

# **HKT** launches pilot Smart Kiosk scheme

**HKT(SEHK:6823) – HONG KONG, 27 April 2023 –** HKT announced today the pilot launch of the Smart Kiosk scheme, a new initiative with the aim of revitalising traditional telephone booths and contributing to Hong Kong's Smart City development.

Adopted from the winning design of a competition organised by HKT and the Vocational Training Council ("VTC"), the HKT Smart Kiosk is a one-stop station where traditional payphone service, free Wi-Fi service, USB charger, community information, news, weather and transportation updates are available. As an added feature, kiosk users can also access social welfare information via the app developed by VTC students for Hong Kong Christian Service. The kiosk not only helps locals connect with the community, but also assists tourists in navigating the city.

Meanwhile, HKT further extended its support to people with dementia and their caregivers. Coverage of Dementia's Secret Angel, an application co-developed by Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to help locate lost people with dementia, will be expanded from 46 CSL Mobile retail outlets to the Smart Kiosks.

The first HKT Smart Kiosk has already been installed in Causeway Bay and the second is expected to put in place in May in Central. The pilot scheme will run from now until September 2023. During the period, HKT will collect feedback from the public and evaluate the usage of the Smart Kiosk.



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HKT Smart Kiosk features:

- 13.3" touchscreen payphone:
  - Supports various e-payment options including Tap & Go, Octopus, AlipayHK, WeChat Pay and credit cards
- 43" touchscreen display showing:
  - o Information on nearby public transportation and facilities
  - Social welfare information provided by NGOs, e.g. information on medical service
- Running text display showing:
  - News and weather updates retrieved from news.gov.hk and the Hong Kong Observatory
- Free Wi-Fi service
- 75" digital display board at the back of kiosk
- USB charging port to provide free charging

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