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### **The Hong Kong Laureate Forum Partners with the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau to Bring Participants to uncover the hidden songs of the cosmos at InnoCarnival 2023**

The Innovation and Technology Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government announced today the official opening of the nine-day InnoCarnival 2023, at the Hong Kong Science Park. The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF) is delighted to present a unique virtual reality (VR) experience coined “SPHERES”, in partnership with the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau (CGF), at the event.

Underscoring the theme “Go Smart! Go Tech! Go Green!”, InnoCarnival 2023 will take place from 28 October until 5 November 2023. 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 a unique VR experience highlighting the sounds in the cosmos. In addition to fascinating images captured by space telescopes, collecting and identifying sounds in space also plays an important part in space exploration and scientific research. “SPHERES” brings participants to uncover the Universe through sounds. Our solar system, turns out to be neither silent nor still, becomes an instrument, and we can listen to its music.

Prof Sun Dong, JP, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, together with Ms Camelia Aissat, Deputy Consul for Culture, Education & Science of Consulate 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 Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF said, “Promoting various disciplines in science and technology in the society especially among the young generation requires collaboration from different sectors to succeed. I am grateful for the tremendous support from CGF since our inception. Their support has enhanced the effectiveness of our publicity efforts. We will also continue to collaborate with our friends of different sectors to further promote science and technology to the public.”

The HKLF will run the booth throughout the whole InnoCarnival 2023 from today (28 October) to 5 November (10am - 6pm on weekends and 10am - 5pm on weekdays) at Booth B07, Red Zone (Building 10W, next to Charles K. Kao Auditorium (Golden Egg), Hong Kong Science Park). The public are welcome to join in the fun-filled event. 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](#).



Prof Sun Dong, JP, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, together with Ms Camelia Aissat, Deputy Consul for Culture, Education & Science of Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, and other guests visited the HKLF Booth.



The HKLF partners with France for the third consecutive year to present VR experiences coined “SPHERES” at InnoCarnival 2023.



HKLF booth runs from 28 October to 5 November at Hong Kong Science Park. Members of the public are welcome to experience the VR and fun-filled event in person. (Booth B07, Red Zone (Building 10W, next to Charles K. Kao Auditorium (Golden Egg), 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. 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 renowned international award annually, 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 supports 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 Consulate General, which particularly encourages projects leading to long-term exchange programmes (teachers, students, researchers, artists, writers etc.), co-production or training programmes in or with France.

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