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### The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum's “Masterminds, Masterclasses 2.0” Commences

“**Masterminds, Masterclasses 2.0**”, organised by the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF) officially kicked off today.

Presented in a hybrid format of online and offline engagement, the three-day programme comprises four different elements to cater for a variety of audience. It features over 20 world-renowned scientists from Hong Kong and different parts of the world, many of whom have received international awards, either as speakers for seminars for the three disciplines of science – Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences as well as the multi-discipline trending topic or as guest hosts for the sharing sessions.

Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, expressed his gratitude and excitement in having renowned scientists to participate in this inspirational and invigorating event, “This ‘Masterminds, Masterclasses 2.0’ is an advanced version to the successful ‘Masterminds, Masterclasses’ held last year. I am grateful to see many top scientists and experts in the field as well as a variety of participants coming together to support us today. I look forward to seeing participants fully immersed in the programmes we have prepared for them.”

**Prof Sun Dong**, JP, Secretary for Innovation, Technology, and Industry gave his speech and kicked off the event together with **Prof Timothy Tong**, BBS, JP, **Dr Sunny Chai Ngai Chiu**, BBS, JP, Chairman, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, **Prof Chan Wai-ye**, Vice-President (Strategic Developments), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Principal **Wan Ka Kit**, Executive Committee Member, Hong Kong Association of Heads of Secondary Schools, and **Prof Wong Wing-tak**, Deputy President and Provost & Chair Professor of Chemical Technology, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University at the Grand Launching Ceremony. It is followed by a panel discussion where guests shared their views on the development of science and technology, resource allocation in education and research

and the opportunity for the younger generation riding on Hong Kong's position as an international science and technology hub.

Following the panel discussion was the seminar in Mathematical Sciences. **Prof Xiaoming Yuan**, Head and Professor, Department of Mathematics of The University of Hong Kong, gave us an introduction on the interest and importance of Mathematics. **Prof Tong Yang**, Chair Professor of Mathematics, City University of Hong Kong shared his insight on the theories of boundary layers.

Another highlight of the programme is focus group for young scientists of the Forum held in the evening. Joining us online from Germany, **Prof Simon White**, 2017 Shaw Laureate in Astronomy hosted an exclusive dialogue session for invited young scientists of the Forum where those young scientists presented their current research projects directly to Prof White and received feedback and advice from him.

For the coming two days, spotlight of the seminar will be put on the other two disciplines, Astronomy and Life Science and Medicine. There is also a trending topic session on **Climate Emergency** as well as programmes specifically designed for local secondary students. More information about the contents and speaker line-up of the event is available at: <https://hklaureateforum.org/en/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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