

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum Will Host  
“Masterminds, Masterclasses 2.0” from 9-11 November 2022,  
to Encourage More Youngsters to Follow the Path Less Travelled in Science**

Following the success of “Wonder Women in Science – Inspiring and Empowering the Next Generation” in July, the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF) will host “Masterminds, Masterclasses 2.0” on 9-11 November at The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups headquarters. This is an advanced version to the successful “Masterminds, Masterclasses” held in late 2021 and provides a platform for scientists and experts from different parts of the world to come together to exchange their brilliant ideas and intellectual experiences.

The event will bring over 20 world-renowned local and non-local scientists, many of whom have received international awards, as speakers for three disciplines of science – Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences. They will share with participants their research, applications and personal experiences that help them achieve their goals. This will be followed by a panel discussion where participants can also share their views and raise questions with the speakers. Besides seminars and round-table dialogues, for this year’s event, we have included a trending topic session on Climate Emergency.

Professor Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, said, “Climate change and its devastating effects are the hottest issues in the world today. We are excited and honoured to have the participation of world-renowned scholars and experts in the field to share with us their professional knowledge and thoughts in-person or online. This is a great opportunity for participants to get a better understanding of climate change, its effect on humans and possible ways to slow it down from a scientific angle. We believe this would be inspiring for our audience, especially youngsters.”

Besides the sessions on these interesting topics, the event will have programmes targeting local secondary students. On the final day of the event, sessions will include ideas and experiences sharing from cross-generation scientists as well as presentations by the winning teams from

local science-related competitions to a Shaw Laureate. The sharing session includes discussion between scientists and students on important matters to propel them forward, such as innovative thinking, idea pitching, research flow, job opportunities, etc. The presentation session provides a unique opportunity for selected students to have direct exchange with a Shaw Laureate.

“Promoting science among secondary students is one of our main missions. By organising these types of events, we aim to provide the younger generation of Hong Kong a glimpse of the magic of science and to increase their interest in the subject. Learning from the personal experiences of these world-renowned scientists will also help them launch and sustain their own scientific and research journeys.” Professor Tong added.

Please click [here](#) to download the programme details of “Masterminds, Masterclasses 2.0”.

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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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