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## Future Scientists Visit Chinese University

Forty scientists in the making today (August 2) visited the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) to gain exposure to scientific research at the tertiary level.

The group comprised keen science students from secondary schools in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Mainland China and the Philippines -- who had actively participated in the 26th Joint School Science Exhibition.

Welcoming them as future scientists, Prof Kenneth Young, the Dean of Science of CUHK, emphasized that leading universities are the main institutions where scientific knowledge is passed on, and more importantly, created through research. This is so, both world-wide and in Hong Kong. Citing a recent example, where a method developed at CUHK is now being used to help US space scientists get pictures from the Galileo spacecraft, Prof Young said there is important and exciting research being done in Hong Kong. "I hope some of the students present today will join in this effort in the years to come," he added.

The students were given a surprise telephone message of encouragement and congratulations sent by Dr Alex Law, a senior scientist at the Medical Research Council Immunochemistry Unit at the University of Oxford. As a secondary student in Hong Kong in 1967, Dr Law started the series of Joint School Science Exhibitions and served as its first Chairman.

The highlight of the visit to CUHK was a lecture by world-renowned mathematician Prof Yau Shing-tung. The topic was "Modern Developments in Mathematics". Prof Yau, an alumnus of the Pui Ching Middle School and CUHK, had been awarded the Fields Medal -- the highest international honour in mathematics. He accepted a professorial appointment at CUHK this year.

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