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**2<sup>nd</sup> AGM of The Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong and  
Election of New Members**

**Hong Kong, 13 December 2017** – On 11 December 2017, The Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong (“ASHK”) held its second Annual General Meeting and the first election of new members since its inauguration on 5 December 2015.

Professor Lap-Chee TSUI, the President, started the AGM by thanking members for their contributions in the past year. He pointed out that the Academy was very busy in working towards its objectives. Members of the Academy participated in more than 120 functions of various nature, including public talks, science education and exhibitions, over and above their professional activities in their own academic disciplines. The Academy also released a research report on Science, Technology and Mathematics Education, hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Science and Technology Innovation Summit, organised the “Science, the way to my future” exhibition, and, launched the “Distinguished Master, Accomplished Students” mentorship programme, which would take place in the coming year. He also discussed with members several projects in the pipeline.

In the election that followed, Professor MOK Ngai Ming (莫毅明), the Edmund and Peggy Tse Professor of Mathematics of the University of Hong Kong was elected as the Academy’s newest member. Professor MOK is a renowned mathematician specialising in Complex Differential Geometry, Several Complex Variables and Algebraic Geometry. He is well-known in the mathematical community for his global perspective in Pure Mathematics and for having solved a series of important conjectures and problems using a combination of analytic, algebraic and geometric methods. Professor MOK has received many distinctions and awards, including the Bergman Prize of the American Mathematical Society, USA in 2009 and was elected member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2015.

While congratulating Professor MOK on his election, Professor TSUI expressed his appreciation of the extraordinarily high academic standard that the ASHK members had upheld in the election, which had resulted in the addition of only a single distinguished scientist to the academy instead of the maximal limit of five. He went on to remark that “This general election demonstrated the commitment of the academy to scientific excellence and contribution to Hong Kong; however, the Committee on Election has certainly learned from the experience of this election and will refine the election procedure in future exercises.”

In response to the news, Professor MOK said “I feel very much honoured to have been elected to the Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong. To be able to serve humankind in a discipline which is my favourite subject since childhood has always been my dream. I have been fascinated by the beauty of the subject which was transmitted to me by passionate teachers from both primary school and secondary school in Hong Kong, and I am proud to have grown up intellectually from that tradition.”



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Professor MOK Ngai Ming

### **About The Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong**

Established in 2015, The Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong (ASHK) is committed to promoting the development and advancement of science and technology in Hong Kong, and fostering Hong Kong as a centre of scientific excellence.

ASHK has several key functions: (a) to promote the development and advancement of science and technology in Hong Kong, (b) to promote and advance the teaching of science and technology in

Hong Kong, (c) to educate and inform the public on issues pertaining to science and technology and (d) to foster Hong Kong as a centre of scientific excellence.

The Academy cooperates with its organisations with complementary objective, including those in the industrial and commerce sectors to achieve its objectives. It also conducts independent studies relating to public policy in science and technology.

More information about ASHK is available at <http://www.ashk.org.hk/>.

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### 港科院第二屆周年大會暨院士選舉

香港，2017年12月13日 - 港科院已於12月11日舉行了第二屆周年大會暨自2015年12月5日成立後的首次院士選舉。

院長徐立之教授首先感謝各院士過去一年的貢獻。他指出，學院為實現目標，過去一年完成了120多項工作，非常繁忙。包括發表科學、技術與數學教育報告，舉辦第二屆科技創新峰會及多項公開講座，籌劃「科學，我的未來」展覽及「名師高徒」導師計劃。會議中，他還與院士討論在籌備中的多項計劃。

在接着的選舉中，香港大學莫毅明教授獲選為院士。莫教授擁有香港大學謝仕榮衛碧堅基金教授席(數學)，是著名的數學家，專門從事複微分幾何、多複變函數論和代數幾何學。在數學界裡，他以其在純數學方面的宏觀視角著稱，並由於其先後以綜合分析、代數以及幾何的一套方法解決一系列重要猜想與難題而享有盛名。他曾獲得多項殊榮和獎項，其中包括2009年美國數學協會伯格曼獎，並於2015年獲選為中國科學院院士。

徐教授祝賀莫教授當選，並對港科院能成功推選這位傑出科學家為院士感到鼓舞。他接著說：「這第一次選舉，清楚地展現了對我們院士標準的高期望。選舉委員會將根據今次的經驗，進一步優化提名和選舉程序。」

得悉獲選後，莫毅明教授說：「獲選港科院院士，是我的極大榮幸。能夠在自小最喜愛的學科上對人類作出貢獻，向來是我的夢想。多位香港中、小學老師熱情地給我傳達數學的美，使我著迷。個人的知性能够在這傳統下成長，令我感到自豪。」



港科院第二屆周年大會



莫毅明教授

## 關於港科院

港科院於 2015 年成立，旨在推動香港科技發展及前進，提升香港科研實力，使香港成為亞洲科研中心。

港科院的重點工作包括：(1) 推動香港科技前進及發展、(2) 推進香港的科技教育、(3) 組織科學普及活動，增加大眾對科技的認識及興趣及 (4) 推動香港成為優秀科研中心。

港科院會與工商業機構及其他擁有相配目標的機構合作，以達成目標。亦會對香港的科研和科技政策展開獨立研究。

港科院的更多詳情，請瀏覽 <http://www.ashk.org.hk/>。

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