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Dear Prof. Tsui,

In support of Dr Nicole Tsang's application for the Hong Kong Laureate Forum

I write to support and recommend Dr Nicole Tsang with enthusiasm as a promising young scientist to join the *Hong Kong Laureate Forum*.

Nicole has completed her PhD study in infectious disease epidemiology with outstanding quality under my supervision in 2019-2024. Her research findings on the diagnostics, surveillance, and vaccination of COVID-19 have been published in several journal articles, including two in the *Lancet Infectious Diseases*.

Supported by the RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme, Nicole is currently a Post-doctoral Fellow under my supervision. Her research focuses on the household transmission of SARS-CoV-2, with an aim to enhance the public health practice and the control of infectious diseases. Her effort has also been recognized by many awards, including Young Investigator award from the International Society for Influenza and other Respiratory Virus Diseases, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Professional Development Award from the International Society for Infectious Diseases.

Nicole also has a strong commitment for translating the research findings by joining international collaborative groups to develop clinical guidelines (European Respiratory Society and European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases), training newer bleeds of students, and initiating knowledge exchange projects. As a young postdoctoral fellow demonstrating full perseverance in her quest for new challenges, Nicole's participation in the *Forum* will enrich her research exposure and foster her perspectives on scientific enquiry. I recommend her with enthusiasm, and with confidence that her work will be greatly benefited from the *Forum*.

Your sincerely,

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