

# **Partnership Research Programme and Innovation and Technology Support Programme open for applications**

The Innovation and Technology Commission today (January 28) launched the Partnership Research Programme (PRP) to support research and development (R&D) projects undertaken by private companies in collaboration with local universities and public research institutions. Applications for the PRP are open all year round.

To achieve synergy and enhance flexibility, the PRP consolidates the University-Industry Collaboration Programme (UICP) and the collaborative stream of the Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP) under a single programme. The PRP will continue to provide matching funding support for approved projects. The maximum project duration is three years.

The Commission is also inviting funding applications for platform and seed projects under the ITSP from today until April 26. Platform projects refer to applied R&D projects that are industry-oriented and have potential for commercialisation, while seed projects refer to exploratory and forward-looking projects. From this year onwards, applications for the ITSP will be invited once a year.

Further information on the PRP and ITSP is available on the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) website ([www.itf.gov.hk](http://www.itf.gov.hk)). For enquiries, please contact the ITF Secretariat (Tel: 3655 5678; email: [enquiry@itf.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@itf.gov.hk)).