

PRESS RELEASE

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**The Council of Hong Kong Laureate Forum Launches
“Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation”,
on 26 July 2022**

To celebrate the achievement of female scientists and to showcase the contribution of science and technology in enhancing our daily life, the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum will hold “Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation” on 26 July 2022 at InnoCentre, Kowloon. It is one of the events under the “Prelude to the Inaugural Hong Kong Laureate Forum’ series, which includes exhibition, seminar and round-table dialogue to be hosted by renowned local and international female scientists and researchers.

For centuries, women have made important discoveries to sciences but for many it took a long time for their contributions to be recognised. “Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation” will gather eight female scientists and researchers from multifarious disciplines, including plant sciences, biotechnology, medicine, physics and more, to share their experience in the pursuit of science. They will elucidate their views on challenges and opportunities for women in science and technology, contribution of female researchers to the advancement of science as well as their own experience to manage, balance, and flourish in both career and personal life, etc. By sharing their stories, we hope to inspire and prepare young women to embark on the journey of scientific research.

The seminar will be conducted in a hybrid mode for in-person local participants and live online participants from around the world, the speakers will either be present in-person at the venue or will “meet” us through online live broadcast.

Professor Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, said, “Women have made significant contributions in changing the world and the way we live from the beginning and we witnessed over the centuries, with the propelling force of female scientists, how science has revolutionised our daily life. It is thus of vital importance for us to recognise their efforts, honour their work as well as to applaud their contributions in science and technology. We believe that this event not only could accomplish such but also inspire more future female scientists.”

Besides the seminars, this event also includes a round-table dialogue session to provide an opportunity for personalised engagement. The dialogue would be hosted by female scientists in a cozy, casual and small group settings that scientists and participants can enjoy direct idea exchanges. There are also exhibition panels detailing each scientists’ accomplishments and some words of wisdom shared by them.

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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 around the world in various disciplines in science and technology, in particular Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences. The inaugural Forum will be held in Q4 2023 at the Hong Kong Science Park.

The HKLF was established in May 2019 and is fully sponsored by the Lee Shau Kee Foundation. The Shaw Prize Foundation - which organises annually the renowned international award, 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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