

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**“Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation”**

**Organised by the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF)**

**Attracted Near 200 Online and in-person Participants**

Held in a hybrid format by combining physical exhibition, seminars and round-table dialogue sessions with online platform, the **“Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation”** event, organised by the HKLF, concluded today and it had attracted near 200 fellow scientists, young scientists and students who are interested in science. The event gathered both renowned local and international female scientists and researchers to share their experience in the pursuit of science.

Video interview with Professor Inez Fung of the University of California, Berkeley kicked off the event. Professor Fung vividly shared with the audience her academic and research journey, her experience as a young woman studying mathematics and researching in meteorology way back when and her message to our current and up-and-coming young scientists. Then, Dr the Hon Mrs Rita Fan, GBM, GBS, JP, member of the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum delivered the welcome speech for us. Dr Fan, “Hopefully through today’s programme, apart from learning how scientists work, we might also learn to appreciate the contributions of female scientists as well as offering them the respect and honour they deserve. For our young audience, after you have seen what is possible, I hope you will say to yourself, “I can do it!””

Professor Siew Ng of The Chinese University of Hong Kong started the seminar session by giving a talk and sharing on “A Journey from Science to Magic”. Professor Christine Foyer of University of Birmingham joined us via Zoom and share with us on “What Makes a Good Career”. It was followed by a panel discussion session hosted by Professor Shuk-han Cheng of City University of Hong Kong in which the three scientists discussed and answered questions raised by both in-person and online audience. Last but not least, presentation on “You are ABLE – Aspiration combines with Luck and Efforts” and round up by Professor Cheng brought the seminar session to a successful conclusion.

Another highlight of the event is the round-table dialogue sessions moderated by participating female scientists. Professor Cheung and Professor Ng, together with Professor Hei-man Chow of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr Jane Dai of the University of Hong Kong, Professor Rhea Patricia Liem of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Dr Jade Shi of Hong Kong Baptist University and Dr Xin Zhao of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University had direct idea exchanges with participants in a casual and small group settings.

Professor Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, “I would like to thank our renowned female scientists for taking their precious time out to deliver their presentations and to host the round-table dialogue sessions for us. I am sure that all online and in-person participants had gained a lot from their sharing and words of wisdom. Without them, our “Wonder Women in Science” event would not be a success.”

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Professor Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, Dr the Hon Mrs Rita Fan, GBM, GBS, JP, member of the HKLF taking photos with participating scientists.



**Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation** concluded today and attracted near 200 young scientists and students who are interested in science.



Round-table dialogue session allows participants to have direct idea exchanges with renowned scientists in a casual and small group settings and inspire more future female scientists.

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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 on 7-12 November 2022 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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