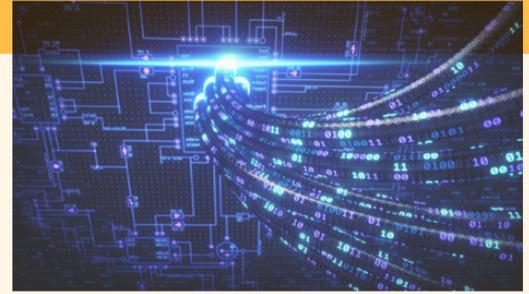


Hong Kong - Premier ICT Hub



Mr Abhishek Bakshi, Head of ASEAN Issuer Services/ Sales and Marketing at the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX), gave a briefing on HK's strengths as a premier IPO destination, new initiatives to attract listings of biotech, innovative, and R&D focused technology companies, and enhanced links with the Mainland markets through Stock Connect, Bond Connect, and the HKD-RMB Dual Counter Model. The combination of an environment conducive to growth of ICT companies and easy access to fund-raising underscores HK's advantages as an ICT hub.

In conjunction with the Association of Small & Medium Enterprises (ASME) in Singapore, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) organised a seminar "Charting The Future: Exploring the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Landscape and Initial Public Offering in Hong Kong" in August to share the dynamic opportunities in HK's thriving ICT industry and the listing regime. Addressing some 35 participants from ICT, manufacturing and professional service sectors, Ms Wendy Chow, Head of ICT at InvestHK, introduced HK's institutional strengths, simple and competitive tax regime, ICT infrastructures, and vibrant start-up ecosystem.