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**Dear Selection Committee**

I am writing this letter to provide my highest possible recommendation for Dr. Shima Davoudi, who has applied to attend the **Hong Kong Laureate Forum: Meeting of Inspirational Minds**. I have known Dr. Davoudi for the past six years, both as a professor and as the head of the Department of Physiology, which has given me the opportunity to gain valuable insight into her exceptional abilities and character.

As her professor, I have observed her enthusiastic participation and active interaction in class, where she demonstrated a remarkable depth of knowledge in the subject matter. She contributed eagerly to discussions, always showcasing her ability to think critically and rationally. Among the many students I have taught over the past 25 years, Shima is without a doubt in the top ten percent with respect to her intellectual clarity and analytical skills.

Additionally, as her PhD thesis supervisor, I have been continuously impressed by her dedication, cheerful disposition, and extraordinary motivation. Shima is an exceptionally responsible and hardworking individual with a solid background in advanced neuroscience techniques such as patch-clamp recording and immunohistochemical assessments. Her PhD work reflects her meticulous approach to research, and she successfully completed her doctoral program on the 10th of December 2023.

One of her most notable qualities is her ability to communicate effectively and build connections with people from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds. Her interpersonal skills make her an outstanding candidate for the Hong Kong Laureate

Forum, where she will have the opportunity to engage with distinguished laureates and young minds from around the world. For all of these reasons, I wholeheartedly and without hesitation recommend Dr. Shima Davoudi for receiving a grant to attend the Hong Kong Laureate Forum: Meeting of Inspirational Minds. I am confident that her participation in this prestigious event will not only enrich her academic journey but also contribute meaningfully to the forum's mission of fostering inspiring scientific dialogue. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Sincerely,**

Mahyar Janahmadi  
Head of the Department of Physiology  
Professor, Medical School  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Janahmadi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small star-like mark at the end.