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Recommendation Letter

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To the Selection Committee of the 2nd Hong Kong Laureate Forum,

It is my privilege to recommend Mr. Ismail Muktar Mohamed for the 2nd Hong Kong Laureate Forum. As the Director of Laboratory for Innovation and Research at iRise Hub, Ismail has demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and dedication to advancing STEM education and research in East Africa. I am confident that his participation in your forum will be mutually beneficial, as he brings a unique perspective and a proven track record of impactful contributions to the scientific community.

Ismail joined iRise Hub in March 2023 and quickly became a cornerstone of our organization. His ability to lead and inspire has been instrumental in driving our mission to foster innovation and scientific discovery.

As the Director of Laboratory for Innovation and Research, Ismail spearheaded the development of cutting-edge research projects and managed laboratory operations with precision. He ensured that our facilities were equipped with the latest technology, enabling groundbreaking work in STEM fields. His innovative approach to designing STEM curricula has been adopted by schools and universities across East Africa, empowering countless students to pursue careers in science and technology.

Ismail is a person of integrity, resilience, and vision. His passion for science is matched only by his commitment to using it as a tool for social change. He is a natural leader who inspires those around him to strive for excellence and think creatively.

Ismail's unique blend of scientific expertise, leadership experience, and dedication to mentoring young scientists makes him an ideal candidate for the 2nd Hong Kong Laureate Forum. His participation will not only enrich his own knowledge and skills but also contribute to the global exchange of ideas and knowledge. I am confident that he will make the most of this opportunity and bring back valuable insights to further his work in East Africa.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Ismail Muktar Mohamed for the 2nd Hong Kong Laureate Forum. He is a remarkable young scientist whose contributions to STEM education and research have already made a significant impact, and I am excited to see how he will continue to shape the future of science.

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