

AI Needs STEM — and Hong Kong's Girls Are Stepping Up

At The Women's Foundation's Girls Go Tech Interschool Day 2026, participants highlight how cultivating STEM skills in girls are critical to shaping responsible AI and Hong Kong's future in innovation



Photo Caption: Students, school partners, leaders from business, education, government and the community at The Women's Foundation's Girls Go Tech (GGT) Interschool Day 2026.

Hong Kong, June 27, 2026: The Women's Foundation's Girls Go Tech (GGT) Interschool Day 2026 brought together over 100 leaders from business, education, government and the community to showcase student-led AI and STEM projects. This event demonstrates how strong secondary school girls' Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills are, and the role young women can play in shaping Hong Kong's future in innovation and building more inclusive, responsible AI.

As artificial intelligence (AI) reshapes industries, the need for strong STEM skills is greater than ever. Yet Hong Kong faces a critical talent gap — women make up only 29% of Engineering and Technology university enrolments, and remain underrepresented in these fields in Hong Kong, limiting both talent supply and diversity

of perspectives. Expanding female participation is critical to building a future-ready workforce — and ensuring AI is developed in ways that are inclusive and equitable.

Fiona Nott, CEO of TWF said: "Gender stereotypes still hold too many girls back from pursuing STEM and AI – one reason why women make up only 22% of the global AI workforce. But if they're given opportunities, they can excel and become the innovators driving Hong Kong's future."

Under the theme "Reimagine STEAM in the Age of AI", Interschool Day highlights included:

- **Student-led panel discussion** exploring the future of AI and the critical role of STEM featuring Jeanne Lim, Co-founder and CEO, beingAI; Louise Pang, Director, Environmental Design & Engineering, Walt Disney Imagineering Asia Ltd; and Kingston Kwan, Principal, St Catharine's School for Girls
- **AI-generated artwork from the GGT Competition**, with secondary school girls showcasing original artworks that utilise AI to express personal challenges, breakthroughs and perspectives on current issues
- **GGT Partner School booths**, featuring student-led projects developed using STEAM skills

Beyond skills, the GGT Programme also plays a vital role in building confidence, community and aspirations.

Tiffany Lau, student at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, shared: "I have been part of GGT since Form 5 — it provides me with a platform to showcase my ideas and allows me to meet students who share the same passion in technology. Importantly, the Programme also helped me transform from a shy secondary school student to a confident, curious engineering university student. GGT gives young girls an opportunity to explore a STEM future with AI and make the world a better place."

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Photo Caption: Visitors interacting with GGT Partner School booths, featuring student-led projects developed using STEAM skills.



Photo Caption: Student moderator and guest speakers on a panel discussion exploring the future of AI and the critical role of STEM.



Photo Caption: GGT Participants interacting with corporate volunteers around topics in STEAM



Visitors enjoying the GGT 'GEN Our Voice' AI Competition Exhibition, a showcase of AI-generated artwork from secondary school girls.

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"Dragon's Voice"
Pope Paul VI College



"The Girl Being Rated"

Salvation Army Williams Booth Secondary School



"Under a Rain of Algorithm"
Pope Paul IV College



"Echo"
Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School of MFBM

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About The Women's Foundation

The Women's Foundation is a Hong Kong registered not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls in Hong Kong. TWF is focused on challenging gender stereotypes, increasing the number of women in decision-making and leadership roles, and empowering women in poverty through ground-breaking research, innovative and impactful community programmes, and education and advocacy. To learn more, visit: www.twfhk.org.

About the Girls Go Tech (GGT) Programme

Girls Go Tech empowers underserved secondary school girls with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills and confidence to pursue further studies, while engaging post-secondary participants who are developing their careers to build a pipeline of local female STEM talent. Since 2015, over 4,000 secondary school students and their teachers have benefitted from the programme. To learn more, visit: <https://twfhk.org/girls-go-tech-programme/>

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