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The Hong Kong Laureate Forum

**Re: Recommendation letter to support Mr. Yasine Malki –
Participation in The Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025**

Dear Selection Committee,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Mr. Yasine Malki for his participation in the Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025. Yasine is currently a third-year Ph.D. student at our research group at the Department of Chemical Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. I have known Yasine through the supervision of several research projects and our daily interactions. Based on his outstanding academic record and strong passion for science and research, I believe his participation in The Hong Kong Laureate Forum would be a truly invaluable learning experience for his studies and career in research.

Yasine's doctoral research largely focuses on the biology of circulating cell-free DNA. He is currently engaged in several research projects related to studying the mechanisms of production and clearance of cell-free DNA, the biology of DNA nucleases, and the characterization of epigenetic profiles of cfDNA in various bodily fluids. Through our close collaboration on several projects, I have found Yasine to be an exceptional researcher. He has played a very critical role all aspects of his work, including the study design, execution, and data analysis. Yasine possesses many valuable qualities, including his scientific curiosity, dedication to research, and his exemplary writing and presentation skills. Most recently, Yasine contributed as the first author in our project, which has been published in *Genome Research*; and has also been a co-inventor on two patent applications.

Yasine also demonstrates exceptional academic strength, having graduated as the top student



from The Division of Life Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology during his bachelor's degree, being a recipient of the HKUST Academic Achievement Medal. His outstanding academic accomplishments and research abilities have earned him many prestigious accolades during his Ph.D. studies, including the Butterfield-Croucher scholarship, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship, and the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship for postgraduate students in 2025.

Yasine also thoroughly enjoys scientific discussions and learning from world-renowned scientists. He previously attended the 72nd Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting dedicated to Physiology or Medicine, where he met many Nobel Laureates and was deeply inspired by their life stories and research. I strongly believe he would benefit greatly and feel equally inspired by participating in the Hong Kong Laureate Forum.

I also understand that Yasine has been nominated by the Croucher Foundation for an expedited review by the forum's Scientific Review Panel. I hope this recommendation letter further conveys Yasine's outstanding qualities and passion for science. I strongly support Yasine's nomination to attend The Hong Kong Laureate Forum in November 2025.

Yours sincerely,



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