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RE: Recommendation Letter for Lirong Cao – Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025

To whom it may concern,

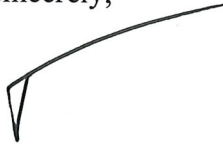
It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Dr Cao Lirong, who graduated from the JC School of Public Health and Primary Care in 2022. I met Lirong seven years ago when she was a master's student in my biostatistics and clinical trial courses. I was impressed by her ability as an independent researcher at a very early stage. Her dedication to advancing knowledge, coupled with her analytical skills and attention to detail, makes her an outstanding candidate for further academic pursuits.

Dr. Cao is a well-disciplined and industrious young scientist with a pleasant personality. She received an award under the Dr. Barbara Kwok Young Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Grants to support her attendance at the 9th ESWI Influenza Conference, where she presented the outcomes of her research to top scientists worldwide and received positive feedback. The university has also selected her to attend the Global Young Scientists Summit 2025, hosted by the National Research Foundation of Singapore. She has demonstrated her comprehensive understanding of her interdisciplinary research in virus genomics and population immunology. Research requires a great deal of independent, self-motivated work, both in a team setting and as an individual. Lirong is a highly promising young scientist who is passionate, active, and dedicated to pursuing medical research.

The Hong Kong Laureate Forum offers a unique opportunity for young scholars to engage with world-renowned scientists, and I firmly believe that Lirong will gain valuable insights from this experience and make meaningful contributions to discussions with fellow participants.

I have no hesitation in strongly recommending Lirong for the Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,



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