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FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR CUHK'S HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

The foundation stone of the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology (HKIB) was laid yesterday (May 31) at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) by Mr Gordon M. Macwhinnie, Chairman of the Stewards of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club (RHKJC); Sir Oswald Cheung, Steward of RHKJC; and Sir Quo-wei Lee, Chairman of University Council.

Describing the founding of HKIB "a timely development for Hong Kong" Mr Macwhinnie said that the provision of the Institute's own custom built premises would provide the essential infrastructure for the emergence of a biotechnology industry in Hong Kong.

With a total floor area of 7,000 square metres, the construction of HKIB's first R & D, administration and residential complex is funded by the Jockey Club.

When completed in 1991, the HKIB complex would be a "common facility" open to researchers from all local tertiary education institutes, said Professor Charles K Kao, CUHK's Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of HKIB's Board of Directors. He added that HKIB served Hong Kong through its R & D programmes leading to technology transfer, the discovery and commercialisation of technologies and products, and training of post-graduate personnel.

HKIB was established in 1988 to develop a globally-connected biotechnology industry in Hong Kong. It has so far lined up a series of joint ventures and business arrangements with established corporations and research institutes. Recent agreements have been signed with The Shanghai Branch of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Yunnan Provincial Commission of Science & Technology and Radian Corporation, a US-based firm specialising in environmental management.

The ceremony was also attended by Professor Wang Gungwu, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong and Member of HKIB's Board of Directors; Professor Dominic Man-kit Lam, Founding Director of HKIB; and some 300 guests.