

Alibaba, PolyU to spearhead AI research

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The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and Alibaba Cloud, the cloud computing arm of Alibaba Group, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their cooperation in Artificial Intelligence (AI) research, particularly focusing on the area of smart healthcare. The two parties hope to translate research findings into real applications which can be initially adopted in Hong Kong as a pilot and then rolled out to the rest of the Greater Bay Area and other overseas cities.

The two parties will further explore the opportunity for setting up a joint research centre to advance AI research, including fundamental research, applied research and commercialisation of research findings that will ultimately support the development of the ecosystem and benefit the wider community.

PolyU and Alibaba Cloud hope to develop a series of advanced and impactful AI-application technologies. Initiatives that have already been identified include helping to lower medical expenses, reducing the chance of medical malpractice, assisting in the automation of diagnostic procedures and providing more personalised medication services for patients.