

Pre-startup Connector

初創人才配對

by Techno-Entrepreneurship Core

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Strategic Theme(s):

Health and Medical Technologies

Industry 4.0

Smart Cities

Summary of Impacts

The project was designed to provide a comprehensive platform for entrepreneurs and startups to connect with a wide range of resources that are crucial for their success. By linking them with talented individuals, potential customers, professional networks, incubators, accelerators, and investors, the project aimed to facilitate team formation and growth for these businesses. This helped entrepreneurs and startups gain access to the necessary resources and support they need to develop and scale their ideas, and ultimately succeed in their ventures. The project's efforts were a significant boost for the entrepreneurial ecosystem and helped foster innovation and economic growth in the region.


The participants of the startup connectors program were extremely appreciative of our efforts. They found our matchmaking platform to be an invaluable tool in identifying and connecting with the right talent and resources for their development and growth. Our specialized events also played a crucial role in helping them to stay up-to-date with the latest trends and developments in their respective fields, and provided them with opportunities to network and collaborate with like-minded individuals. Overall, our efforts had a significant impact on the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and helped to foster a culture of innovation and growth in the region.

影響力概要

- 這個項目旨在為創業者和初創企業提供全面的平臺，讓他們與關鍵的資源相連接，這對於他們的成功至關重要。通過將他們與專業人才、潛在客戶、專業網路、孵化器、加速器和投資者聯繫起來，該項目旨在為這些企業的團隊形成和成長提供便利。這幫助了創業者和初創企業獲得必要的資源和支持，以開發和擴展他們的想法，並最終在他們的企業中獲得成功。該專案的努力對創業生態系統有重要的推動作用，有助於在該地區培育創新和經濟增長。創業者連接計畫的參與者非常感激我們的努力。
- 他們發現我們的匹配平臺是一個無價的工具，可以識別和連接他們發展和成長所需的正確人才和資源。我們的專業活動也在幫助他們及時瞭解他們所在領域的最新趨勢和發展，為他們提供與志同道合的人合作和網路的機會，發揮了至關重要的作用。總體來說，我們的努力對創業生態系統產生了重要影響，並有助於在該地區培育創新和增長文化。

Delivered activities

One online connector platform has been setup and four startup-talent mixer activities have been organized to reach the goal to connect startups and entrepreneurial talents and create impacts to various stakeholders and the community



Platform 1 – HKU start-up connector platform built for talent linking and matchmaking



Activity 1 – Mixer Event 1: Entrepreneurship Top Talent Meetup (23 Feb 2024)



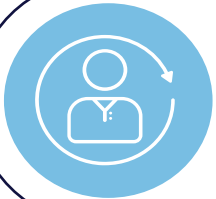
Activity 2 – Mixer Event 2: MedTech Hackathon Mixer (8 Mar 2024)

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Activity 3 – Mixer Event 3: HKU Super Angel Symposium and Demo Day (16 Mar 2024)



Activity 4 – Mixer Event 4: Hangzhou Entrepreneurship and Venture Association Meeting (30 May 2024)



Entrepreneurial Top Talent Meetup



<https://tec.hku.hk/event/entrepreneurial-top-talent-meetup/>

- The event, organized in partnership with [Hong Kong Top Talent Services Association](#), attracted over **140 participants**. **20 HKU start-up teams** pitched and showcased their projects to attract top entrepreneurial talents.
- Over **60 top talents** with rich technical and business expertise from Top Talent Pass Scheme travelled to HKU main campus to explore opportunities to contribute to Hong Kong's science and technology innovation.
- An interactive talent matching session was arranged, resulting in over **15 pairs of start-ups and top talents** mutually selecting each other for partnering.



MedTech Talent Connect

- Part of the MedTech Hackathon, the MedTech Talent Connect is our inaugural program.
- The MedTech startups were featured on the MedTech Show webpage, and specific hiring needs have been identified. The event aims to engage various communities, including the HKU students and alumni network, as well as entrepreneurial talents, offering talent matchmaking opportunities and potential collaborations with researchers' team.
- We facilitate networking and team formation opportunities between **20+ teams** and **50+ talents**.

Date: Mar 8, 2024

Time: 15:00 – 17:00

Venue: InnoWing Two



Team Building & Networking

Application Collection:

- 30+ MedTech Projects
- ~80 Participants
- More than 20 teams initially identified talents

HKU Super Angel Symposium and Demo Day

- The demo day garnered over 150 audiences, with investors, industry leaders, alumnus, held on the same day as the HKU's Alumni Day.
- VP(R) Professor Max Shen delivered opening remarks, while engaging keynote speeches were given by HKU representative start-ups.
- A total of 22 HKU start ups pitched in the Demo Day to look for investment and talent pools that could help their development and growth.



<https://tec.hku.hk/event/hku-super-angel-symposium-raise-demo-day/>

CCIIP (China Council for International Investment Promotion) and Hangzhou Entrepreneurship & Venture Association Meetup



Date: 30 May, 2024
Time: 10:00 – 13:00
Venue: InnoWing Two

- A meetup event was organized among CCIIP, industry leaders and investors from Hangzhou and HKU researchers, entrepreneur teams, HKU iCube and HKU TEC to discuss the I&E ecosystem, collaboration and complementary mechanism among HKU, HKU research/ start-up teams and Hangzhou participating enterprises and VCs.
- Follow up discussion has been arranged for talent matchmaking and investment opportunities, including S&R Venture Capital and HKU start-up team Quantum Fabless Ltd, and others.