

# HONG KONG ENGINEERING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD 2025-27

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# HKAE – HKEST AWARD 2025–2027

## Hong Kong Academy of Engineering

Founded in 1994, Hong Kong Academy of Engineering (HKAE, formerly known as the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences) was formed by eminent engineers to promote science advancement and the practice of engineering for the benefits of Hong Kong. We strive for excellence in all fields of engineering, aim to inspire future generations and share knowledge through various initiatives. We also engage in policy research and provide expert advice on engineering related matters to the government and other organisations.

The Hong Kong Engineering Science and Technology (HKEST) Award is designed to recognize talented academics and professionals on their achievements in the exploration and impactful applications of engineering solutions to provide a sustainable environment for the betterment of mankind.

We have attracted young talents within the HKEST awardees to join the Academy and engage in various initiatives, with some of these awardees were subsequently elected as Fellows of the HKAE. This demonstrates that the HKEST Award is also being recognized as an endorsement process of our future young and promising engineering talents.

We welcome young and promising professionals involved in engineering innovation, translation, and practices to participate in this award. By uniting leading professionals, we encourage collaborative efforts to effect positive change and make a meaningful impact on the world through selfless endeavors.

# RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE: THE HKEST AWARD

The Hong Kong Engineering Science and Technology (HKEST) Award recognises outstanding achievements and contributions in engineering, science and technology among individuals aged 45 and under in Hong Kong. Launched in 2022, this prestigious award honours those excelling through research, development, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Since its inception, we have received nearly 100 nominations from both academic and industry organisations, highlighting the award's recognition and impact as a respected credential within the local community. Nominating organisations select their top candidates, ensuring that the most promising individuals participate in the nomination process. Each new round of applications has seen an increase in nominations from both sectors, reflecting a strong commitment to fostering talent and a willingness to apply technological innovations within the industry.

The active participation of academic and industry representatives has enhanced the award's visibility and competitiveness. Notably, the HKEST Award has garnered recognition from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, underscoring its significance in promoting innovation and excellence in the engineering and technology sectors. Government endorsement and ratification not only elevates the award's stature but also reinforces the message that fostering young talent in these fields is a priority for the continued development of Hong Kong.

As the award continues to grow in prestige, it is becoming a valuable credential for nominees, opening doors to promising careers in both academia and industry. The recognition from the government further amplifies its impact, as awardees are often seen as leaders in their fields, inspiring others to pursue excellence. We believe the award provides both direct and indirect benefits, further solidifying the importance of the award in the fields of engineering, science and technology.





# OBJECTIVES

**Recognising Exceptional Contributions:** The primary objective of the HKEST Award is to acknowledge and honour outstanding contributions and excellence among the younger generation in Hong Kong in the field of engineering, science and technology.

**Promoting Innovation and Excellence:** The award aims to promote innovation, excellence, and creativity within the engineering community by recognising individuals who have excelled in developing creative solutions to complex problems.

**Supporting Young Scientists, Engineers, and Technologists:** By celebrating the achievements of young scientists, engineers, and technologists from diverse disciplines, the award seeks to provide support and encouragement to emerging talent in the field.

**Encouraging Research and Development:** The award encourages and highlights the importance of research, development, innovation, and entrepreneurship in engineering, science and technology, fostering a culture of continuous advancement.

**Contributing to Societal Betterment:** Recognising individuals who have made significant advancements that contribute to the betterment of society, the award underscores the importance of applying engineering skills for the benefit of the community and beyond.

**Setting High Standards:** By setting a high standard and holding significant prominence, the award aims to inspire others in the engineering community to strive for excellence and make impactful contributions to society.

**Celebrating Diversity and Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** The award recognises and commends young professionals from diverse disciplines within engineering, promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange across various fields of expertise.

# TIMELINE

## OF 2026 APPLICATION

### **Nomination Period**

1 May 2026 -  
30 September 2026

### **Initial Screening**

October 2026

### **Interview with Shortlisted Nominees**

November 2026  
- December 2026

### **Result Announcement**

January/February 2027

### **Award Presentation**

May/June 2027



Nomination for the HKEST Award is by invitation only. All nominations shall be kept strictly confidential. More than 60 organisations including institutions, statutory bodies, professional organisations, and business associations related to engineering, science and technology have been invited to submit nominations from 1st May 2026 to 30th September 2026.

### **Stayed Informed**

For full details, important dates and the latest announcements, please visit our event website. Scan the QR code to go directly to the site.



# NOMINATION GUIDELINES

## **Nominating Organisations** - By Invitation Only -

Each nominating organisation may submit **up to three** entries only. Prioritizing standouts, if more than one entry is made.

### **Eligibility**

**Age Limit:** Nominees must be 45 years of age or below as of the closing day of nominations on **30 September 2026**. This age requirement applies to all members of a team participating in the award.

**Field of Work:** Nominees should be actively engaged in engineering, science and technology, encompassing areas such as research, development, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

In terms of selecting winners, the decision of the Selection Committee is final. The Council of the HKAE, however, reserves the right to disqualify any winner and to withdraw or revoke any award granted, without entitling the winner to any compensation.

### **How to Nominate**

The nomination materials will be shared with the directors and presidents of the invited organisations via postal mail and email. Nominations for the HKEST Award must be completed in English and can only be submitted by invited nominating organisations.

All submissions (in PDF format) must reach the HKAE Secretariat via email at [support@hkae.hk](mailto:support@hkae.hk). Paper submissions are not required. Late entries will not be accepted.

# JUDGING CRITERIA

**Research and Innovation:** Pioneering research and technological development leading to significant advances in product or process technology.

**Development and Translation:** Technological development projects generating substantial economic returns, the potential for growth and collaboration and/or social benefits, considering aspects such as sustainability, accessibility, and social well-being.

**Application and Entrepreneurship:** The significance of business achievements and entrepreneurial endeavours related to engineering, science and technology, highlighting the practical application of innovation.

**Overall Impact on Engineering, Science and Technology (EST) Advancement:** The broader impact and relevance of contributions towards advancing the field of engineering, science and technology, emphasising the lasting effects on the industry and society.





## SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Committee will consist exclusively of esteemed Fellows of the Academy, ensuring a high standard of evaluation and recognition within the engineering community.

### **Assessment and Shortlisting**

All nominations will be assessed based on established criteria for engineering excellence and innovation.

### **Interview Process**

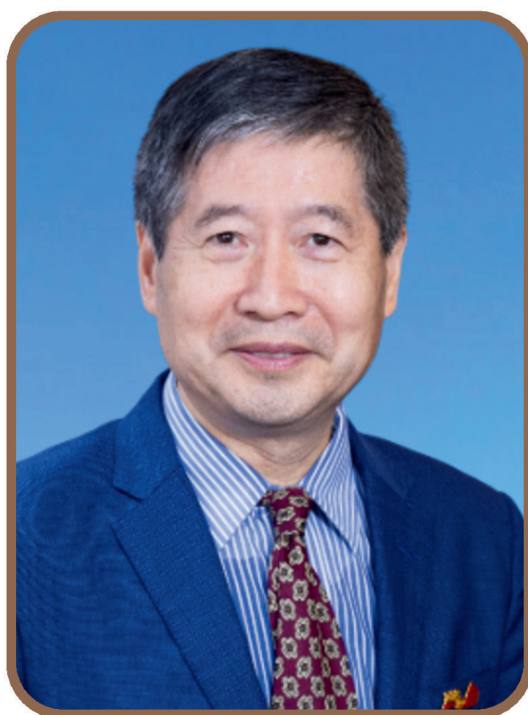
Shortlisted nominees will be invited for interviews in November/December 2026. Interviews will focus on nominees' achievements, contributions to engineering, community impact, and future aspirations. Additionally, each interview will include a Question-and-Answer session, allowing Selection Committee members to engage directly with nominees. This interactive component provides an opportunity for nominees to clarify their contributions and discuss their vision for the future.

### **Selection of Laureates**

Up to six laureates will be chosen for this prestigious award. Recipients will be formally notified by the HKAE Secretariat in January/February 2027.

# SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee is composed entirely of HKAE Fellows – respected, locally based engineering leaders who represent the full breadth of Hong Kong’s engineering community. The committee includes both academic and industry experts to ensure balanced coverage of theory and practice. Members conduct interviews with shortlisted nominees to enable an in-depth assessment of impact, innovation and feasibility. This combination of expertise strengthens the rigour and credibility of the award and enhances its prestige.



**Ir Dr LEUNG Kwong Wai Humphrey**  
**Chairman, HKEST Award Selection Committee 2025–27**  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Growgreen Limited  
Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Solomon Systech Limited

**Prof. LI Xiangdong**  
**Deputy Chairman, HKEST Award Selection Committee 2025–27**  
Dean of Faculty of Construction and Environment  
Director of Research Institute for Sustainable Urban Development  
Chair Professor of Environmental Science and Technology  
Ko Jan Ming Professor in Sustainable Urban Development  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

# OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF LAUREATES

Each laureate will receive a certificate presented by HKAE and a distinguished guest during the award ceremony in recognition of their outstanding contribution and excellence. Laureates will also be invited to join the HKAE Young Member Section (YMS), gaining access to a professional peer network and receiving priority consideration for future HKAE initiatives and collaborative opportunities.

Announcements will be made across HKAE and HKEST Award digital platforms, social media channels. Press releases will be shared with various engineering-related institutions to enhance the visibility of the laureates. Laureates will have the opportunity to present their awarded papers or research at a major HKAE event to broaden their impact.

A featured profile and project highlights will be included in the Laureates Corner of the award brochure and on the award website. These initiatives are designed to recognise laureates' achievements, expand their professional networks, and enhance opportunities for collaboration and career development.



## LAUREATES 2022-23



a. **Ir Prof. SHUM Ho Cheung Anderson** – Vice-President (Research); Chair Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, Department of Biomedical Engineering; Chair Professor of Department of Materials Science and Engineering, City University of Hong Kong

b. **Prof. WANG Xiaogang** – Full Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Co-founder and Chief Scientist, SenseTime Group

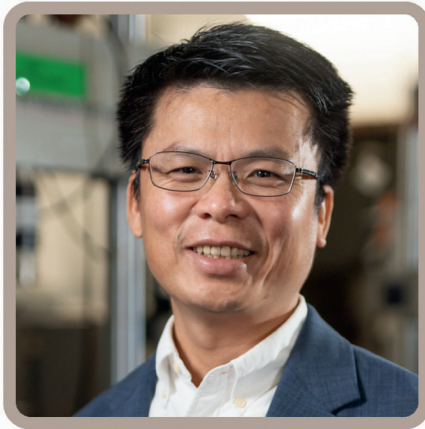
c. **Prof. ZHENG Zijian** – Chair Professor of Soft Materials and Devices, Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

d. **Gense Technologies Limited (Team) Dr CHAN Russell Wade, Mr CHAN Pak Heng Justin and Dr WONG Chung San Eddie** (left to right) – Co-founder and Chief Technology Officer; Co-founder and Chief Operations Officer; Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Gense Technologies Limited

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## LAUREATES 2023-24



a. **Prof. HUANG Mingxin** – Chair Professor and Head of Department, Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

b. **Prof. LU Yi-Chun** – Professor, Department of Mechanical & Automation Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Co-founder, Luquos Energy Limited

c. **Prof. WEI Minchen Tommy** – Associate Head (Research) and Professor of Department of Building Environment and Energy Engineering; Director of Colour Imaging and Metaverse Research Centre; Director of PolyU-Qianhai Technology and Innovation Research Centre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

d. **Prof. YIP Hin-Lap Angus** – Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering and School of Energy and Environment; Associate Director, Hong Kong Institute for Clean Energy, City University of Hong Kong

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## LAUREATES 2024-25



a. **Prof. AU Man Ho Allen** – Professor and Associate Head (Research and Development), Department of Computing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

b. **Prof. CHOI Chung Hang Jonathan** – Professor, and Vice-Chairman (Undergraduate), Department of Biomedical Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

c. **Prof. TSIA Kin Man Kevin** – Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Program Director, Biomedical Engineering Program; Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning – UG), Faculty of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong

d. **Ir Prof. TSO Chi Yan Edwin** – Associate Dean (Internationalisation and Outreach) and Associate Professor, School of Energy and Environment, City University of Hong Kong; Co-founder, i2Cool Limited

e. **Prof. WANG Han** – Professor and Associate Head, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Director Center for Advanced Semiconductors and Integrated Circuits; The University of Hong Kong

f. **Airport Authority Hong Kong (Team) Ms LU Yuk Ying Nicola, Mr LAI Tsz Fai Jeff and Mr MOK Ying Yiu Tom** – Manager; Project Engineer; Assistant Engineer, Airport Authority Hong Kong

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My career journey has taken me from academic research to technology leadership and entrepreneurship. After completing my B.Eng. and Ph.D. at The University of Hong Kong, followed by postdoctoral work at Stanford and New York University, I transitioned into industry as Chief Technology Officer of Gense Technologies. Today, as Chief Executive Officer of E-SENSE Innovation & Technology, I lead with a S2B (Science-to-Business) philosophy — transforming state-of-the-art biomedical imaging research into scalable, market-ready solutions.

This path was not without challenges. Leading multidisciplinary teams across engineering, clinical medicine, regulatory affairs, and business development required balancing scientific advancement with product-market fit. Tackling real-world healthcare problems meant ensuring our devices were not only technically advanced but also practical, accessible, and impactful for communities.

My motivation has always been clear: to research, develop, apply, and commercialize multi-modal, multi-scale biomedical imaging devices that improve quality of life. At the core of this mission is VitoCheck, our flagship Artificial Intelligence-powered biomedical imaging platform. Designed as a non-invasive, multi-organ diagnostic tool to enable preventive screening and early detection, improving accessibility and quality of life for diverse communities. Equally important is community engagement — building partnerships that extend preventive healthcare access to marginalized populations.

Receiving the HKEST Award was a turning point. It enhanced my credibility and visibility, opened doors to the Young Member Section of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering (HKAE), and provided invaluable networking opportunities with HKAE fellows. Through these connections, I gained access to national-level laboratories and high-level discussions, strengthening both our scientific and strategic positioning.

To future participants, my advice is to persevere, embrace multidisciplinary collaboration, and always focus on solving real-world problems. Technical excellence must be paired with social responsibility.

Currently, we are soft-launching VitoCheck in Hong Kong, aiming to reach users directly (B2C) and through partnerships with clinics, elderly homes, longevity-focused organizations, and Non-Governmental Organisations. With heart application trials underway and future expansion into brain health diagnostics, our goal is to establish VitoCheck as a global benchmark for affordable, non-invasive, all vital organ preventive healthcare.



**INNOVATION, WHEN  
COMBINED WITH  
COMPASSION, CAN  
TRULY TRANSFORM  
LIVES.**



## DR RUSSELL CHAN

*Laureate of HKEST Award 2022-23*

# IR PROF. ANDERSON HO CHEUNG SHUM

*Laureate of HKEST Award 2022-23*



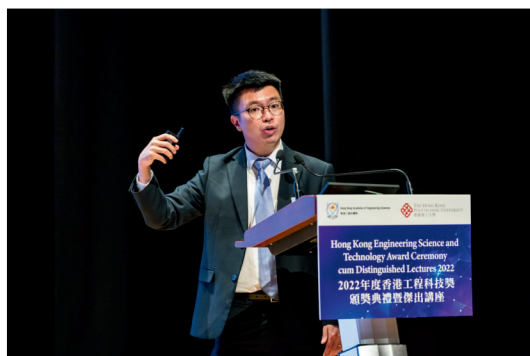
Ir Prof. Anderson Ho Cheung SHUM graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University in 2005, followed by S.M. and Ph.D. degrees in Applied Physics from Harvard University. He joined The University of Hong Kong in 2010, advancing to full Professor in Mechanical Engineering by 2019. In October 2024, he was appointed Vice-President (Research) and Chair Professor of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK).

His research in biomicrofluidics and soft matter, particularly droplet-based systems integrating engineering, materials science, and genomics, addresses complex biomedical challenges such as drug delivery and disease diagnostics. A key challenge has been bridging differing terminologies and methods in interdisciplinary collaborations; he has overcome this by fostering mutual understanding, leading to innovative synergies recognised by funding bodies.

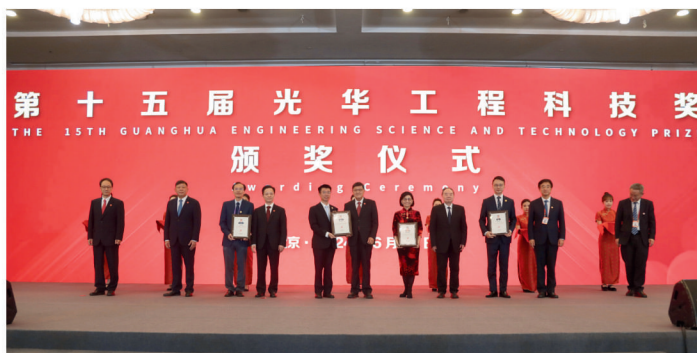
His dedication is driven by a commitment to tackling global problems without disciplinary boundaries, benefiting humanity through creative solutions and educating diverse students. Receiving the inaugural Hong Kong Engineering Science and Technology (HKEST) Award in 2023 affirmed his contributions, enhancing recognition and supporting further interdisciplinary initiatives and leadership roles.

For aspiring participants, he advises embracing interdisciplinary approaches, focusing on strengths of individual fields while merging them for impactful outcomes unattainable alone, and persisting in translating research to real-world applications.

Currently, as Vice-President (Research), he promotes cross-disciplinary institutions, international partnerships, and innovation at CityUHK, aspiring to position Hong Kong as a global bridge for knowledge exchange and talent development.



*Honored with the inaugural HKEST Award in 2023*



*Awarded the 15<sup>th</sup> Guanghua Engineering Science and Technology Prize in 2024*



*Recipient of the Lab on a Chip and ALIne Pioneers of Miniaturisation Lectureship in 2025*

# PROF. ANGUS HIN-LAP YIP

*Laureate of HKEST Award 2023-24*



Choosing Materials Science for my BSc in Hong Kong was a bold step—especially at a time when the programme was still new and not widely recognised. I was drawn to a discipline where fundamental science can be translated into real technology, and that decision set the direction for everything that followed.

From early work on self-assembled organic semiconductors to translational R&D in organic and perovskite optoelectronics across academia and industry, my focus has remained consistent: translate materials design and process innovation into devices that are efficient, stable, and manufacturable at scale.

I have been fortunate to work with outstanding mentors, students, and collaborators—people who challenge assumptions and continually raise the standard of what we consider possible. Today, at City University of Hong Kong and through the Hong Kong Institute for Clean Energy, our work addresses a pressing challenge for Hong Kong: accelerating renewable energy generation in a city with limited land and a dense built environment, in support of the carbon-neutrality pathway. Our guiding idea is simple: **“Solar for Every Surface.”** We aim to integrate clean-energy generation into the places people already live and work—beyond rooftops, across façades and everyday infrastructure—through lightweight, durable, and design-friendly technologies that can be deployed safely at scale.

Receiving the HKEST Award was both an honour and a catalyst. It affirmed our mission and accelerated partnerships that bridge fundamental science and deployment, including dialogue with government, utilities, and start-ups. Just as importantly, it reinforced my responsibility to mentor younger engineers and to build open collaborations where ambitious ideas can move faster.

To future participants: begin with a real societal need, define measurable milestones, build a team that spans disciplines, and communicate with clarity and honesty—especially when results are imperfect.

Today, my group is developing next-generation, solution-processed optoelectronic technologies with a clear focus on real-world deployment. I am glad that our work is not only serving Hong Kong locally: through our participation in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)-endorsed Fostering Innovation for Resilience and Sustainable Transformation (FIRST) programme, we are extending these advances toward affordable, reliable energy solutions for underserved communities, aiming for meaningful global impact.



# IR PROF. EDWIN CHI YAN TSO

*Laureate of HKEST Award 2024-25*

From humble beginnings in Shanghai to the forefront of sustainable energy innovation, my journey has been one of perseverance, resilience, and purpose. I arrived in Hong Kong as a teenager with limited English proficiency and a weak academic foundation. The transition was daunting. Yet, I held fast to my grandmother's words: "Knowledge is the only wealth that cannot be taken away." With determination, I forged my academic path, earning the opportunity to conduct research at the University of California, Berkeley under a Fulbright Fellowship, completing a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and ultimately embarking on a fulfilling career in energy and environmental research as an Associate Professor at City University of Hong Kong.

My motivation stems from a core belief — that science must serve humanity. This philosophy has guided my work in passive radiative cooling and sustainable energy technologies. It also inspired the founding of i2Cool, a start-up that translates research into real-world solutions, benefitting many underserved communities. Whether cooling rooftops in commercial projects across more than 30 countries — including landmarks like Dubai Mall — or improving conditions for underprivileged communities in Sham Shui Po, the Greater Bay Area, Xinjiang, Chengdu, Hunan, and Malaysia, my mission remains clear: to ensure that innovation reaches those who need it most.

Receiving the HKEST Award was a pivotal milestone. It not only recognized the societal value of our research but also amplified the importance of sustainable engineering in tackling global climate challenges. The award inspired my team and I to further push the boundaries of both academic discovery and practical application.

To future participants, I encourage you to stay grounded in your values. Let adversity fuel your ambition, and never underestimate the power of persistence, purpose, and compassion. Innovation is not just about developing technology — it's about creating meaningful impact.

Currently, I lead the UNESCO-endorsed FIRST (Fostering Innovation for Resilience and Sustainable Transformation) Programme, advancing affordable green technologies such as passive cooling and solar films. I remain committed to bridging scientific excellence and social equity — engineering not just for progress, but for people.



# PROF. JONATHAN CHUNG HANG CHOI

*Laureate of HKEST Award 2024-25*

I am a chemical engineer by training, and I practice biomedical engineering professionally. My research areas lie in bionanomaterials, nanomedicine, and drug delivery. I established the first lab that specializes in nanomedicine-based drug delivery in Hong Kong and co-founded the first biomedical engineering department in Hong Kong. My lab investigates the interaction of nanoparticles with organs, tissues, and cells inside the body, and accordingly develops strategies for delivering therapeutic nanoparticles to various challenging disease sites for treatment, such as atherosclerotic plaques, fibrotic kidneys, and degenerated brain.

An enormous challenge for biomedical engineers is the planning and execution of projects that resonate with engineers, scientists, and doctors in terms of conceptual novelty, significance, and practical relevance. Biomedical engineers need to develop a comprehensive understanding in the different sectors, integrate different skills and knowledge domains, consider a question from different angles, and mitigate (at times) conflicting opinions. The research journey can be tortuous, and the analysis required can be complex, but such an iterative, multifaceted process of problem solving ultimately stimulates creativity and leads to innovative, balanced solutions to healthcare problems. This is the unique charm of biomedical engineering.

I sincerely thank the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering for bestowing upon me this immense honor. This recognition will encourage me to translate my lab discoveries to human use. Till now, Hong Kong has few independently developed drugs in clinical use, often adopting already approved drugs from overseas. With technological advancement and policy support, I envision the emergence of locally developed therapies that will improve the quality of life of patients.





# OTHER ACTIVITIES OF HKAE

## TechTalk Series

The TechTalks Series was introduced in 2023 with the goal of promoting science and technology in a more accessible and engaging manner, especially for the younger demographic and also the public. Industry and Academic experts deliver insightful perspectives to educate, inspire and captivate individuals interested in engineering and technology.

The series is regularly held at Tam Wing Fan Innovation Wing Two, The University of Hong Kong . If you are interested in our TechTalk Series, you can follow our YouTube channel to watch previous sessions. Additionally, scan the QR code below to subscribe, and we will keep you updated with the latest details.

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## Pitch Competition

The Student Pitch Competition draws inspiration from the Global Grand Challenges Summit (GGCS), a renowned global event co-hosted by the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Engineering and the Royal Academy of Engineering, a vital platform for global scientific and technological collaboration. Our local competition mirrors this tradition by encouraging collaboration across borders to develop innovative solutions. In Hong Kong, we are partnering with various local universities to join this competition, fostering creativity and cooperation in the local academia.

For those interested in the student projects, please refer to the QR code below, which links to the event website. Here, you will find project briefs and videos of their presentations.



Pitch Competition Event Website



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