



**Opening Ceremony for
HKDI Centre of Innovative Material and Technology (CIMT)
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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Good evening! It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the Opening Ceremony of the HKDI Centre of Innovative Material and Technology which is also a celebratory event of the VTC 35th anniversary. We are glad to have here tonight our dear partners and friends from industry who have been very supportive to us all the time.

VTC has been in the forefront in helping young people reach their full potential by equipping them with the 21st century competencies. As we enter the era of Industry 4.0, the demand for cross-disciplinary talent has become even more intense. The Centre of Innovative Material and Technology, CIMT in short, is established against this backdrop to promote cross-disciplinary research and development in design education.

The CIMT is a “library” of the most cutting-edge, cross-industry materials globally sourced. It provides a welcoming environment for design students, academics, industry and the public at large to exchange design and material knowledge, and promote innovative material-related research and development. By connecting the material industry and the world of design today, the CIMT serves as a great source for stimulating ideas and inspiring designs of tomorrow.

In celebration of the CIMT Grand Opening, a series of events including themed exhibitions featuring the latest technology and material applications, seminars and workshops conducted by renowned artists, designers and media experts has been rolled out. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all collaborative partners, sponsors and supporting organisations for the continuous support which has made the series of CIMT Grand Opening programmes possible.

I hope you enjoy visiting the Centre and the exhibitions after the Ceremony. I wish you all a very joyful evening.

Thank you very much.