

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The Hong Kong Laureate Forum Partners with  
the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau to  
Bring Participants into the World of Space Travel and Deep Ocean at InnoCarnival 2022**

The Innovation and Technology Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government announced today the official opening of the nine-day InnoCarnival 2022, at the Hong Kong Science Park. The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF) is delighted to present for the first time two unique virtual reality (VR) experiences coined “Be an Astronaut” and “Dolphin Man”, the latter in partnership with the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau (CGF), at the event.

Underscoring the theme “Innovation & Technology empower our dreams”, InnoCarnival 2022 will take place from 22 October until 30 October 2022. The event comprises a full array of activities including exhibitions, game booths, a series of online talks and workshops. As one of the exhibitors, the HKLF presents two unique VR experiences covering two hot topics, space travel and our relationship with the natural world. The former could not have come at a more opportune moment as Hong Kong and Macau have, for the first time, been included in the recruitment drive for the 4th intake of Chinese astronauts. So let’s all be an astronaut for five minutes. The latter, co-presented with the support of the CGF, takes participants into the deep sea to swim with dolphins and sperm whales. Given the important role oceans play in regulating the climate, this is a timely reminder of the need to preserve and protect this unique habitat.

Prof Sun Dong, JP, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, together with Ms Christile Drulhe, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, and Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, marveled at the VR experiences during their tour of the HKLF booth.

Prof Tong said, “Since the launching of the HKLF, our work has not stopped even though our inaugural Forum has to be postponed due to the impact of COVID-19. We have been organising various events in the community and academic sector to promote understanding and interests of the young generation in Hong Kong in various disciplines in science and technology. This year, our continued collaboration with the CGF to co-host such fun-filled yet thought-provoking VR experiences is a good example of our work. I look forward to working with stakeholders in different sectors to enable the public, particularly our young generation, to immerse themselves in the exploration of science and technology.”

“Ocean is one of Earth’s most valuable natural resources and right now, its conservation to create a more sustainable future could not be more pressing. We are proud to be part of InnoCarnival 2022 through our meaningful partnership with the HKLF. I hope the VR experience showcased at the HKLF booth will be inspiring and will remind us of the importance of preserving the planet”, said the Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, Ms Christile Drulhe.

The HKLF will run the booth throughout the whole InnoCarnival 2022 from today (22 October) to 30 October (10am - 6pm on weekends and 10am - 5pm on weekdays) at Booth C19, Yellow Zone (outside ClubOne on the Park), Phase 3, Hong Kong Science Park. The public are welcome to join in the fun-filled event and learn more about how innovation and technology have helped to improve the convenience and comfort of their daily lives. All activities are free-of-charge. For details, please visit the InnoCarnival’s website (<https://innocarnival.hk/en/>).

For high resolution photos, please click [here](#).



(From left) Mrs Do Pang Wai Yee, Secretary-General of the HKLF, Mr Andy Ho Wing Cheong, Executive Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Ms Pun Ting Ting Rebecca, JP, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Prof Sun Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Ms Christile Drulhe, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, and Dr the Hon Elizabeth Quat, BBS, JP, member of the Legislative Council, visited the HKLF Booth.



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Ms Christile Drulhe, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, experienced “Dolphin Man” at the HKLF booth.



HKLF booth runs from 22 to 30 October at Hong Kong Science Park. Members of the public are welcome to experience the VR and fun-filled event in person. (Booth C19, Yellow Zone (outside ClubOne on the PARK), Phase 3, Hong Kong Science Park)

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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 **13-18 November 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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Headed by Consul General Christile Drulhe, the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau is in charge of coordinating and furthering the long-standing cooperation between France and both Hong Kong and Macau and administers the French community in these regions.

As part of its actions, the Consulate General of France and its Department of Culture, Education and Science support the development of French influence and cooperation through science, education, culture and art related projects. Bringing together French and local organisations is one of the principal missions of the Department, which particularly encourages projects leading to long-term exchange programmes (teachers, students, artists, writers), co-production or training programmes in or with France.

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