

FAQ for Spatial AI PoC Challenge

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Q1. Would it be possible to participate in the programme remotely or from overseas, or is physical presence in Hong Kong required throughout the programme?

Answer: It is preferred that each selected team can meet with mentors regularly (at least once per month), either in person or online. In addition, selected teams are required to conduct on-site trials for their PoC during the programme, and to present their PoC in relevant theme-based seminar and at the finale (key team members are required to be in-person participation). That said, some of the team members may choose to stay remote throughout the program.

Q2. Are applicants expected to develop solutions strictly within the use cases/pain points presented in the information deck, or are we free to propose independent use cases as long as they fall within one of the 3 broader themes? For example, if the government theme is chosen, is vegetation classification the preferred pain point to address, or is it just an indication?

Answer: We suggest proposals should address the pain points stated in the information deck to ensure strong alignment with partner needs. Value-added initiatives or additional use cases beyond the deck are welcome and will receive extra credit, as long as they fall within one of the three broader themes.

Q3. Apart from CSDI public datasets, will the Planning Department provide any sample satellite imagery (e.g. SPOT 6/7, WorldView) or labelled training data to participating teams?

Answer: Planning Department can provide sample data including satellite imagery and training data to the selected teams. Yet, they are required to sign the undertaking form.

Q4. Is there a designated pilot study area for the PoC, or are teams free to choose their own focus area within Hong Kong?

Answer: No designated pilot study area for the PoC proposal. However, the final pilot study area will be subject to the discussion and agreement between the selected PoC team and the mentor, which might be different with the study area in the original proposal. If the PoC team's expertise is location-based and its application is restricted to certain area(s)/location(s), please kindly indicate in the proposal for consideration.

Q5. While CSDI Map API and CSDI spatial data are used as the primary base, are teams permitted to supplement with third-party open data such as Sentinel-2, Landsat, or publicly released LiDAR datasets?

Answer: Yes, the team is free to make use of third party open data or your self collected data to come up your Spatial AI application to address the painpoints from 3 corporate partners/government department.

Q6. We would like to clarify whether the proposed solution is expected to address only one of the three identified sectors, or whether it may be designed to serve multiple sectors simultaneously tackling pain points shared across two or more sectors .

Answer: In view of limited time and mentorship arrangement (one industrial mentor per each selected team), the proposed solution is expected to address only one of the sectors.

Q7. We are inquiring about the application submission documents. We would like to verify whether we need to submit the PoC proposal and Business Plan in PowerPoint/PDF format with a minimum of 10 pages but no more than 20.

*Answer: Yes, you are required to submit both the PoC Proposal and Business Plan in PowerPoint or PDF format, with a minimum of 10 pages and no more than 20 pages for each document. The file size limit is **25MB per proposal**.*

To include videos or other multimedia, please embed them as URL links within the PowerPoint/PDF (instead of attaching the media files).

Q8. May I ask if the topics/initiatives are allowed only for addressing pain points illustrated in the info deck, or as long as the topics/initiatives are within the scope (land/bank/youth), and stating clearly the pain points, then the initiatives are acceptable for this PoC challenge?

Answer: Similar to our answer to Q2, we suggest proposals should address the pain points stated in the information deck. Other additional topics/initiatives are within the scope are welcome and will receive extra credit.

Q9. We are currently preparing our final submission ahead of the Tuesday deadline. Yet, we have encountered a technical limitation on the application portal. The official Q&A explicitly states that we are required to submit *both* two documents: the PoC Proposal and the Business Plan.

However, the online submission portal only allows for a single file upload. Should we merge both the PoC Proposal and the Business Plan into a single PDF document for the upload? Or is there an alternative portal/email address where we should send the second document?

Answer: We consider the Business Plan as part of the PoC Proposal. Please include your Business Plan into the proposal as a single document for the upload.