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MENTAL HEALTH

AIMM

Project Name MindMate

University The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

Description MindMate is a free AI companion that gives Hong Kong university students private, stigma-free mental health support through warm chats, mood tracking, and an anonymous community, while universities receive only anonymized, school-wide insights to better understand and support student wellbeing.

AuralMind

Project Name AuralMind

University Hong Kong Baptist University

Description University students in Hong Kong face overwhelming stress, with 70% reporting high academic, social and career pressure. Traditional methods fail to meet digital expectations, revealing a need for proactive solutions. One of our biggest guiding lights is the quest to fight depression for students who are struggling, everyday.

CanPan

Project Name CanPan

University Tung Wah College

Description CanPan aspires to empower cancer patients to overcome the disease with confidence, courage, and clarity. With over 35,000 new cases yearly and many facing depression linked to higher mortality, CanPan provides a human-like chatbot that offers emotional companionship, builds trust through empathetic conversations, and "remembers" personal details to deliver supportive, human-like interactions.

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FSNCare

Project Name FSNCare

University The University of Hong Kong

Description The project initially focused on the medical field but inspired by stories of isolation among Hong Kong mothers, shifted its focus to postpartum mental health. Recognizing that existing support was fragmented, the initiative was driven to develop an integrated platform that serves as an understanding partner throughout the emotional journey of new motherhood.

Hajimi

Project Name Hajimi

University The University of Hong Kong

Description Many young adults in Hong Kong face loneliness and anxiety when support feels hard to reach, with existing services being reactive and fragmented. The project introduces a two-level AI companionship system—combining a home-based hologram projector and a portable companion app—to provide continuous emotional support, bridge isolation, and help users build lasting coping habits.

Heard

Project Name Heard

University The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Description Heard is an AI-driven emotional support platform designed to help people who feel lonely, stressed, or unheard by providing safe, human-centered conversations. Many individuals do not seek professional mental health services due to stigma, cost, or uncertainty about whether their struggles are “serious enough.” Heard addresses this gap by offering an accessible and judgment-free first step toward emotional support.

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HKSPI

Project Name The Flower Project

University The University of Hong Kong

Description Initiated by university students, the FLOWER Project is Hong Kong's first school-based psychoeducation intervention addressing youth mental health through psychology and interactive technology. It focuses on suicide prevention and long-term coping strategies, integrating clinical expertise, HKU research, and HKSTP collaboration with AI tools, VR simulations, and interactive games to build resilience.

MindMate

Project Name MindMate

University PolyU SPEED

Description An AI-powered triage companion designed to detect students' distress early combines short, validated self-check screens with LLM analysis to classify risk levels and deliver concise summaries to professionals. It transforms everyday micro-interactions into actionable signals, enabling school social workers to shift from passive forms to proactive, data-informed mental health outreach.

NeuroFlow

Project Name NeuroFlow

University The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Description An AI-powered emotional wellness platform is being proposed to transform wearable biometric data into personalized, proactive mental health support. Designed specifically for Hong Kong's overworked professionals, the platform employs emotional intelligence algorithms to detect stress patterns and deliver timely interventions, bridging the critical gap between data tracking and genuine emotional care.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Ora

Project Name Ora

University The University of Hong Kong

Description Ora is a product that combines AI dialog, data storage and digital human technology, with the goal of creating an intelligent memory partner that accompanies humans throughout their lives. Hoping that everyone can have their own life record and digital life inheritance.

NUTRITION

Foodie

Project Name SmartEat Fresh

University The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Description SmartEat Fresh addresses Hong Kong's public health crisis of hidden pre-made meals and the issue of information asymmetry, where consumers unknowingly eat nutritionally poor food. The AI-powered platform combines a Fresh-Tag system, nutrition scanner, and gamified wellness community to restore transparency, empower healthier choices, and promote sustainable wellness culture.

ProteinMap

Project Name ProteinMap

University The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Description ProteinMap addresses the gap in real-time nutrition support by guiding users at the moment choices matter most. The platform matches individual fitness goals, dietary preferences, and nutritional needs with real restaurant menus, enabling informed, goal-aligned decisions before ordering. It transforms nutritional awareness into actionable decisions for healthier everyday dining.

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SavvEat

Project Name SavvEat

University The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Description SavvEat is a digital solution addressing household challenges arising from diverse dietary preferences and language barriers between families and domestic helpers. Powered by an AI meal-planning ecosystem, it curates personalized menus and integrates advanced translation features to ensure clear communication, reducing kitchen friction and transforming meal preparation into a seamless, health-conscious experience.

Spark Up

Project Name ALLETREE

University The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Description AlleTree is a Hong Kong–focused allergy management app that transforms scattered care into one smart, supportive platform—combining symptom tracking, AI insights, consultations, and community support to simplify allergy journeys and empower proactive health decisions.

UpUnit

Project Name NutriTech Bin

University The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Description NutriTech Bin is a smart food waste management solution using AI and sensor technology to collect, sort and repurpose edible waste. Smart bins classify waste through imaging and NIR spectrometry, with edible portions reprocessed into new dishes for underserved communities. The system promotes sustainability, automation and social impact through efficient waste recovery.

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HEALTHCARE

OPTIMIND

Project Name OPTIMIND

University The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Description OPTIMIND is an AI-powered at-home platform that screens, tracks and trains older adults' vision and cognitive functions through personalized, game-like exercises, helping them stay independent and confident.

HEALL

Project Name HEALL

University City University of Hong Kong

Description HEALL is a one-stop ESG management solution for medical providers, centralizing sustainability data tracking with NFC, OCR and AI technologies for continuous, accurate analysis. It transforms insights into real-time actions on carbon, energy, and waste. By unifying ESG initiatives and standards-aligned reporting, it builds trust and advances healthcare sustainability.

WithYou

Project Name iMental State Tracker

University The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Description Observing friends transition into the workforce, their moods were seen to darken and personalities to fade. Stigma and time constraints often prevented professional help from being sought for suspected depression. This experience led to the creation of "WithYou"—an AI buddy designed to provide early, discreet detection and support so no one struggles alone.

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SOCIAL

Accomst

Project Name NORTHSTAR

University The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Description NorthStar is an AI interview platform bridging the gap between academic knowledge and career readiness. Addressing severe interview anxiety among students, it uses a Multi-Stage Agentic Workflow to generate hyper-realistic, role-specific simulations from real-time company data, building confidence, reducing anxiety, and advancing inclusive employment aligned with SDG 8.

AImee

Project Name Orbit

University The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Description Compare, Compete, Survive—these words define Hong Kong's hyper-competitive culture, where social interaction has become a pressure source rather than support. Orbit is an AI-powered, gamified social wellness platform helping young adults build sustainable real-life connections through personalized event matching, social wellness reports, and habit-forming gamification that encourages gradual, meaningful engagement.

AURA

Project Name Autism VR Assessment & Real-world Adaptation

University The University of Hong Kong

Description AURA revolutionizes ASD therapy by integrating immersive VR and real-time AI, empowering one therapist to treat 3 children simultaneously with personalized scenarios, objective datatracking, and group formats. Targeting Hong Kong's 100k+ ASD population, it bridges access gaps, improves skill generalization and delivers validated, cost-effective interventions for ages 10-16.

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ChatnLearn

Project Name ChatnLearn

University University of Cambridge

Description Eye contact is often avoided whenever teachers pass the microphone, even though silence is widely recognised as an unhealthy way to learn collectively. This collective lack of confidence in sharing ideas can be addressed through deliberate practice in speaking. This insight led to the creation of an AI-powered, safe and personalised space where students can practise speaking, make mistakes and build confidence without pressure or judgement.

N.ERA

Project Name N.ERA

University Saint Francis University

Description N.ERA transforms guide dogs into AI-powered navigation partners, restoring independence and dignity to visually impaired individuals. By combining wearable intelligence with real-time safety monitoring, technology is being built to unlock freedom of movement for Hong Kong's most underserved population, demonstrating that accessibility represents the ultimate purpose of innovation.

OnAn Technology 安顏科技

Project Name OnAn Technology 安顏科技

University Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Description OnAn Technology combines technological innovation with human compassion to preserve the final dignity of the deceased, especially those affected by facial trauma. Through advanced digital reconstruction and craftsmanship, it restores both physical features and spirit, transforming farewells into moments of peace and offering families emotional healing and lasting, beautiful memories.

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SSafe

Project Name ScentSafe

University The University of Hong Kong

Description Drowsy driving is a leading cause of global traffic accidents, yet existing solutions are often intrusive or limited to luxury vehicles. ScentSafe offers a breakthrough, non-intrusive safety solution powered by AI vision technology.

WriteRight

Project Name WriteRight

University The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Description The struggles of students with dyslexia, who often find Chinese writing overwhelming and lack adequate learning support, serve as the inspiration behind the team. Technology is being leveraged to create a standardized, accessible solution that empowers these students. This vision drives WriteRight, serving as a bridge between AI innovation and educational equity.

SPORTS

Gryp Gloves

Project Name Gryp Gloves

University University of York

Description Redefine goalkeeper protection by transforming impact into intelligence, using embedded sensors to deliver real performance insight without compromising feel, control, or natural hand movement.

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Mc'or

Project Name Fitflow

University Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Description Fitflow uses AI and machine learning to tackle Hong Kong's fitness challenges: boosting performance, preventing injuries despite limited space and poor form. PyTorch matches personalized exercises to goals; OpenCV provides real-time posture correction and space optimization. All integrated into a simple app for effective, anytime workouts.

PlayFit

Project Name PlayFit

University The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Description PlayFit is a universal smart gym gadget that clips onto any fitness equipment. Powered by advanced motion sensors and proprietary AI, it tracks every movement with precision, from counting reps, analyzing form correctness, to visualizing progress in real time. Through gamified challenges and social features, PlayFit turns individual workouts into fun, shared experiences that build lasting habits.

A-STARS

Project Name UniThrive Fitness Tracker

University Hong Kong Baptist University

Description Our solution is a user-centric digital wellbeing platform designed to address stress, burnout, and mental health risks among university students through early detection and preventive intervention. Instead of reacting to crises, our platform allow students to regularly check in on their mental and physical wellbeing through brief questionnaires that analyse behavioural patterns and stress indicators.

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