

Asia Pacific ICT Alliance Awards 2023 starts off in Hong Kong

The Asia Pacific Information and Communications Technology Alliance (APICTA) Awards 2023 officially started off today (December 5). The four-day event, jointly organised by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the Hong Kong Computer Society (HKCS), will gather over 600 ICT leaders and industry elites from across the Asia-Pacific region. This marks the third occasion when Hong Kong has the privilege to host the event after 2004 and 2013.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, said that it is a great honour for Hong Kong to host the prestigious APICTA Awards for the third time. This recognition reflects Hong Kong's standing as a vibrant ICT hub and underscores the Government's unwavering dedication to nurturing innovation and fostering the growth of Hong Kong's ICT ecosystem. Professor Sun wished all entries and teams great victory and success.

The APICTA Awards is an acclaimed international awards programme organised annually by the APICTA. Through the concerted support of the 16 member economies, the APICTA Awards is highly regarded by the ICT industry in the Asia-Pacific region. This year, the Awards received an overwhelming response, drawing nearly 300 entries from enterprise and student teams to compete for the honours in 24 award categories.

The Awards programme will take place from today until December 8, comprising awards judging, Students' Entries Networking Session, and Startup Entries Networking Session. Through an array of valuable networking opportunities among participating teams, judges, and the Executive Committee members, it will help promote the innovation and technology (I&T) development in the Greater Bay Area, and Hong Kong as an I&T hub for regional collaboration and spearhead the ICT development across the region.

On December 7, the Hong Kong Night will be held to let the Hong Kong delegation present their insights, innovative ideas and technology solutions to delegates from other participating economies. The Awards Presentation Ceremony, to be held on December 8, will officially reveal the winners chosen by the judging panels comprising esteemed experts from across the member economies.

The Awards aims to recognise outstanding organisations and individuals in the Asia-Pacific region who have made a significant contribution to the ICT industry. It is dedicated to stimulating ICT innovation, raising ICT awareness in the community, creating business matching opportunities between innovators and investors, and facilitating technology transfer and application. Details of the Awards are available on the thematic website, apicta2023.hk.