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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Fan Yang for participation in your esteemed Hong Kong Laureate Forum. As his supervisor at the University of Cambridge, I'm associated with all his projects at Cambridge. For my background and credentials, see <https://www.phpc.cam.ac.uk/staff/professor-robbie-duschinsky>.

Fan Yang is a talented and driven researcher. His work focuses on understanding the associations between early-life risks and the development of mental disorders in children and adolescents. He is skilled at modelling and explaining choices, and manages to work independently in a predominantly English-speaking environment. Though it is only half a year since he started his PhD, he has generated the first series of results for his project and started to write the first manuscript for submission, which could make significant contributions to the field. His project not only enhances our understanding of mental health trajectories but also holds substantial potential for informing prevention and intervention strategies, which is quite in line with the aim of the forum.

In addition to his remarkable research capabilities, Fan Yang demonstrates a strong commitment to collaboration. He engaged in interdisciplinary discussions and other projects within our research group, including group reading discussions, group mock interviews, data cleaning for clinical records and so on. His willingness and ability to communicate and collaborate will undoubtedly facilitate engaging discussions with other researchers at the forum, sparking novel insights.

Overall, I am confident that Fan Yang's participation in Hong Kong Laureate Forum will be mutually beneficial. I wholeheartedly endorse his application and believe that he will undoubtedly contribute valuable insights while gaining invaluable perspectives from fellow researchers and practitioners. Please do not hesitate to contact me at rd522@medschl.cam.ac.uk if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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