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The Geared Up Muster cum the HKLF Science Explorer Award 2022/23 Presentation Ceremony Concludes Successfully

The “**Geared Up Muster cum the HKLF Science Explorer Award 2022/23 Presentation Ceremony**”, organised by the HKLF, concluded today. Guests including the Programme Steering Committee Advisors of the HKLF, **Professor Chu Ming-chung**, Choh-Ming Li Professor of Physics of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and **Mr Lin Chun Pong**, Chairman of The Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools presented award certificates to commend a total of 80 secondary students who actively participated in the events and activities organised by the HKLF and garnered specified points.

“**Geared Up Muster**”, a tailor-made session for Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE) candidates, kicked off the event. The HKDSE candidates participating in the HKLF Science Explorer Award Scheme 2022/23 shared their own interests in science and how they overcame difficulties in their study, as well as talked about their future plans in the pursuit of science. To inspire the participating HKDSE candidates, the HKLF announced that they would be invited to attend the inaugural Forum to be held on 13-18 November 2023 at the Hong Kong Science Park, where they would have the opportunity to exchange ideas with Shaw Laureates and other renowned scientists.

Following was a remark given by **Mrs Do Pang Wai Yee**, Secretary General of the HKLF. She said, “As important as the DSE is, it is not a life defining moment.” She drew on the example of a world-renowned primatologist, Jane Goodall, to illustrate that with grit and determination, anyone can realise their dream. Mrs Do expressed her delight at witnessing the first batch of the HKLF Science Explorer Award recipients and her hope that many more would follow their footsteps. She praised the secondary students participating in the scheme for their inquisitiveness, which is a prerequisite of being a scientist. She also encouraged all students to continue their ardent pursuit of science and strive to achieve their goals.

Professor Chu Ming-chung also shared his stories in the journey exploring science. He said he has been passionate about astronomy since he was young and has devoted his life to unraveling the mysteries of the Universe. Professor Chu talked about his experience in exploring astronomy in high school and also shared the challenges he encountered when studying in the United States. He said, “The Universe is so beautiful, intriguing full of surprises. How can we be content with what’s already known! Find your path, be bold, and be crazy!” He advised the students to pursue their goals with passion, courage and perseverance.

Professor Chu Ming-chung and **Mr Lin Chun Pong** presented award certificates to commend a total of 80 secondary students who actively participated in the scheme and earned specified points. 43 and 37 students were given gold and silver award certificates respectively in recognition of their participation. The students come from Carmel Pak U Secondary School, Diocesan Girls’ School, HKFYG Lee Shau Kee College, Toi Shan Association College, Hong Kong Baptist University Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary School, etc.

“**The HKLF Science Explorer Award Scheme 2022/23**”, commenced in July 2022, was the first award scheme for secondary students organised by the HKLF. The scheme aims to encourage secondary students to participate in science-related events and activities to broaden their horizons and get inspired. Participants who have earned a certain number of points can receive a certificate issued by the HKLF and would be invited to join the programmes of the inaugural Forum.

To enable more secondary students to take part in science-related events and activities, the HKLF will be organising the award scheme again soon with the aim to inspiring them to embark on the journey of scientific discovery.

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Professor Chu Ming-chung, Mr Lin Chun Pong, Mrs Do Pang Wai Yee, secondary school principal and teachers shared the joy with the award recipients.

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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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