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### HKLF Alumni Reunion Party Concludes Successfully

Organised by the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (“the HKLF”), the “HKLF Alumni Reunion Party” concluded successfully on 30 August 2024 (last Friday). The event gathered more than 80 participants and guests, including young scientists and science-based Forum ambassadors who took part in the inaugural Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the Forum), their invited friends who are interested in the HKLF’s activities, as well as representatives from Henderson Land Development Co Ltd, The Shaw Prize, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education, Centum Charitas Foundation, etc.

Since the inaugural Forum was staged successfully in November last year, the HKLF has been proactively promoting cross-generational, cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary exchanges among scientists and the up-and-coming ones. To strengthen connections among the young scientists and further broaden the horizons of the Forum ambassadors, the HKLF has established a networking group named “HKLF Alumni Community”, with an aim to bring together the new generation of scientific research talents through organising different kinds of events. The HKLF Alumni Reunion Party is the first exchange gathering that provides opportunity for participants to build connections, share their aspiration in science and scientific research development, and expectantly to get inspiration from conversations.

**Prof Timothy Tong, SBS, BBS, JP**, Chairman of the HKLF delivered his welcoming remarks. He expressed his delight at having the first alumni reunion and gathering the inaugural Forum participants. He said, “What we want to do is, to through the organisation of the Forum, we want to interest more young people to take an interest in science. As you know, Hong Kong is targeted to be developed into an international hub for science and technology. To be successful, the key task is to get more young people to take an interest in science. Your presence is very much in helping us to achieve that goal. In that process, I hope you will also broaden your view about science and, in the coming years, you will take on a career of research and technology development and help Hong Kong to become an international hub for science and technology.”

He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the principal sponsor, the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, the major partner, the Shaw Prize Foundation, and all other supporting organisations.

Three young scientists shared their experience upon joining the inaugural Forum last November. **Dr Lois Choy**, Clinical Lecturer from the Department of Chemical Pathology of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, **Mr Leif Lui**, Research Postgraduate from the Department of Physics of The University of Hong Kong, and **Dr Hugo W L Mak**, Lecturer from the Department of Mathematics of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Visiting Faculty from the Department of Mathematics of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, considered the Forum a unique international platform for academic exchanges. The Forum offered invaluable opportunities for participants to meet world-renowned Shaw Laureates, to get to know young scientists from different countries and regions, and to share with each other their ideas and approaches of their recent research projects. All the three young scientists expressed that they had gained a lot of inspirations from the inaugural Forum and would definitely recommend their peers and juniors to participate in the subsequent Forums.

The HKLF will continue to put effort into the enhancement of exchanges and communications among scientists from different generations, cultures and disciplines, so as to contribute to the cultivation of scientific research atmosphere and fosterage of science talents.

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Group photo: all participants and guests



Group photo: Prof Timothy Tong, SBS, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF (third from left), Prof Kenneth Young, Board Member of the HKLF (second from left), and the three young scientists.



Group photo: Prof Timothy Tong, SBS, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF (fourth from right), Prof Kenneth Young, Board Member of the HKLF (fourth from left), Prof Raymond Chan, Member of the Programme Steering Committee of the HKLF (third from left), and other guests

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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 annual renowned international award, namely The Shaw Prize, is the major partner of the HKLF. Since the launching of the HKLF, it has been putting every effort to promote science in the community and around the world.

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