the three school years from 2019/20 to 2021/22 for each public sector secondary and Direct Subsidy Scheme school to upgrade their IT equipment and facilities and organise IT-related extra-curricular activities (ECA). Schools may decide on their own whether to submit an application considering their respective circumstances. OGCIO will organise three briefing cum sharing sessions in late June and early July 2019 to introduce the background information and application details of the above initiative to schools. For details, please refer to the Appendix.

Enquiry

3. For enquiries, please contact the One-stop Support Centre of IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools initiative of the OGCIO at 2116 9083, or by email to it-lab@ogcio.gov.hk.

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Briefing cum Sharing Sessions of the
IT Innovation Lab in Secondary Schools Initiative

Purpose

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) invites principals and teachers of government, aided and caput secondary schools, and secondary schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme to participate in the briefing cum sharing sessions of the captioned initiative.

Details

2. With the wide adoption of IT across different areas and sectors, the demand for IT talent in various industries is strong and ever-increasing. We must enhance the interest of young people (including secondary school students) in IT and innovative thinking and foster an IT learning atmosphere to encourage them to choose technology-related tertiary education programmes and pursue an I&T career in the future. The Financial Secretary in his 2019-20 Budget Speech proposed the provision of \$500 million to implement the “IT Innovation Lab” initiative in all publicly funded secondary schools in Hong Kong in the coming three school years, with the aim to lay a sound foundation in IT for young people during their secondary schooling, thereby promoting local popular science education and expanding the supply of I&T talent.

3. The funding scope of the “IT Innovation Lab” initiative includes the following two aspects –

(a) procuring and maintaining IT equipment and infrastructure (such as server-side and client-side hardware and software, optical fibre and broadband network, cloud servers and storage services) and acquiring relevant professional services (such as cloud services) that meet the needs of the school and its students; and

(b) organising IT-related ECA. These activities can take different forms, including workshops, seminars, short courses, visits, experience activities, as well as participation in local and international competitions and organising exhibitions to showcase students' innovation and achievements. The scope of such activities can also be wide-ranging, including for example learning to code, learning about new technologies such as virtual reality (VR)/augmented reality (AR), artificial intelligence (AI), drones, robotics, etc., the application of IT, digital transformation, visits to multi-national companies in Hong Kong and local start-ups as well as preparing for IT competitions, such as datathons, etc. The funding could also cover operational expenses of these activities (such as maintenance and professional services for learning support) and administrative cost.

4. Schools can join the initiative on a voluntary basis and apply for and use the funding flexibly according to their own circumstances and needs in the two aspects mentioned above.

5. To provide schools with background information and application details of the above initiative, OGCIO will organise three briefing cum sharing sessions with details as follows :

	Date & Time	Venue	Registration Deadline
1	27 June 2019 (Thu) 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Hall (Room 603), CAS Training Centre Civil Aid Service Headquarters 8 To Wah Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Max. 150 attendance)	20 June 2019 (Thu)
2	8 July 2019 (Mon) 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Auditorium 15/F Customs Headquarters Building 222 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong (Max. 180 attendance)	28 June 2019 (Fri)
3	12 July 2019 (Fri) 2:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	Auditorium Tai Po Civic Centre 12 On Pong Rd, Tai Po, N.T., Hong Kong (Max. 400 attendance)	5 July 2019 (Fri)

Schools are invited to nominate representatives to attend the briefing cum sharing sessions and enrol through the Training Calendar System [Course ID: EI0020190302].

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