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【Science in the Age of Artificial Intelligence】 200+ Young Scientists Join Hong Kong Laureate Forum Science Seminar to Navigate AI-Enabled Knowledge Frontiers

Organised by the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF), and co-organised with The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), the two-day Science Seminar – **Science in the Age of AI** concluded successfully at CUHK today. The event brought together over 200 participants from undergraduates to postdoctoral fellows and HKLF alumni, alongside 14 distinguished scientists and industry experts, as well as invited guests. Together they explored how AI is reshaping the frontier of knowledge discovery.

Inspiring Programme and Participation

The seminar featured an inspiring programme that explored pressing questions arising from the rapid advancement of AI. Participants engaged in thought-provoking keynote presentations, dynamic panel discussions with leading scientists and industry experts, and interactive Flash and Poster presentations that fostered direct dialogue between young scientists and established experts.

Prof Timothy Tong Wai-cheung, SBS, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, welcomed participants by underscoring the importance of converging human ingenuity with computational intelligence. He remarked, “AI is not just a tool, but a transformative force that is influencing disciplines across the sciences. This seminar is part of a larger journey. It is one of the key preludes to the Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2027, which will bring together Shaw Laureates and other world-renowned scientists with young scientists from around the globe. The Forum will be a landmark occasion, showcasing Hong Kong as a hub of scientific excellence and exchange.”

In his opening remarks, **Mr Ivan KB Lee, JP**, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR Government, said, “Hong Kong is building a comprehensive, reliable, and sustainable AI ecosystem, in tandem with Hong Kong’s vision to be a premier international

innovation and technology hub.”

Prof Dennis Lo, GBS, SBS, JP, Vice-Chancellor and President of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, shared, “AI has become a very powerful accelerator, a new microscope for the twenty-first century. As we embrace this transformative power, we must reflect what it means today to become a scientist. That's why a university such as CUHK is playing a very critical role in this revolution of AI. Our mission is not simply to teach students how to run algorithms, but to cultivate critical thinkers who know how to interrogate them.”

Programme Highlights:

- Keynote presentations by nine distinguished scientists on biotechnology, mathematics, geographic information science, data science, among others.
- Three industry practitioners to share how they leveraged AI to attain high-impact research breakthroughs and productisation.
- Two sessions of panel discussion joined by scholars and tech innovators on translational research and AI entrepreneurship witnessed enthusiastic exchanges between the stage and the floor.
- 11 and 12 young scientists showcased their research concepts and achievements in the 3-minute Flash presentation and Poster presentation respectively, during which they directly interacted with experts and peers for profound scientific dialogue.

The HKLF expresses its thanks to Hiang Kie Coffee Group Limited and Ka Vo Food International Company Limited for their valued sponsorship and support.

Building Momentum Towards Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2027

Dedicated to fostering scientific exchange across geographies, cultures and disciplines, the HKLF connects the current and future generations of scientific pursuit through forums and outreach initiatives. **Science in the Age of AI** provided invaluable insights into how AI is reshaping scientific inquiry, while strengthening connections within the global and local scientific communities.

As a prelude to the upcoming **Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2027**, the seminar underscored HKLF's steadfast commitment to nurturing scientific talents and fostering meaningful dialogue and exchange among scientists across generations and disciplines. Details of recruitment of Young Scientist for Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2027, which will begin in the first quarter next year, will be available soon.

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Group photo (from left to right):

Prof Anderson Shum, Board Member of the HKLF;

Prof Dennis Lo, GBS, SBS, JP, Vice-Chancellor and President, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;

Mr Ivan KB Lee, JP, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;

Prof Timothy Tong, SBS, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF;

Prof Kenneth Young, Board Member of the HKLF.



Prof Timothy Tong delivered his welcome remarks.



Mr Ivan KB Lee delivered a speech during his opening remarks.



Prof Dennis Lo delivered a speech.



Group photo of guests in Session 1 (from left to right):

Prof Joshua Ho, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean (Innovation & Technology Transfer), Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong;

Prof Allen Chan, Associate Vice-President (Knowledge Transfer) and Chairman of the Department of Chemical Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;

Prof Michael Ng, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology; Chair Professor in Mathematics and Chair Professor in Data Science, The Hong Kong Baptist University;

Prof Alan Wong, Associate Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong;

Dr Frank Pun, Head of Insilico Hong Kong, Insilico Medicine.

Session 1 featured keynotes by Prof Allen Chan, Prof Michael Ng, and Prof Alan Wong on genomics, protein targeting, DNA editing with the assistance of AI, followed by an engaging panel discussion joined by Dr Frank Pun and moderated by Prof Joshua Ho on the process of translating biomedical research into real-world products.



Group photo of guests in Session 2 (from left to right):

Prof Vũ Hà Văn, Professor, Chair of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, The University of Hong Kong;

Mr Kelvin Wong, Director, Knowledge Transfer Office, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;

Prof Kenneth Young, Board Member of the HKLF;

Prof He Xuhua, Professor, Chair of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, The University of Hong Kong; Vice President of the International Mathematical Union; President of the Hong Kong Mathematical Society;

Mr Shen Size, Head of DatAi Innovation Lab, Shanghai Westwell Technology Co Ltd.

Following the opening remarks by Mr Kelvin Wong, keynotes by Prof Vũ Hà Văn, Prof He Xuhua and Prof Kwan Mei-po introduced how AI inspired new research perspectives on mathematics and geography. A presentation by Mr Shen Size shed light on how big data informed logistics in smarter ways in complex urban environments.



Group photo of guests in Session 3 (from left to right):

Prof Maggie Wang, Director, Beth Bioinformatics;

Prof Irwin King, Pro-Vice-Chancellor/Vice-President (Education); Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;

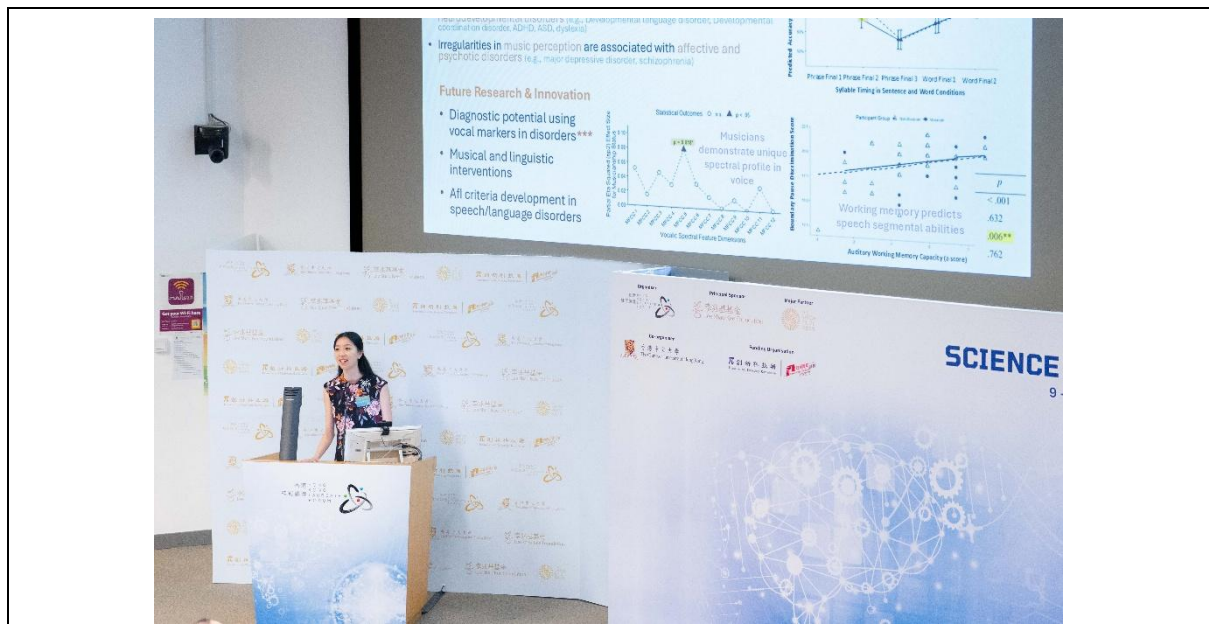
Prof Timothy Tong, SBS, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF;

Prof Guo Yike, Provost and Chair Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Director of the Hong Kong Generative AI Research and Development Center (HKGAI);

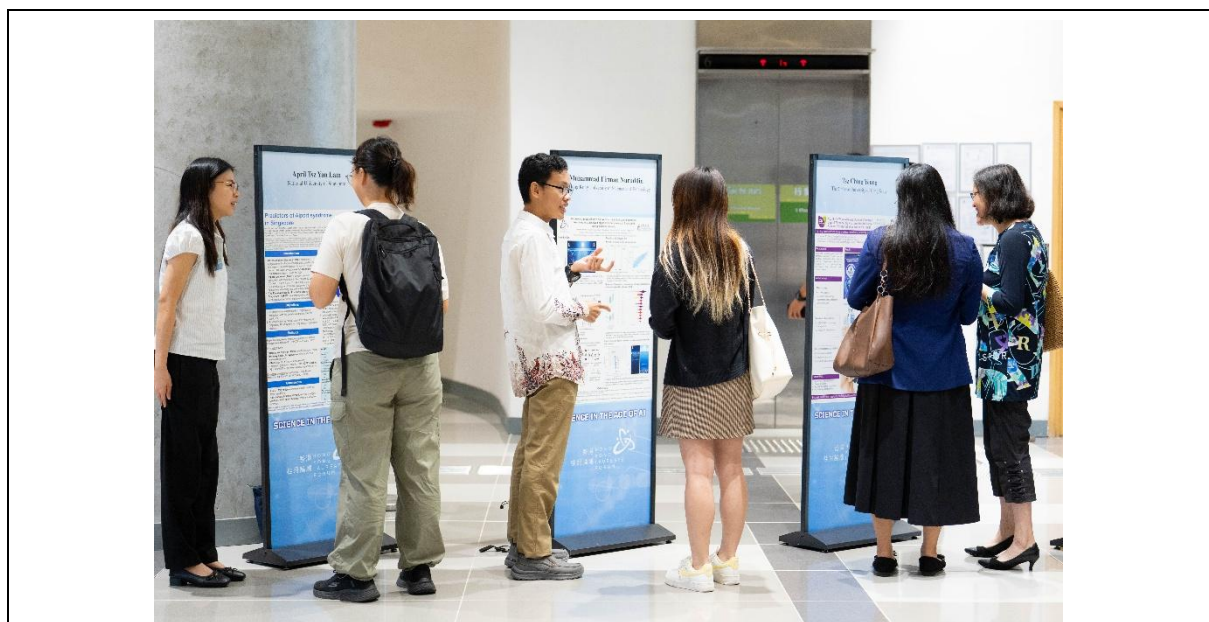
Prof Hongxia Yang, Executive Director of PolyU Academy for Artificial Intelligence; Chair Professor, Generative AI, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;

Prof Xiaojuan Ma, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering; Program Director of MSc in AI and Entrepreneurship, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

In Session 3, Prof Irwin King, Prof Guo Yike and Prof Hongxia Yang shared their insights in the continuous advancement of generative AI technology and its applications on increasingly complex research and commercial environments. They were joined by Prof Maggie Wang for an informative panel moderated by Prof Xiaojuan Ma, which explored AI entrepreneurship and funding opportunities within the larger Hong Kong's startup ecosystem.



A Young Scientist presenting her research concepts and findings during **Next-Gen Flash Presentations**.



During **Interactive Poster Dialogue**, participants and guests engaged in lively discussions.

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 future 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 supported by the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, The Shaw Prize Foundation, and the Innovation and Technology Commission of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 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 its launch, the HKLF has been putting every effort to promote science in the community and around the world.

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