



**Scientific Review Committee
Hong Kong Laureate Forum**

28th March, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Recommendation for Dr TAM Chi Wing (Victor)

I have known Dr TAM Chi Wing (Victor) since he joined the BSc in Radiography (Hon) programme in 2012. I have worked closely with Victor because he volunteered to join my research team on a Summer project in 2013. After serving in a public hospital as a Radiation Therapist for three years, he resigned from his post and pursued a PhD in 2019. I was his co-supervisor who guided him for 5 years until he graduated in 2024.

Previously, Dr Tam has articulated his mission to advance cancer care through research. He shared, "Supporting patients as a frontline healthcare worker is rewarding, but I believe in the power of research to benefit more patients in the long run." This underscores his commitment to career development in academia and a compassionate attitude towards patients. In late 2019, he started the clinical trial on radiation toxicities for his PhD; unfortunately, it was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the downtime, he diligently sought ways to continue his research. Despite being a complete novice in laboratory work, he decided to explore animal studies regarding radiation toxicities. I was impressed by his courage and tenacity to take on the challenges of mastering new research methodologies from the ground up. Dr Tam is a quick learner, demonstrating perseverance and dedication to excel in his endeavours.

Concurrent with the suspension of the clinical trial, Dr Tam also topped up his Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health to a Master of Public Health at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, specialising in Health Promotion and Social Behavior. He is committed to extending his research interests by bridging basic sciences with practical applications and addressing gaps in the implementation of interventions. He has shared his vision to advance supportive care by emphasising the 'humane' aspect of healthcare services in this era of artificial intelligence, leveraging his unique experience as a frontline allied health professional.

Apart from his research career, Dr Tam has dedicated much of his spare time to volunteering with the Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) since 2006. In 2016, he initiated the Health Exhibition Project at HKRC, featuring the colorectal cancer screening pilot program. He invited me to deliver a health talk at a community centre to address concerns for older people. I was impressed with his passion for promoting health within the community, utilising his cancer care expertise and keen awareness of evolving health needs. Clearly, Dr Tam is a natural leader, a determined researcher and a

compassionate volunteer. He was honoured with the Hong Kong Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award twice, in 2019 and 2023, a prestigious accolade recognised by the HKSAR government to commend outstanding youth volunteers in Hong Kong for their contribution and commitment to volunteering.

Recently, Dr Tam has been striving to maximise his impact by synergising his career and volunteering efforts. He facilitated collaboration between our department and HKRC for a Service Learning subject aimed at healthcare students. Through organising community service programs to disseminate health information to those in need, such as older people and low-income families, students can enhance their communication skills and cultivate compassion as future allied health professionals. With his enthusiasm for nurturing the new generation, Dr Tam returned to PolyU to conduct interactive tutorials on service skills and professional communication as a visiting facilitator.

These endeavours highlight his interest, ambition, and motivation to pursue an academic research career in health sciences and promote health within the community. I am delighted to learn that he wants to participate in the Hong Kong Laureate, a prestigious opportunity to broaden his horizons in life science and medicine research. Therefore, I give Dr Tam my highest recommendation without any hesitation. Please contact me if further information is required.

Sincerely,



Dr Helen KW LAW (Associate Head & Associate Professor)