Hong Kong Laureate Forum Proudly Presents a Unique Virtual Reality Experience "SPHERES" at the InnoCarnival 2023

The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (HKLF) is collaborating with the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau for the third consecutive year to present a unique virtual reality (VR) experience coined "SPHERES". This award-winning VR series was produced by French technology and media studio Novelab and the first chapter of the series will be presented at the InnoCarnival 2023 to be held between 28 October and 5 November 2023 at the Hong Kong Science Park.

Space is not silent. In fact, it is full of sound. For thousands of years, mortals have been gazing at the stars to contemplate humanity's place in the Universe, but for the first time, we are listening to its sound. SPHERES is a three-chapter journey to uncover the hidden songs of the cosmos. This award-winning VR experience premiered at Sundance, followed by successful showings at various film festivals including Tribeca, SXSW, Telluride and the Venice Film Festival. It received the Grand Prize in VR at the Venice Film Festival 2018. "SPHERES" will be presented at the booth of the HKLF at the InnoCarnival 2023.

Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF said, "This year is the third consecutive year that we collaborate with France at the InnoCarnival. The VR experiences presented at our booth in the last two years have gained a lot of attention and we received very positive response from participants who have tried them. I am grateful that France has brought these experiences to us and look forward to "SPHERES" this year and many more to come. Collaboration between the HKLF and France is essential towards promoting the HKLF, French scientific culture, and science and technology.

"The VR experience 'SPHERES' is an award-winning masterpiece that brings participants to uncover the Universe through sounds. We are proud to work with the HKLF for the third consecutive year to bring VR experiences developed by French organisations to the InnoCarnival 2023 to promote French scientific culture and strengthen our bilateral cooperation. The VR experience presented to you this year was produced by the French company Novelab, one of the most-awarded immersive studios in the world. I look forward to seeing participants fully immersed in the unique VR experience we prepared for them," said the Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, Mrs Christile Drulhe.

The InnoCarnival 2023 is organised by the Innovation and Technology Commission and the HKLF is one of the participating organisations among almost 40 exhibition and game booths. Besides the VR experiences, fun games and exciting prizes are awaiting participants at the HKLF booth (Booth B07) (Please see Location Map below). All activities are free-of-charge. For more details, please visit InnoCarnival's website (https://innocarnival.hk/en/).

For high resolution photos, please click here.

Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF is grateful to have France's support for the third consecutive year at the InnoCarnival.

The HKLF Booth is at B07, Red Zone (Building 10W, next to Charles K. Kao Auditorium (Golden Egg), Hong Kong Science Park.

The VR "SPHERES" developed by French technology and media studio Novelab will be presented at the booth of the HKLF at the InnoCarnival 2023.

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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–- whichorgranises 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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About the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau*

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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