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JOS Innovation Awards (HK) 2017-18

Finger Exercise Device triumphed

Aiming to Enhance Early Osteoarthritis Patients' Quality of Life

(Hong Kong, 5 March 2018) –To foster the development of innovation and technology (I&T), it was mentioned in “The 2018-19 Budget” that the government would set aside HK\$50 billion for supporting I&T development, and would earmark HK\$500 million under the I&T fund to implement the Technology Talent Scheme, showing the great importance attached to I&T development and cultivation of innovative talents. JOS, which is a systems integrator, solutions provider and technology consultancy company, organised the 3rd JOS Innovation Awards, aiming to nurturing talents for the innovation industry and equipping tertiary students the essential skills needed in the industry. The final competition and awards presentation was held on 3rd March 2018, selecting the well-deserved awardees. The Finger Exercise Device for Early Stage of Osteoarthritis Patients designed by students of Hong Kong Polytechnic University crowned the champion.

JOS has organised various activities throughout the awards, providing professional advices from industry by organising the first-ever Markethon¹, workshops and providing tutorials, thus contributing to nurturing the talented persons for the innovation industry. The theme of the competition is “Happy Ageing – Innovation Healthcare Solution”. Focusing on these two areas, “Ageing population” and “healthcare”, student contestants utilised the use of “Internet of Things”, “Mobile Operation” and “Internet Solution” to develop an innovation technology, which could help taking care of the elderly and thus enhancing their quality of life.

¹ Similar to the concept of “Hackathon”, the innovative term “Markethon” is a combination of the two words “Marketing” and “Marathon”. Each competing team must, during an hour of Peer Presentation & Challenge, arrange to have half of their team members to be questioned by another team, and to send the rest of the team members to challenge members of another team with questions. During the process, JOS’ sales and marketing experts will also participate. The aim of the “Markethon” is to inspire students’ innovative ideas and problem-solving capabilities through challenging one another intensively within a short period of time.

After rounds of battles, nine out of forty-eight finalist teams from different tertiary institutions were shortlisted to enter the final competition. The works of the final teams were able to meet the practical needs of the elderly and their products were marketable. They presented their solutions in front of judges and the live audience at the final. Some of the teams brought along their prototypes or smart devices, such as “Sleeping Monitor” for demonstration on the spot.

As one of the judges of the Awards, Mr. Eric OR, Managing Director of JOS Hong Kong & Macau, commented that JOS welcomes the strategic boost from the HKSAR government which focuses on developing 4 of its areas of strength. “With the Awards, JOS aims to inspire, nurture and recognise students for their smart ideas and innovative thinking. Since 2015, the JOS Innovation Awards have inspired over 500 tertiary education students to put their innovative ideas into practice and solve real-world problems, to making our world a more efficient and better place to live.”, said Mr. OR.

“Through the competition, students generated a strong interest in innovation technology. They had a chance to observe the performances of other teams, and this provided them with a valuable learning experience. The organisational and articulation skills of competing teams were above par. Their excellent creativity and enthusiasm in innovation technology exemplified the endless research and development potential of Hong Kong new generation.” said Ms. Jenny PONG, judge of the Awards and Group Director of Human Resources of the JTH Group.

After an intense competition, the winning trophy was given to CHEUNG Ching Yee, CHAN Hiu Lam, FONG Tsz Ching and LIM JooMi from Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Their winning project was “Finger Exercise Device for Early Stage of Osteoarthritis Patients”. The winning team was given a cash prize of HK\$30,000, and was offered an internship by JOS and a visit to Singapore. The first runner-up was given to LEUNG Ka Ming, Jeremy, HO Yik Chung, Grayson, LEE Wing Yu, Michelle, NG Chak Lam, Rica and TSE Ho Yin, Thomas from University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and City University of Hong Kong and their winning project was “Algotritionist”.

The second runner-up was given to LAU Hoi Sing, FAN Po Chuen, CHAN Hoi Yat and TSANG Long Fung from Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education - Sha Tin, and their winning project was “Sleeping Monitor”.

The champion team “Finger Exercise Device for Early Stage of Osteoarthritis Patients” commented they were very honoured to have joined JOS Innovation Awards, and been recognised by the judges. “During the competition, we have improved our products and understood more about the needs of the elderly. We hope we can contribute to the society, and help the development of Hong Kong’s medical technology. ”

Many contestants expressed that JOS had provided them with an important platform to practice their concepts. They thanked the experts for providing them with comments and ideas, which enabled them to comprehend the needs of the elderly and the present situation in the consumer market. They looked forward to further improving their products, and to launching their products to the market for the benefits of the people in need.

“The Most Popular Innovation Award” was newly created this year and was voted by the audience. The winner of this Award was “Super Senior”. The Award encouraged young people to devote themselves to innovation technology; to provide them with practical learning; to develop their career and to give them opportunities to chase after their dreams.

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Photo 1 : CHEUNG Ching Yee , CHAN Hiu Lam , FONG Tsz Ching and LIM JooMi from Hong Kong Polytechnic University was awarded the Champion of the JOS Innovation Awards 2017-2018. Their winning project was “Finger Exercise Device for Early Stage of Osteoarthritis Patients” .



Photo 2 : LEUNG Ka Ming, Jeremy, HO Yik Chung, Grayson, LEE Wing Yu, Michelle, Ng Chak Lam, Rica and TSE Ho Yin, Thomas from University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and City University of Hong Kong was awarded the first runner-up of the JOS Innovation Awards 2017-2018. Their winning project was “Algotritonist”.



Photo 3 : LAU Hoi Sing, FAN Po Chuen, CHAN Hoi Yat and TSANG Long Fung from Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education - Sha Tin was awarded the second runner-up of the JOS Innovation Awards 2017-2018. Their winning project was “Sleeping Monitor”



Photo 4: Judging Panel of the JOS Innovation Awards 2017-2018 (From Left to Right: Mr. Eric OR, Managing Director, JOS Hong Kong & Macau; Mr. Anthony CHEUNG, Committee Member, Hong Kong Society of Medical Informatics Ltd. ; Ms. Ophelia CHAN, BBS, Former Assistant Director of Social Welfare Department; Dr. Hong FUNG, JP, Chief Executive Officer, CUHK Medical Centre; Dr. Wilson WONG, PhD, CEO and Founder of Novus Life Sciences Limited; Ms. Jenny PONG, Group Director, Human Resources, JTH Group)



Photo 5: Competing Teams, Judging Panel and JOS Executive Staff in a group photo



Attachment 1: Awardees List of JOS Innovation Awards 2017-2018

About JOS

With over 60 years' experience in Asia, JOS is a systems integrator, solutions provider and technology consultancy with deep local and industry knowledge and an exceptional ability to execute.

With 2,200 IT professionals working from nine offices across Asia's major business hubs in China, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia and Singapore, JOS aims to improve the performance of business and governments across the region by applying the best technology to address their challenges. JOS has core capabilities in cloud computing, big data, enterprise security, enterprise applications, mobility, next generation infrastructure and internet of things. JOS has extensive experience across a range of industries, more than 10,000 private and public sector customers in Asia, with many customers having long term business relationship with JOS for more than 10 years.

About the JOS Innovation Awards

The JOS Innovation Awards were founded by JOS in 2015. The Awards aim to inspire, nurture and recognise students in Hong Kong for their smart ideas and innovative thinking in improving industry performance. Awards entry is open to all full-time undergraduate and post-graduate students from local universities and higher education institutions and accepts group applications of two to five members in a team.

JOS Innovation Awards inspire Hong Kong students on the path to making the society a more efficient and better place to live.

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