

PRESS RELEASE

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First chapter of “Prelude to the Inaugural Forum” series officially stages today
Hong Kong’s scientists and research teams gather to share their research journeys and showcase their research achievements on Life Science and Medicine

The kick-off ceremony of the first chapter of “Prelude to the Inaugural Forum” series (the Prelude Events), “Science Exposition”, took place at Xiqu Centre, West Kowloon Cultural District today with Prof Timothy TONG Wai-cheung, BBS, JP, Chairman of the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum Limited (the HKLF) and board members of the HKLF, Dr the Hon Rita FAN, GBM, GBS, JP and Prof the Hon TSUI Lap-chee, GBM, GBS, JP as the officiating guests. The event brings a number of local Hong Kong scientists and research teams specialising in Life Science and Medicine to not only showcase their research achievements, but also have direct exchange with young scientists applying to join the Forum and local secondary school students to share their unique and invaluable research experience.

Prof Timothy W Tong, BBS, JP, Chairman of the HKLF, said in his welcome remarks, “I am so heartened that we have received enthusiastic response from local schools and young scientists around the world for the event. I hope that the launch of the Prelude Events is just the first step for aspiring young generations to broaden their perspectives of the Hong Kong scientific community, in particular research fields and achievements in Hong Kong’s universities and institutes and we look forward to seeing them seize opportunities and unleash their potential in various disciplines in science and technology.”

The “Science Exposition”, as the first chapter to kick-off the Prelude Events, comprises two rounds of public exhibition and hybrid seminar with the three different disciplines, Life Science and Medicine and Astronomy and Mathematical Sciences, in September and October respectively. The former has invited speakers from Hong Kong Baptist University, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and The University of Hong Kong to elucidate the science theory behind and disclose the road to success of their research journey, as well as unveiling the latest Hong Kong’s research capacity and opportunities in Hong Kong during the seminar. Another highlight of the event is the 5-

day exhibition, which is open from now till 18 September, to showcase Hong Kong's research achievements.

The latter part of "Science Exposition" covering Astronomy and Mathematical Sciences will be staged from 13-16 October 2021, followed by the other three chapters of the "Prelude to the Inaugural Forum" series, namely "Masterminds, Masterclasses", "Exploring New Horizons" and "Wonder Women in Science". For more details on the series, please visit the HKLF website (<https://hklaureateforum.org/en/prelude-to-the-inaugural-forum>).

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The HKLF's Chairman Prof Timothy TONG Wai-cheung, BBS, JP delivered his welcome remarks at the kick off ceremony.



Group photo of officiating guests, speakers and research teams



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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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