

Press Release

**Hong Kong Academy of Sciences presents COVID-19 Online Forum  
Opens for Registration**

HK, 22 June 2020 – The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences (ASHK) will host the “**COVID-19 Online Forum**”(The Forum) on 30 June 2020 (Tuesday) to review and discuss the latest development in diagnosis, rapid test, treatment and, immunisation for SARS-CoV-2.

Four eminent scientific and medical researchers including **Professor Zhong Nan-Shan**, **Professor Kwok-Yung Yuen**, **Professor David Ho** and **Professor Gabriel Leung** will share their views in the Forum. The speakers will comment on the scientific aspects of the pandemic but they will speak at a sufficiently general level for a public audience. **Dr Lap-Chee Tsui**, the President of The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences will moderate the discussion.

Speakers	Topic
<b>Professor Zhong Nan-Shan</b> 鍾南山教授	<b>An update on the clinical aspects of COVID-19 and prospects on the treatments of the disease</b>
<b>Professor Kwok-Yung Yuen</b> 袁國勇教授	<b>Laboratory test and antiviral treatment for COVID-19</b>
<b>Professor David Ho</b> 何大一教授	<b>SARS-CoV-2 antibodies and vaccines</b>
<b>Professor Gabriel Leung</b> 梁卓偉教授	<b>Defining the Epidemiology of COVID-19</b>

*Event and registration details:*

Date: 30 June 2020 (Tuesday)

Time: 9am – 11am (Hong Kong Time)

Language: English (No simultaneous interpretation)

Online registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.hk/e/110073061490>



The first 500 registrants will be able to join the forum via Zoom. Viewers can also watch the Forum through live streaming via ASHK Facebook Page and YouTube channel.

ASHK Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheHongKongAcademyofSciences/>

ASHK YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3seJUYgMQAM-BnHup8gOLA>

For media who would like to raise questions to speakers during the online forum, please send questions to Ms Ada Lee’s mobile at (852) 9282 0457 via text message.

## **About Speakers**

### **Professor Zhong Nan-Shan**

*Professor of Medicine, Guangzhou Medical University;  
Director, Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Diseases;  
Director, National Clinical Research Center for Respiratory  
Disease*

Professor Zhong is one of China's leading respiratory clinicians, who has organised and participated in the development of a number of Chinese guidelines for diagnosis and management of bronchial asthma, COPD, chronic cough, SARS, high-pathogenic avian flu and COVID-19.



### **Professor Kwok-Yung Yuen**

*Henry Fok Professor in Infectious Diseases, Chair of Infectious  
Diseases, Department of Microbiology, The University of Hong  
Kong*

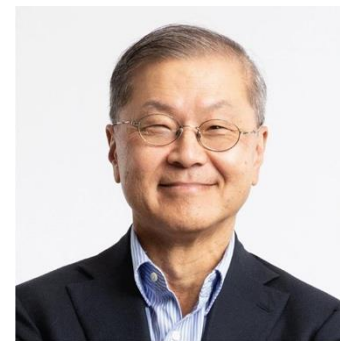
Professor Yuen is a clinical microbiologist, specialised in emerging infections. He is one of the four experts appointed by the Chief Executive of Hong Kong to advise the HKSAR Government on the "Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance".



### **Professor David Ho**

*Director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center;  
Clyde and Helen Wu Professor of Medicine, Columbia University  
Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons*

Having spent decades researching HIV/AIDS, Professor Ho is an expert on viral epidemics. He is Time Magazine's Man of the Year in 1996. He has recently received a grant of US\$2.1 million from Jack Ma to discover new drugs against the viral protease and to find new monoclonal antibodies that target SARS-CoV-2. The latter studies will inform vaccine development.



**Professor Gabriel Leung**

*Dean of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong*

Professor Leung is the fortieth Dean of Medicine (2013-), the inaugural Helen and Francis Zimmern Professor in Population Health, and the Chair of Public Health Medicine at the University of Hong Kong. He is one of the four experts appointed by the Chief Executive of Hong Kong to advise the HKSAR Government on the "Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance".



**About the Moderator:**

**Dr Lap-Chee Tsui**

*President, The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences;*

*President, Victor and William Fung Foundation (HK);*

*Director, Qiushi Academy for Advanced Studies, Zhejiang University, China;*

*University of Toronto's Emeritus University Professor;*

*14th Vice Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong*

Dr Tsui is world renowned for his research work in human genetics and genomics, notably the identification of the gene for Cystic Fibrosis in 1989 and, later, other human genetic diseases while conducting a comprehensive characterisation of human chromosome 7.



**About The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences**

Established in 2015, The Hong Kong Academy of Sciences (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.

The Academy cooperates with 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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