

Fostering Collaborations in Innovative Research

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Mr Yong Chong Soon, President of Malaysian Autonomous Intelligence & Robotics Association (MyAIRA), visited Hong Kong in December 2023 and found that the city is most conducive as a place to travel, work, live and invest.

“I have had more than a dozen one-on-one meetings with various government officers and professors from institutions of higher learning, and also with the Malaysian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong. All meetings were fruitful, as there are so many areas our countries and countrymen/women can collaborate on. I will find time to digest and share with friends, and privately discuss potentials with appropriate parties where necessary,” Mr Yong said.

He added, “Investing technology sector in Hong Kong looks interesting, with some innovative research on-going. I have started discussion with two institutions of higher learning in Malaysia to

collaborate with the Hong Kong Science and Technology University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on robotic and medical technology. Additionally, I have plans to invite members of our Association to look to Hong Kong Productivity Council for IR4.0 solutions. We also hope to enter into collaborations with the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute.”

Mr Yong also shared his insights from the visit:

- DJI (Da-Jiang Innovations, a world renowned company in drone technology) was “born” in Hong Kong Science Park before the founder moved to Shenzhen. The DJI drones that are controlled by hand gestures was developed in the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology;
- Equipment for man-made diamonds can be made available;
- Industry problems/issues are taken on by the Hong Kong Productivity

- Council by their solution team;
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is now putting into the market an electric wheelchair that can climb staircases, while the price is at a fraction of its closest competitors; and
- The Cyberport has some innovations that are being used in Hong Kong, such as the monitoring of tree health.

“Hong Kong's vibrant innovation and research ecosystem is to be envied and we can certainly benefit from any collaborations in Hong Kong,” Mr Yong said. He concluded that Hong Kong is the only city in the world that offers a secure, dynamic environment for business and an exciting, cosmopolitan lifestyle, and provides direct access to the Chinese economy, especially with the Greater Bay Area development in place.