



Presentation for

Seminar on New Opportunities for Testing and Certification Sector

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LSCM was founded in 2006 with funding from the Innovation and Technology Fund of HKSAR Government.



LSCM's Model



Academia \rightarrow Research Institutes \rightarrow Government \rightarrow Industry LSCM



Government Bureaus (10)



Innovation and Technology Bureau

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Commerce and Economic Development Bureau The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Development Bureau

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Food and Health Bureau The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Home Affairs Bureau

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Security Bureau

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Transport and Housing Bureau The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Labour and Welfare Bureau The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Environment Bureau The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Government Departments (20+)



Conducted over 50 R&D Projects with various Bureaus and Departments



Funding programs for R&D projects are administered by LSCM R&D Centre and funded by HKSAR's Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC)

Platform Research 平台研究計劃
Collaborative Research 合作研究計劃
Contract Research 合約研究計劃
Technology Voucher Programme (TVP) 科技券計劃
Super Tax Incentive 超級稅務政策





Hosted by local universities and technology support organizations, LSCM provides a one-stop service for applied research, technology transfer and commercialization and help facilitate industries to move up the value chain

LSCM	
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Technology Voucher Programme (TVP)

Funding amount:

- Cumulative funding ceiling of \$200,000, up to 3 projects
- 2:1 matching basis:
 - Enterprise must contribute no less than one third of the total approved project cost in cash.
 - An enterprise is not allowed to undertake more than one TVP project at the same time.





Enhanced Tax Deduction for Qualifying R&D Expenditure ("Super Tax Incentive")

Schedule 45	Type A expenditures	Type B expenditures
附表45	甲類開支	乙類開支
Rates of deduction 扣除率	100%	300% for the first \$2 million 首200 萬元,可獲300%□□□□ 200% for the remaining amount, there is no cap on the amount of enhanced tax deduction 餘額亦可獲200%扣減;額外扣□□□□□□□
R&D expenditure qualifying for the deduction 研發支出符合扣 除條件	Type A expenditure is defined to mean R&D expenditure on an R&D activity or a qualifying R&D activity other than Type B expenditure. 甲類開支的定義是指R&D活動的研發 支出或乙類開支以外的合格研發活動。	Type B expenditure is defined as R&D expenditureon a qualifying R&D activity in respect of: 類型B研發的開支是指: a payment to a " designated local research institution " for out-sourced R&D activities; 支付予「 指定本地研究機構 」的開支; an expenditure in relation to an employee (excluding a director) who is engaged directly and actively in a qualifying R&D activity; and 支付予進口口口研發員工(不包括董事)的開支; an expenditure on a consumable item that is used directly in a qualifying R&D activity. 直接用於合資格研發活動的開支。



Challenges for TIC Industry

- Increasing levels of regulation and globalization, such as Food Safety
- Looking to achieve further efficiencies, save on costs and grow margins
- Managing a large number of transactions, especially high demand for SMEs
- TIC requirements are changing frequently and rapidly
- Very labor intensive, such as Inspection Services
- Integrating innovations and accelerating digitization of traditional TIC services



Innovation and Technology Transformation for TIC Industry

The industry is poised for significant technological change as developments in automation, artificial intelligence (AI), IoT and blockchain are set to transform TIC services and offer new capabilities to clients.

TIC Strategies of Innovation and Technology

- Prioritize culture change to accelerate innovation and technology transformation
- Clear scope and objectives of innovation and technology transformation
- Effective gathering and leveraging of customer data
- Expertise to interpret and use data led to processing improvements



Automation

Increase Productivity and Rapid Throughput

- Automation for Repetitive Tasks
- Workplace Optimization and Potential OSH Risk Reduction
- Expansion of Engineering and Testing Service Capacities
- Cost-efficiency for Core Services as well as Higher Added Value Services



Artificial Intelligent

- Simulate Human Activity to Automate Operations
 - Accelerating Due Diligence
 - New Insights and Data Discovery for Prediction Analysis
 - Reduction in Time in Planning and Decision Making
 - Mitigation of The Risk of Product Failures and Compliance Issue



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- Enhance Inspection Efficiency and Business Opportunities
 - Digital Customer Engagement, Especially SMEs
 - Crowdsourcing External Inspectors Marketplace
 - Remote/ Field/ Self Inspection At A Global Scale
 - Sensors Automate Data Collection
 - Big Data Analytics



Blockchain

- Reinforce Entire Supply Chain Traceability and Security
 - Data Immutability Reliable Information
 - Efficiency and Visibility in End-to-End Supply Chain Record Keeping
 - Smart Contracts and Permissions
 - Accreditations of Products Origins, Conformity and Regulatory Compliance



Challenges & Opportunities

- Labor shortage opportunity for automation
- Data bank opportunity for Big Data Analytics
- Export dominated opportunity for import?
- Standard difference opportunity for standard harmonization



AI, Robotics and Automation



Sample Preparation - Softlines





Sample Preparation - Hardlines





Resource availability monitoring system can handle video images and turn visual contents into trolley quantity





Robot Arm - Capacitor Pick & Place



Computer Trained Robotic Vision System



Multiple Autonomous Guided Vehicles (AGV) in Warehouse



Multi-AGV Coordination

Human-AGV collaboration



Human-following Robot And Platooning



Warehouse Operations With The Use of Robotics





Robots Collaboration





Inspection Service Logging



Inspection Service Logging – Process Automation





RFID



Various type of RFID antennas designed by LSCM









RFID Stock Taking System





Thank You