## <u>Courses under Enriched ICT Training</u> <u>Programme for Elderly (2024-2026) now</u> <u>open for enrolment</u>

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) announced today (May 9) that various training courses under a new round of the Enriched Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Training Programme for the Elderly are now open progressively for enrolment. Elderly people aged 60 or above with basic knowledge of digital technology are welcome to enrol. All courses are free of charge.

The 12 Elder Academies (EAs) that have joined the Programme will provide different types of digital technology courses in all districts of Hong Kong. To encourage the elderly to use more digital technology in their daily lives, the courses will cover smart healthcare, online shopping, mobile payment, ewallet, social media and cyber security, as well as government mobile applications such as "iAM Smart" and popular Mainland mobile applications. The EAs will invite youth volunteers to serve as teaching assistants, promoting intergenerational harmony.

"We have already completed two rounds of the Programme successfully since 2019, benefitting more than 12 000 elderly participants in total. All courses are well received by the elderly. Entering the third round of the Programme, we encourage more elderly people to actively participate in the Programme, and upon completion of their courses, it will not only bring convenience to their daily lives, they could also serve as mentors to help other elderly people learn and adopt digital technology," a spokesman for the OGCIO said.

The 12 EAs joining the new round of the Programme include:

Caritas Wu Cheng-chung Secondary School Elder Academy
Elder Academy at Hong Kong Metropolitan University
Hong Kong Island Elder Academies Cluster
Lai Chack Elder Academy
Lingnan Hang Yee Memorial Secondary School Elder Academy
LingnanU Elder Academy
LST YKH & Buddhist HWCP Innovation Elder Academy
New Territories West Elder Academies Cluster
Pui Shing Elder Academy
Research Centre for Gerontology and Family Studies, The Hong Kong Polytechnic
University
Tak Sum Elder Academy
TM Hope Elder Academy

For details about the Programme and enrolment, please visit <a href="https://www.e100.hk">www.e100.hk</a>.