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When fashion meets technology in the Innovation & Technology Symposium 2016

The Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel held its Innovation and Technology Symposium at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre this afternoon. The theme was “When Fashion Meets Technology – The Art & Science of our Industry”. Industry leaders and distinguished researchers shared their insights of the latest technology development and applications of innovation in the fashion industry and our community.

Keynote message given by Prof On Ching Yue, Science Advisor of the Innovation and Technology Commission, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region detailed the government policies to support innovation and technology development. Comprehensive initiatives in terms of funding support, industry collaboration, nurturing of talents and commercialisation promotion have been carried out.

While facing today’s linear “take, make and dispose” life style, Mr Erik Bang, Project Manager from H&M Foundation, another keynote speaker, proposed the development of a circular economy which enhances natural capital and optimizes resources by managing limited material sources and renewable flows.

The discussion was further extended to different technical sessions which explored the relationship between technology and fashion, wearable textiles and health and performance products. Representatives from different industries shared their experiences how technology and innovation improve the development of respective industries. Technology advancement of athleisure wear was also discussed.

A technology showcase was held concurrently to demonstrate the latest research and technologies developed by HKRITA. Projects which provide sustainable solutions in production, advanced technologies to increase industry’s competitive edge and functional apparel applicable by different walks of life were exhibited.

Dr Harry Lee, HKRITA’s Chairman, said in his welcome remarks that HKRITA will act as a critical link in the innovation chain. The symposium, similarly, served as a knowledge transfer platform to facilitate innovation and society development.

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Event photos :

	<p>Dr Harry Lee reaffirms that HKRITA will act as a critical link in the innovation chain.</p>
	<p>Prof On Ching Yue gives an account of R&D centre's direction.</p>
	<p>Mr Erik Bang proposes the development of a circular economy.</p>
	<p>Breakout sessions discuss the integration of technology into fashion.</p>



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	<p>Dr Lee presents award of Partners in Progress to Dr Carol Lin of the City University of Hong Kong to recognise her research team for their expertise and collaboration during the research development.</p>
	<p>A group photos of the symposium's VIPs.</p>

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