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Hong Kong has linked up China and the world again by taking part in the establishment of a tripartite biotechnology workstation involving The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), the University of Toronto (UT) and the Commission of Science and Technology of China.

Not only serving as the basis for biomedical research but also contributing towards the economic growth and cooperation among Hong Kong, Canada and China, the workstation is one of the significant joint ventures following a formal collaborative academic agreement signed by CUHK and UT in 1992.

Top biomedical and biotechnological scientists from the three organizations have gathered together to work on research projects which will offer the greatest opportunities for scientific achievement and economic growth. The most notable one is the human cardiac cDNA mega-sequencing project which allows for the exchange of information that can also be extended to pharmaceutical industries and the health system.

The two universities have also launched student exchange programs and other areas, and joint research and seminar programs such as the one given by Professor Heather Munroe-Blum on "Social Welfare and Youth Policy" during a visit by a high-level delegation led by President Robert Prichard of UT yesterday.

"The close working relationship Hong Kong institutions has with tertiary institutions in China is ideal for overseas institutions to enter into tripartite relations which often brings extra benefits to all concerned and which form multiple networks for knowledge interchange and development," Vice-Chancellor Charles Kuen Kao of CUHK said.

After the meeting, the two institutions are expected to expand student exchanges, staff visits and joint research on a much broader basis in areas of mutual interest.

Notes to Editors:

Two photos accompanying the release will be distributed via the GIS press boxes this afternoon. For further information, please contact Mr Ali Li of the Chinese University's Information & Public Relations Office at 609-8895.