

### **About the 10×1000 Tech for Inclusion Programme**

Launched jointly by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, and Alipay in October 2018, *10×1000 Tech for Inclusion* is a philanthropic initiative that aims to prepare industry practitioners to drive future digital economic growth. Its mission is to train 1,000 learners each year for the next ten years. In 2021, 1,067 learners from 66 regions and countries completed the online courses. Approximately 80% of the learners were from emerging markets across South and Southeast Asia.

### **About CUHK's Faculty of Engineering and CEFAR Academy**

A pioneer in financial technology education in Hong Kong, the Faculty launched the first FinTech undergraduate programme in the 2017/18 academic year, and then a new Master of Science in FinTech programme in the 2019/20 academic year. The programmes aim to cultivate a new generation of financial technologists and equip them with essential industry experience and professional skills. Both programmes receive full support from the banking industry as well as financial regulatory bodies.

CEFAR was established in 2020 by the Faculty with the aim of creating a new pipeline of talent in Hong Kong's rapidly emerging FinTech industry. It partners with government, industry, NGOs, professional bodies as well as other universities and research institutes to provide research experience and internship opportunities for students.

### **About Ant Group**

Ant Group aims to create the infrastructure and platform to support the digital transformation of the service industry. It strives to enable all consumers and small and micro businesses to have equal access to financial and other services that are inclusive, green and sustainable.

Ant Group is the owner and operator of Alipay, the leading digital payment platform in China serving hundreds of millions of users, and connecting them with merchants and partner financial institutions that offer inclusive financial services and digital daily life services such as food delivery, transport, entertainment, and healthcare.

Ant Group has further introduced Alipay+, which provides global cross-border mobile payments and marketing solutions that enable merchants, especially small and medium-sized businesses, to better serve consumers from all over the world by collaborating with global partners.