



HKMA/HKT Global Innovation Award 2025/26



in order to support the Hong Kong's development as an international innovation and technology center in accordance with the national "14th Five-Year Plan", The Hong Kong Management Association launched the HKMA/HKT Global Innovation Award in 2022/23 to recognise outstanding achievements in innovation across various industries and sectors.



Guest of Honour: Prof. The Hon. Dong, JP
Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Government of HKSAR

The 2024/25 edition received enthusiastic response with over 270 entries from a diversity of industries, ranging from multi-national corporations, SMEs, start-ups, NGOs, to government departments. About 13% of entries are from Chinese Mainland, Macau, Taiwan and overseas economies such as Canada, India, Israel, Pakistan, Singapore, United States and Vietnam.



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Closing Ceremony 2024/25

2025/26 CALL FOR ENTRIES

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Award Categories

The Award encourages any businesses or organizations with innovative products, services, technology, practices, process, etc., to participate in this prestigious Award. Entries from Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area, across China, and Overseas are welcome.

1. **Innovative Organization Awards - Large** (more than 100 employees)
2. **Innovative Organization Awards - SMEs** (not more than 100 employees)
3. **Innovative Rising Stars Awards** (Set-up less than 5 years)

Eligibility

Innovative Organization Awards - Large / SMEs

Any businesses or organizations, whether private or public, from multi-national corporations to SMEs, with innovative products, services, technology, practices, processes, etc., are eligible for this Award.

Large

- Large Organisations with over 100 employees

SMEs

- SMEs annual revenue does not exceed HK\$100M
- SMEs total asset does not exceed HK\$100M
- SMEs no more than 100 employees

Innovative Rising Stars Awards

Start-ups are eligible if:

- Set-up less than 5 years
- Non-listed
- Received less than US\$15 million in funding by 31 December 2025

Scope of Innovation

Innovation initiatives under the following five scopes of innovation are eligible to enter the Award. Entrants are requested to choose one area (from the five listed below) that best fits their innovation initiative and to indicate this in the Entry Form:

Product & Service
Innovation

Process
Innovation

Business Model
Innovation

Platform
Innovation

Social Impact
Innovation

Awards & Recognition

Under each category, 15 awards may be granted, as listed below:

Innovative Organization Awards - Large

- HKT Innovation Champion of the Year x1
- Gold Awards x 2
- Silver Awards x 3
- Bronze Awards x 4
- Excellence Awards x 5

Innovative Organization Awards - SME

- HKT Innovation Champion of the Year x1
- Gold Awards x 2
- Silver Awards x 3
- Bronze Awards x 4
- Excellence Awards x 5

Innovative Rising Stars Awards

- HKT Best Rising Star of the Year x1
- Gold Awards x 2
- Silver Awards x 3
- Bronze Awards x 4
- Excellence Awards x 5

Special Awards

Special Awards will be granted to recognize entries with outstanding performance in each of the specialties listed below.

- Best in AI Innovation Award
- Best in Art & Entertainment Innovation Award
- Best in Enterprise Transformation Award
- Best in Fintech Innovation Award

- Best in Green Innovation Award
- Best in Innovation Culture Award
- Best in HealthTech Innovation Award
- Best in Smart City Innovation Award

- Best in Smart Manufacturing Award
- Best in Social Good Innovation Award
- Best NGO/ NPO Entry
- Best Non-local Entry

*The Panel of Judges reserve the right to decide on the final number and category of winners

Judging Criteria

	Score
• Objective Setting Design,	10
• Development and Execution	20
• Creativity and Innovation	30
• Sustained Outcomes, Benefits and Impact	30
• Exceptional Merits	10
Total:	100



**Organizing
Committee**



**Panel of
Judges**

Judging Process and Award Schedule

Submission of Entry Form

Deadline:

Friday, 16 January 2026

Submission of Write Up

Deadline:

Friday, 27 February 2026

1st Round Judging

March 2026

Final Judging and Award Presentation Ceremony during HKMA Global Innovation Day

June 2026

All participating organizations must submit the online Entry Form. NGOs and NPOs must provide supporting documents to verify NGO or NPO status.

Submissions may be in English or Chinese. Please refer to the Judging Criteria for the content of the write-up.

Innovative Organizations Awards - Large / SMEs

- A written summary of the innovative initiative, 4 pages maximum (any information provided by outward link(s) in the write-up will only be treated as supplementary information that may or may not be reviewed by judges).
- A related video, 3 minutes maximum (optional)

Innovative Rising Stars Awards

- A written summary of the innovative initiative, 3 pages maximum (any information provided by outward link(s) in the write-up will only be treated as supplementary information that may or may not be reviewed by judges).
- A related video, 2 minutes maximum (optional)
- A one-page description of the founders, including share of ownership (%). Information about other major investors, recommendations from referees, etc. are optional.

The Panel of Judges will conduct an initial screening and propose the Top 10 Finalists, 5 Excellence Award winners and Special Award winners amongst all the entries. The Panel of Judges may request site visits, as deemed necessary.

All finalists are required to present their innovative initiatives at the Final Judging during the HKMA Global Innovation Day. The Judges will decide on the winners of all the awards announced at the Award Presentation Ceremony.

At a Glance 23 January 2025

Guest of Honor



Mr Simon Chan Sai-ming, BBS, JP

Chairman
Hong Kong Cyberport Management
Company Limited

Opening Ceremony



The Hon Jeffery Lam Kin-fung, GBM, GBS, JP

Non-Official Member
The Executive Council;
Member
The Legislative Council;
Managing Director
Forward Winsome Industries Limited

Award Presentation Ceremony
cum Innovation Summit

Special Guest



Mr Ir Tony Wong, JP

Commissioner for Digital Policy
Government of HKSAR

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Innovation Summit



Keynote Speaker

Professor Susanna Hui MH

Executive Director and Group Managing Director, HKT Ltd



The Digital Transformation session

Digital Transformation in Action: Lesson Learned from Industry Leaders



The Culture session

Cultivating an Innovation Culture for Sustainable Business Success



The Global session

Global Innovation Ecosystem



The AI session:

Democratizing AI: Making Advanced Technology Accessible and Affordable

Event Highlight

1500+ Participants
(2024/25)

**30 Innovative
Presentations**

275 Entries
(13% Non-local Entries)

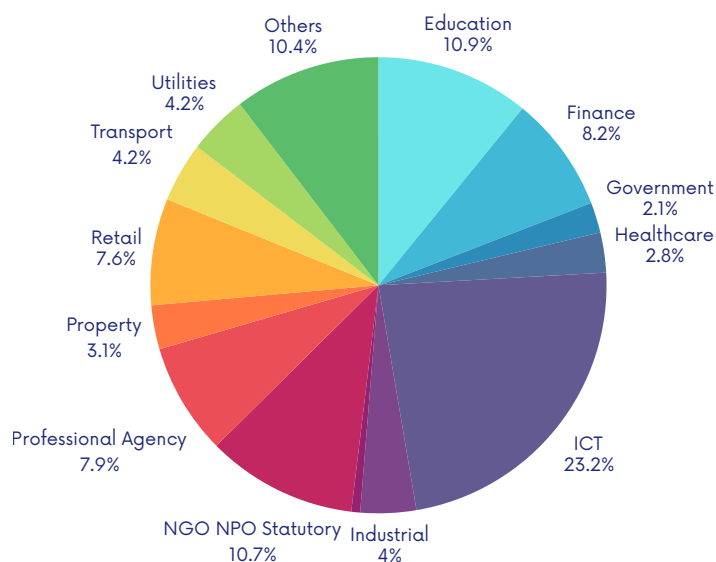
**70+
Award Winners**



**25 Distinguished Speakers
at the Innovation Summit**



44 innovative exhibitors



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