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HKU SPACE Launches Cloud Computing Certification Course in Co-operation with Amazon Web Services and Cyberport

Hong Kong, 13 April 2018 – HKU SPACE announced today that it will launch a Foundation Certificate in Cloud Computing Architecture course in co-operation with Amazon Web Services (AWS), the world's most comprehensive and broadly adopted cloud platform, and Cyberport. The course will offer comprehensive training and qualification for Hong Kong's aspiring cloud computing architects and developers, helping respond to the surging demand for cloud computing professionals as organizations undertake their digital transformation journeys.

Through its AWS Academy Program, AWS will provide authorized courseware, training, and accreditation for HKU SPACE instructors. The authorised instructors will then be able to deliver AWS curricula to students. AWS offers over 125 fully featured services for compute, storage, databases, networking, analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), security, and more. The course will be enriched with talks and seminars hosted by industry experts and professionals, lined up by Cyberport, helping students gain insights into the practical applications of cloud technology.

According to the [Global Knowledge 2017 IT Skills and Salary Report](#), IT professionals with AWS certification can command higher salary, and be equipped with the skills to take on broader career opportunities.

Dr. John Cribbin, Acting Director of HKU SPACE said, "This course will position students for exciting careers in today's dynamic world, as well as prepare them for future advancement. The course is an extension of our comprehensive range of technology courses that are sought after by professional executives as essential skills for continued education. We are truly delighted to have the support of AWS and Cyberport to launch this course, empowering Hong Kong talent to leverage opportunities arising from the internet economy."

The course, eligible for reimbursement under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF), will open for application in May 2018, with classes starting in June 2018, covering two modules - Management and Optimization of Resources for Cloud Computing; and Deployment and Implementation of Cloud Computing in Business. The modules will be delivered through in-class instruction, hands-on lab sessions, online knowledge assessments, and project work. The in-class instruction and hands-on lab sessions will be conducted in one of the learning centres of HKU SPACE and industry seminars will be conducted at HKU SPACE's Cyber Institute located at Cyberport.

"Hong Kong is well-known for its world-class technology infrastructure that facilitates enterprises to use digital technology to accelerate growth and enhance competitiveness. We are excited to work with HKU SPACE and AWS to broaden the talent pool in cloud computing, which is essential to driving digital transformation across all industry sectors," said Mr. Peter Yan, Chief Executive Officer of Cyberport. "Leveraging Cyberport's strong community of over 1,000 tech companies in key areas like FinTech, artificial intelligence (AI), eCommerce, Big Data, we will share first-hand

experience of the applications of cloud computing with course attendees to ensure that they can embrace the opportunities in the new economy."

"Cloud has become the new normal, as companies of every size are deploying new applications to the cloud by default, and looking to migrate as many of their existing applications as they can, as quickly as possible," said Mr. Alex Yung, Corporate Vice President and Managing Director of AWS Greater China. "The AWS Academy Program offers an AWS curriculum for higher education institutions to help students develop in-demand cloud computing skills and prepare for industry-recognized AWS Certification. We are delighted that HKU SPACE joined the Program to cultivate a strong pool of talent to turn Hong Kong into a data hub that will create myriad business opportunities and economic value."

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Event photo:

HKU SPACE announced today at the Internet Economy Summit the launch of Cloud Computing Certification Course in co-operation with AWS and Cyberport. The course will offer comprehensive training and qualification for Hong Kong's aspiring cloud computing architects and developers.

(From left to right)
Mr. Alex Yung, Corporate Vice President and Managing Director of AWS Greater China
Prof. Lo Shiu Hing Sonny, Deputy Director (Arts and Sciences) of HKU SPACE
Mr. Peter Yan, Chief Executive Officer of Cyberport
Dr. John Cribbin, Acting Director of HKU SPACE
Mr. Robert Wang, Managing Director of AWS Hong Kong and Taiwan
Ir. Allen Yeung, Government Chief Information Officer of the Hong Kong SAR Government
Dr. Lee George Lam, Chairman of Cyberport

HKU SPACE, AWS, and Cyberport share the common goal to nurture talents in response to the surging demand for cloud computing professionals as organisations undertake their digital transformation journeys.

Featured in the photo are (front row, from left to right):
Mr. Peter Yan, Chief Executive Officer of Cyberport;
Dr. John Cribbin, Acting Director of HKU SPACE;
Mr. Robert Wang, Managing Director of AWS Hong Kong and Taiwan

About HKU SPACE

The University of Hong Kong's Department of Extra Mural Studies (DEMS) was established in 1956/57, the first continuing education unit in a university in the region. DEMS played a significant role in the provision of lifelong learning opportunities for the wider community and in 1992, it was renamed as the School of Professional and Continuing Education (HKU SPACE). HKU SPACE fulfils this part of the University's mission by providing learning opportunities for personal, professional and career advancement for people from all walks of life. Course enrolments since 1956 have exceeded 2.7 million.

The School has a Collegiate organisation. The wide range of part-time courses offered at all academic levels are organised under 51 subject groups allocated among the three Colleges: Business and Finance (CBF), Humanities and Law (CHL) and Life Sciences and Technology (CLST), the latter includes the Division of Chinese Medicine. These three colleges also offer full-time overseas degree courses. The Community College (CC) is responsible for full-time sub-degree courses. The Institute for China Business (ICB) has four centres through which it coordinates the School's programmes offered in Mainland China. The HKU SPACE Po Leung Kuk Stanley Ho

Community College (HPSHCC) is a joint venture with a leading charitable association, Po Leung Kuk. All the Colleges offer award bearing programmes as well as non-award bearing programmes (including Executive Certificates and Diplomas). The HKU SPACE Executive Academy (SEA) focuses on Executive Education.

HKU SPACE collaborates with a wide range of academic institutions globally (in the UK, Australia, the USA, Mainland China and Hong Kong). The School will continue to explore opportunities for further cooperation with reputable institutions, both local and overseas, in order to offer a greater variety of high quality and relevant programmes to students.

About Cyberport

Cyberport is an innovative digital community with over 1,000 technology companies. It is managed by Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited, which is wholly owned by the Hong Kong SAR Government. With the vision to become a main force in developing the digital tech industry as a key economic driver of Hong Kong, Cyberport is committed to nurturing youth, start-ups and entrepreneurs to grow in the digital industry by connecting them to strategic partners and investors, driving collaboration with local and international business partners to create new opportunities, and accelerating digital adoption amongst corporates and SMEs.

Cyberport focuses on building key clusters of digital tech, namely FinTech, Big Data/AI, e-commerce and IoT/Wearables, to foster the development of Hong Kong into a "Smart City". With a committed team of professionals providing all rounded value added services to support our digital community and an array of state-of-the-art tech facilities, Cyberport is the flagship for Hong Kong's digital tech industry.

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