2019 AABI

The 25th General Assembly & 2019 EPiC

Date:

Nov 5-8, 2019

Venue:

AABI Annual Assembly: Lakeside 2, Hong Kong Science and Technology Park, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, China EPiC: International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China

Host:



Organizer:



PROGRAM



Registration

Registration due day September 6, 2019

Registration fee USD300

NOTE:

The registration fee of TWO authorized representatives from every AABI association member can be waived. Registration includes admissions to all sessions, refreshments, welcome reception, official tour and Banquet.



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ABOUT EPIC



Elevator Pitch Competition, "EPiC" in short, is a fun-filled international start-up event organised by Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP). 100 start-ups will be selected to pitch their ideas in a 60-second elevator ride at the International Commerce Centre (ICC), the most iconic skyscraper in Hong Kong. They will compete for the chance to win an investment prize of not less than US\$150,000!

There were one hundred high potential start-ups from 24 economies took part in the Elevator Pitch Competition 2018 (EPiC) last year. The global signature start-up event drew a record high number of 591 applications, including both local and international start-ups. The competition attracted more than 1,000 entrepreneurs, venture capital firms, angel investors, industry players, incubators, accelerators and tech disruptors together.

Highlights

Prize:	You stand a chance to win an investment cash prize of up to US\$150,000.
Networking:	You can mingle with an amazing lineup of entrepreneurs, industralists, incubators, accelerators and investors.
Exposure:	You can gain exposure through our extensive marketing opportunities and media coverage. In fact, all pitches will be filmed and showcased on Youtube.
Enrichment:	A series of pre-pitch clinics including technical workshops, presentation trainings and one-on-one mock pitch will be organised to help you make your best pitch.
Global outreach:	You can interact with start-up contestants from around the world to learn the different business environments and cultures.

EPiC 2019 Official Website: <u>https://events.hkstp.org/events/2019/EPiC/</u> EPiC 2018 Recap Video: <u>https://youtu.be/KPLrkPV4P5g</u>





AABI PITCH@EPiC

Introduction

The 2019 EPiC will be held on 8th Nov, 2019 at the same venue ICC in Hong Kong. Taking this opportunity, the AABI 25th General Assembly organizers AABI and HKSTP is delighted to invite AABI Association members to nominate outstanding incubatees in their corresponding regions to join the unique global start-up event. This competition will give you a chance to win investor's hearts and not less than US\$150,000 funding in just 60 seconds inside the elevator of ICC, the tallest and the most impressive building in Hong Kong.

Eligibility

Start-up companies established less than 5 years who received less than US\$10 million funding by 31 March 2019

OR

Individuals who have not yet established any companies.

Focusing on one of these technology areas:



Artificial Intelligence & Robotics



Biomedical Technology





NOTE:

The details of the 2019 EPiC event is subject to change. Please refer to the 2019 EPiC official website: <u>https://youtu.be/KPLrkPV4P5g</u>

Application procedure and due dates

Please fill in the attached application form and submit to AABI on or before Sep 15th, 2019.





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ANGEL X CORPORATE VENTURES CONFERENCE 2019

Building on the success of the Angel x Angel Conferences previously, HKSTP and Hong Kong Business Angel Network (HKBAN) this year will connect angel investors with corporate ventures in the region and foster their partnership in creating values to the innovation and technology ecosystem. The Conference will bring together leading investors, industry experts and entrepreneurs, to discuss the up to date opportunities and challenges of early stage investment, and present a pool of latest technology ideas across the world.

AABI is cordially invited to participate in the Angel x CV Conference 2019 on 7th November 2019. Four of our associate members are invited for a panel discussion with the topic of "Empowering Early-stage Investment Ecosystem in Asia" (tentative). All AABI guests in this general assembly trip are invited to seat as audience in the morning session, which includes three panel discussions and two project showcases with topics of AI & Fintech and Biomedical Technology & Smart City.

The tentative run down is as below:

Angel x Corporate Venture Conference 2019 7 November 2019		
9:30am	Welcome speeches by HKSTP & HKBAN	
9:40am	Opening	
9:45am	Keynote Speech	
9:55am	Panel Discussion (1) by Regional Corporate Ventures – Investment Strategies in Key Technology	
10:25am	Coffee Break	
10:55am	Panel Discussion (2) by Asian Association of Business Incubator (AABI) – Empowering Early-stage Investment Ecosystem in Asia	
11:25am	Selected Project Showcase (1) – AI & Fintech	
11:40am	Panel Discussion (3) by Family Offices	
12:10am	Selected Project Showcase (2) – Biomedical Technology & Smart City	
12:25pm	Break	





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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Hong Kong

Positioned at the mouth of the Pearl River Delta on the coast of southern China, Hong Kong's geographical position as a gateway between the East and West has made it an attractive centre for international trade. As a reflection of this, the heart of Asia's world city has always been the bustling and beautiful Victoria Harbour. Hong Kong's 1,104-square-kilometer area comprises Hong Kong Island, which lies to the south of the harbour, the Kowloon Peninsula, which forms its northern shores, the New Territories to the north of Kowloon, which stretch all the way to Mainland China, and more than 200 outlying islands, including Lantau Island, where Hong Kong International Airport is located.



VISA

In general, all visitors to Hong Kong must have a passport that is valid for at least one month after the period of their intended stay in Hong Kong. However, documents issued to stateless persons must be valid for a minimum of two months after the period of intended stay. Please contact the <u>Immigration Department</u> for further details.

Nationals of most countries do not require a visa to enter Hong Kong for tourism and can stay for periods varying from seven to 180 days, depending on nationality. If you're unsure of your status, please check with any <u>Chinese embassy</u> or <u>consulate</u>. You can also find further details about visa requirements on the <u>Immigration Department website</u>.





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Currency

The <u>legal tender</u> in Hong Kong is the Hong Kong dollar (HKD), which is pegged to the US dollar at a rate of about 7.80 HKD to 1 USD, although exchange rates may fluctuate slightly. While coins are issued by the Government, interestingly, the issue of Hong Kong banknotes are shared between three commercial banks: HSBC, Standard Chartered Bank and Bank of China. These notes vary in design and colour according to <u>denomination</u>.

Changing money

You can exchange your currency for Hong Kong dollars at any authorised money exchanger. For extra peace of mind, look for a <u>money exchanger</u> that is accredited by the Quality Tourism Services (QTS) Scheme. At Hong Kong International Airport, currency exchange counters are open from early morning until late at night and many located within the city stay open into the evening. ATMs are widespread and operate 24 hours. Exchange rates fluctuate daily depending on currency markets.

Traveller's cheques and credit cards

Traveller's cheques are accepted by most leading banks and hotels. International credit cards such as American Express, VISA, Diners Club and MasterCard are also welcome at many hotels, retail shops and restaurants. Such premises usually display stickers showing the credit cards they accept at their entrances.

ATM

ATMs can be found almost everywhere. Many take international cards and some HSBC 'Electronic Money' machines provide 24-hour cash withdrawal (HK\$) facilities for Visa and MasterCard holders.





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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Weather

Hong Kong has a sub-tropical climate with distinct seasons. The only predictable weather events that could have a significant impact on your travel plans are typhoons.

Typhoon season begins in May and ends in November. When a typhoon is approaching, warnings are broadcast on television and radio. There are various degrees of warning signals issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, but when the no. 8 signal is in place, most businesses and shops close down and flights may be cancelled. There is a separate warning system for heavy rain.

You can find detailed weather updates for tourist attractions on the <u>Hong Kong</u> <u>Weather Information for Tourists</u> website. While you're in Hong Kong, you can also dial 1878 200 and press '3' for English to check the latest situation.



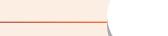
Autumn (September to November)

There are pleasant breezes, plenty of sunshine and comfortable temperatures. Many people regard these as the best months of the year to visit Hong Kong. Average Temperature: 19°C – 28°C



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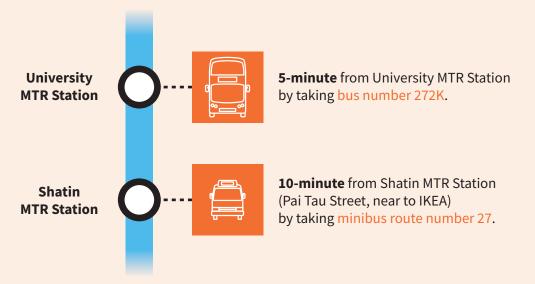
TRANSPORTATION

Hong Kong is internationally famous for its safe, affordable and reliable public transport system that keeps the city moving at its trademark lightning speed. If lightning is too fast, you can switch gears by hopping on an unhurried tram or ferry and savour the city at an old-world pace. Check <u>here</u> for the different ways of getting to Hong Kong.

There are plenty of ways to get around Hong Kong, whether it's by taxi, ferry, rail, bus or tram. The city claims one of the world's safest, most efficient and frequent public transport systems and a convenient payment method in the form of the Octopus Card. Click <u>here</u> for details.

Getting to HKSTP

HKSTP conveniently located in Hong Kong to benefit from the equidistant transport links from downtown and the border with Mainland China.



Visitors can also drive to HKSTP via Tolo Highway. Travel time from the Park to Tsim Sha Tsui East is about 30 minutes. Travel time from HKSTP to Shenzhen, China is about 30 minutes.

During the AABI event days, group transportation will be provided between hotel and HKSTP.





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ACCOMMODATIONS

Two recommended hotels are listed as follow. Please indicate the room type you prefer. Rooms will be reserved and payment method be informed later. Please kindly note that accommodation is not included in the registration fee.

Royal Park Hotel

Conveniently located in the heart of Shatin, the Royal Park Hotel is a spacious and modern destination for leisure and business travelers alike. The Hotel is connected with Shatin New Town Plaza, a lively shopping and entertainment venue of 2 million square feet with over 400 shops.

Address: 8 Pak Hok Ting Street, Shatin, Hong Kong https://www.royalpark.com.hk/en/ Tel: (852) 2601 2111 Fax: (852) 2601 3666

Room Type	Room Price
Standard Room (Twin)	HKD 1309 / night
Standard Room (Double)	HKD 1309 / night



Alva Hotel by Royal

Opening in the second half of 2019, ALVA HOTEL BY ROYAL is a new premium hotel. The hotel offers guest-centric technology, innovative dining and accessible luxury with a modern lifestyle hospitality concept designed specifically for city-explorers.

1 Yuen Hong Street, Shatin,Hong Kong https://www.alva.com.hk/en/index.html Tel: (852) 2660 0789 Fax: (852) 2670 3391

Room Type	Room Price
Standard Room (Twin)	HKD 960 / night
Standard Room (Double)	HKD 960 / night



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a) Transportation organized by host

There will be a chartered bus at a few fixed time points on Nov 5th, 2019 to pick up the participants to the hotels. Details to be announced after all registrations are done.

b) Going on your own

