

Government announces appointments to Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme

The Government announced today (August 12) the appointments to the Committee of the Artificial Intelligence Subsidy Scheme.

To promote the development of the local artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem, the Government has allocated \$3 billion for the launch of a three-year AI Subsidy Scheme to support local universities, research institutes, enterprises and more in leveraging the computing power of Cyberport's AI Supercomputing Centre (AISC). The subsidy will also be used to strengthen the cybersecurity and data protection of the AISC, and organise promotional and educational activities to attract Mainland and overseas AI experts, enterprises and research and development projects to come to Hong Kong.

The Committee will advise on the general directions, administration and mode of operation of the AI Subsidy Scheme, and vet eligible applications for the AISC computing power subsidies, including the specific amount, duration and conditions of use.

The Committee is appointed by the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry. It comprises members from the information technology, AI, public administration, industry and commercial sectors. The term of appointment is three years starting from August 15, 2024. The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairperson

Mr Hendrick Sin

Non-official members

Mr Ricky Chan Wai-chung
Ms Carmen Kan Wai-mun
Mr Victor Lam Wai-kiu
Professor Liu Yun-hui
Dr Wong Chung-kiu
Dr Yang Qiang

Official member

Commissioner for Digital Policy or his/her representative

Cyberport is establishing the AISC at full speed, with a view to commencing operation of the first-phase facility within this year. Cyberport will announce the details of application for the AI Subsidy Scheme in due

course.