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Dear RGC fellowship awardee,

Invitation to the Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025 (5-8 November 2025)

Warm greetings from the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (the HKLF)! We extend our congratulations on your remarkable achievement of being awarded the 2024/25 RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) / Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS). Your dedication to research excellence is truly commendable, we wish you continued success in all your academic pursuits.

On behalf of the HKLF, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the **upcoming Hong Kong Laureate Forum 2025** scheduled to be held from **5-8 November 2025**. The Forum aspires to be a world-class academic exchange, connecting current and future leaders in scientific pursuits by leveraging on our home-grown Shaw Prize.

Thanks to the unwavering support and blessings from our esteemed Shaw Laureates, institutions and partners, the Inaugural Forum held in November 2023 was a remarkable success. We are honoured to welcome 2,400 participants at the event, including 23 distinguished Shaw Laureates, 200 Young Scientists and Forum Ambassadors from around the world, along with 200 guests from diverse sectors and institutions, as well as local scientists. This prestigious event facilitated connections among participants, unlocking endless possibilities in the realm of science in three disciplines, namely Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences. To revisit the event, you may visit our social media platform: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzJiOE1GD6k>.

We are now reaching out to call for young scientists who are **PhD graduates, postgraduates (Master/PhD) or undergraduates, aged 35 or below**, engaging in studies or research in *Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, Mathematical Sciences or other closely related disciplines*, to join us at the Forum. As an awardee of the RGC PDFS / HKPFS, you will enjoy the **unique privilege of expedited consideration** by the HKLF's Scientific Review Panel, bypassing the standard two-tier scientific review process for participating in this extraordinary event.

The Forum promises to be a transformative global gathering that no aspiring scientist should miss. We extend a **cordial invitation for your participation!** Please provide the following details to programme@hklaureateforum.org by 14 February 2025: (1) your full name, (2) email address, (3) current academic stage or position, (4) past/current affiliated university/institution, and (5) indication of your status as an RGC research grant recipient. A **dedicated application link will be provided** to you.

The application period closes on 31 March 2025, with no application or participation fee required. Results will be announced by July 2025 via email. For further details on the Forum, please visit: www.hklaureateforum.org/en/the-forum/forum-overview. During official Forum period, all meals and local transportation will be provided by the HKLF, and accommodation arrangements will be made for participants from overseas. You may also refer to the attached information on the Forum for reference.

In addition to exploring the HKLF website, we invite you to stay connected with us for Forum-related and scientific insights through the following channels:

- HKLF social media: <https://linktr.ee/hklaureateforum>
- Subscribe to our e-newsletter: <https://hklaureateforum.org/en/follow-us>

We look forward to receiving your application and assure you to experience unparalleled cross-generational, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary scientific exchanges at the event! For any queries regarding the application process, please feel free to reach out to us at programme@hklaureateforum.org, we are here to assist you in any way we can.

Thank you, and wishing you a fulfilling year ahead in the 2025!

Yours faithfully,



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