

HKPF's HKSOS – RescueAI wins Best Use of Advanced Technology in International Critical Communications Award 2024

The Hong Kong Police Force participated for the first time in the Critical Communications World's International Critical Communications Awards 2024 which was organised by the Critical Communications Association in Dubai from May 14 to May 17. Its emergency application HKSOS – RescueAI, which is the world's first AI dedicated for rescue missions, became the winner for the Best Use of Advanced Technology Award"

The Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Information Systems Wing, Ms Kwan Chui-ching, said, "This award brings the Force's digital policing development to a new international stage, and the development team is deeply encouraged."

The Critical Communications World Conference is the leading destination for exhibitors and the most influential international conference in the industry. The theme of this year's conference Securing Society and Industry has attracted more than 130 exhibitors from over 80 countries and regions with top industry elites and professionals for global networking, to view the latest technologies, and to jointly experience the most forward-looking critical communication infrastructure and applications.

The International Critical Communications Awards are the most prestigious awards in critical communications that aim to recognise innovative technologies and products, as well as companies and units that have pushed boundaries and made positive impact and contributions in the industry.

This year's awards saw a record number of entries while all three entries from the Force were shortlisted as finalists, including HKSOS and Smart Rescue Ecosystem for the Best Use of Critical Communications in Public Safety Award, and HKSOS – RescueAI and Signal Radar Rescue Drone for the Best Use of Advanced Technology Award.

As the only finalist from Hong Kong, the Force had to compete with a number of leading international critical communications solution providers.

Amid fierce competition, HKSOS – RescueAI stood out among the nine finalists by reinventing the traditional rescue work with advanced technologies and becoming this year's winner in the Best Use of Advanced Technology Award. Winning this prestigious award has boosted Hong Kong's image on the international stage and reaffirmed Hong Kong's role in innovation and development of advanced technologies, telling the world good stories of Hong Kong.

HKSOS – RescueAI is uniquely designed to work with HKSOS to speed up search and rescue missions especially in complex terrains by providing instant actionable rescue intelligence so as to minimise the time it takes to reach persons in distress when compared to other conventional rescues means. The streamlined approach of the HKSOS – RescueAI massively reduces rescue time, thereby increasing the chances of saving lives.

To date, the three inventions above have received a total of nine international awards.

