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The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum Welcomes Measures to Guide Hong Kong towards the Vision of an International Innovation and Technology Centre, Promote STEAM Education and Youth Development in the Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address

The Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (HKLF) welcomes the new measures and initiatives announced by the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, in his Policy Address today, to guide Hong Kong towards the goal of being an international innovation and technology (I&T) centre as well as to promote STEAM education for all and nurture a new generation of young people.

Professor Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, said, “Developing science and technology to transform Hong Kong into an international I&T centre, not only would ensure Hong Kong’s integration into the overall development of the Country but also provide new employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for the young generation. Measures to facilitate our youngsters to take up these new opportunities, from the promotion of STEAM education for all in primary and secondary schools to increasing the number of UGC-funded research postgraduate places by 1,600 in the 2024/25 academic year, show the Government’s determination to nurture and build up a pool of local talents.”

“We are pleased to learn that the Government will work with all sectors of the community, including the HKLF, on a variety of activities to help young people to broaden their horizons and enhance their knowledge. The inaugural Hong Kong Laureate Forum, where awardees of the Shaw Prize and other world-renowned scientists will come to Hong Kong next November to exchange ideas and experience with around 200 young scientists around the globe, will certainly help to promote the interest in science and technology.” he added.

The Policy Address also announces that \$10 billion will be earmarked for the “Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus Scheme” to bring at least 100 research teams in universities to become start-up will no doubt consolidate Hong Kong’s position as a place where the outcome of scientific research and discovery can be realised. Together with the various measures, including enhancing existing technology schemes, expanding the STEM Internship Scheme, etc., Hong Kong will continue to attract renowned scientific talents to set up shop here and contribute towards our transformation into an international I&T centre.

Professor Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, “I believe with the concerted efforts of Government, academia, industry and the community, there will be ample new opportunities generated from the I&T sector for the young generation.”

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About The Hong Kong Laureate Forum

The Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the Forum) is an annual scientific exchange event to be organised by the HKLF. It aspires to be a world-class academic exchange event to 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. The HKLF was launched in May 2019 and is fully sponsored by the Lee Shau Kee Foundation. The major partner of the HKLF is The Shaw Prize Foundation which organises the renowned international award, The Shaw Prize, annually.

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