

10 March 2025

To whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of support for Kak Ho (Chris) Hui to attend the 2nd Hong Kong Laureate Forum, 5-8 November 2025

I first met Chris in September 2023 when he expressed an interest in a summer student project in the Gene Therapy Research Unit at the Children's Medical Research Institute entitled "Improving the efficiency of gene editing using the CRISPR-Cas9 system". I was impressed with his initiative, with of the 15 applicants that listed my project as their first preference, and a further 9 as their second, Chris was the only person to contact me for further information and meet with me and the other post-doc in the lab supervising the research.

In the short time that Chris was in the laboratory, he developed an excellent understanding of the project and learnt many techniques including molecular biology, tissue culture and transfections. In addition, Chris was enthusiastic and willing to learn, got along well with all of the lab members and happy to receive advice and ask for help when needed. Chris was also awarded the best summer student presentation for his oral presentation of his project of the cohort for his clear presentation and understanding of the project.

Since completing his project, Chris and I are in regular contact and I consider myself his mentor. We have discussed his career goals and Honours project in 2025 and he is respectful and appreciative of my time and proactive in achieving his goals. Chris is also passionate about science and interested in exploring the many different pathways of science after he finishes his Honours degree.

I have no hesitation supporting Chris's attendance at the 2nd Hong Kong Laureate Forum because I know that it will be a highly valuable experience that will support the career development of a highly engaged and enthusiastic student.

Yours sincerely,



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