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[Inaugural Hong Kong Laureate Forum Achieving Resounding Success] Attracting Over 2,400 Participants and Forges Connections Across Generations, Cultures and Disciplines

Organised by the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (“the HKLF”), and fully sponsored by the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, the inaugural Hong Kong Laureate Forum (“the Forum”) successfully concluded today after monumental week-long scientific exchanges. The Forum featured three plenary sessions, six breakout sessions, two trending topic discussions, two science seminars and over 20 sessions of visits and cultural events.

Themed “**Meeting of Inspirational Minds**”, the Forum attracted over 2,400 participants. Besides over 20 Shaw Laureates and around 200 young scientists, there were over 200 guests and local scientists from different sectors and institutions, 46 Forum ambassadors and over 1500 secondary students and members of the public. Live streaming was also available for some Forum programmes to reach out to a wider audience in Hong Kong and beyond.

The week-long programmes covered diverse topics, from Astronomy’s gravitational waves, black holes, space telescopes, Mathematical Sciences’ moduli spaces, geometry, fractals, to Life Science and Medicine’s genome, cells, optogenetics etc. With the poster presentation and flash presentation led by young scientists, the Forum encouraged over 40 young scientists to present their current research projects and received feedbacks from the Shaw Laureates.

In delivering his speech at the closing ceremony, **Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP**, the Chairman of the HKLF said, “The Forum’s mixed of captivating presentations, intense discussions and dynamic dialogues would no doubt be cherished by all participants. So, a big thank you to our Shaw Laureates, renowned scientists and young scientists who had taken part in panel discussions, given talks, made poster presentations, etc. Without their active participation, the event would not have been a success.”

Dr Martin Lee Ka-shing, GBS, JP, Chairman of Henderson Land Group and Director of the Lee Shau Kee Foundation said, “Over the past week, I have been delighted to see the active and enthusiastic exchanges between the Shaw laureates and young scientists participating in the forum. It is remarkable to see the sparks of innovation ignited from these interactions, which I believe will significantly propel scientific development both in Hong Kong and around the globe. While the Forum has now reached its conclusion, this is not an end but rather the commencement of a new chapter. I hope that the young scientists will carry forward the inspiration and knowledge gained from this experience, continually challenging themselves to innovate and contribute to a sustainable future. Meanwhile, the Lee Shau Kee Foundation and Henderson Land will remain steadfast in nurturing young talent, in hopes of bringing a boost of vibrant energy to society.”

Throughout the previous week, the Forum offered an unparalleled platform, providing opportunity for scientists from around the world for cross-generational, cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary exchanges and sparked scientific collaborations. Participants were able to share, exchange the latest breakthroughs and explore the infinite possibilities of science and technology. With its tremendous success, the inaugural Forum had also strengthened Hong Kong’s position as a world-class collaboration hub for inspirational minds. The HKLF hopes that the success of the inaugural Forum will continue to fulfil its mission, that is to facilitate networking among young scientists from different parts of the world and foster the exchanges among scientists of different generations, cultures and disciplines.

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Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, delivered his welcome speech at the closing ceremony.



Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, GBS, JP, Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR Government, Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, together with members of the HKLF, toasted at the closing ceremony.



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About the Hong Kong Laureate Forum

The Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the Forum) is a world-class scientific exchange and networking event to be organised by the HKLF to aspire and connect the current and next generations of leaders in scientific pursuit. The Forum also aims to promote understanding and interests of the young generation in Hong Kong and beyond in various disciplines in science and technology, in particular Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences.

The HKLF was established in May 2019 and is fully sponsored by the Lee Shau Kee Foundation. Driven by a commitment to advance its mission far and wide, the Lee Shau Kee Foundation has, over the years, offered boundless support for education and talent development in Hong Kong, mainland China, and abroad. Additionally, the Foundation is dedicated to poverty relief and promoting social well-being, thereby benefiting countless individuals. The Shaw Prize Foundation - which organises the renowned international award annually, The Shaw Prize, is the major partner of the HKLF. Since its launch, the HKLF has been putting every effort to promote science in the community and around the world as well as in preparation of the inaugural Forum.

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