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Biotechnological Research Links with
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The Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology (HKIB) has recently signed an agreement with The Shanghai Branch of Chinese Academy of Sciences (SBCAS) to establish a Hong Kong - Shanghai Biotechnology Development Centre (HSBDC). The Centre will capitalize on the biotechnological research strengths of SBCAS as well as the strategic position of HKIB in the region in commercializing novel biotechnology products targeted for the world market.

SBCAS is an official, productive organisation for basic and applied research. Consisting of 15 research units and one literature and information centre, it has over 11,000 technicians and research staff. Many of SBCAS' products have resulted in economic returns. It is anticipated that through the joint effort, the biotechnology industry of Hong Kong will benefit from the research experience and technical expertise of SBCAS. HKIB will provide the know-how in marketing and commercialisation of SBCAS products, including international patents, as well as training in management and administration for exchange scholars from SBCAS.

Established in 1988 in The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKIB aims at the promotion of biotechnology research and the development of a biotechnology industry in Hong Kong. Currently under construction, the HKIB facilities will be located in the campus of CUHK and open to researchers of all the tertiary education institutions in Hong Kong.

The operation offices of HSBDC to be set up in both Hong Kong and Shanghai will be managed by the administration committee of HSBDC with support from HKIB on the provision of management services, office and laboratory facilities.

The relationship between HKIB and SBCAS is further enhanced because Professor Dominic Man-Kit Lam is both the Director of HKIB and an Honorary Professor at the Cell Biology Institute of SBCAS. In addition, Professor Tai-an Wang, Deputy Director of the Cell Biology Institute, has been appointed a Senior Consultant of HKIB.

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