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"Third SCBA International Symposium & Workshop" opened at CUHK

The "Third International Symposium and Workshop" of the Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America (SCBA) co-organised by The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) was officially opened yesterday (June 25) by Sir Quo-wei Lee, Chairman of The Chinese University Council.

"The purpose of organising the international symposium with The Chinese University is to encourage scientists from Asia to participate," as disclosed by Professor Savio Woo of Baylor College of Medicine, Chairman of SCBA, at a media conference held yesterday preceding the opening ceremony.

Also in attendance at yesterday's media conference were Professor C Y Lee of CUHK, Chairman of the Local Organising Committee; and Professor Yuan-Tseh Lee, Nobel Laureate and one of the keynote speakers.

Founded five years ago with a major function to promote the development of bio-science in Chinese prevalent countries, SCBA has become the largest academic Chinese organisation in North America with more than 1,300 members.

Over 700 scientists from America, Taiwan, China and Hong Kong will participate in the five-day event staged for the first time outside of the States. A wide range of topics in this year's symposium will include viral diseases (AIDS, hepatitis and cancer), genetics, biotechnology, environmental toxicology, immunology, herbal medicine and plant and animal biology.

The two keynote speakers, Professor Yuan-Tseh Lee and Professor Baltimore, both Nobel Laureates, spoke on "Molecular Beam Chemistry" and "Chasing the Immunoglobulin Recombinase" respectively at the opening ceremony.

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