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### **Media Registration Opens for Second International Human Genome Editing Summit to Be Held Nov. 27-29 in Hong Kong**

HONG KONG – Media registration is now open for the [Second International Summit on Human Genome Editing](#), which will take place Nov. 27-29 in Hong Kong. The three-day summit will be co-hosted by the Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong, the Royal Society of London, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and the U.S. National Academy of Medicine. The summit will be held in the Grand Hall of the Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre at the University of Hong Kong.

The science of human genome editing has advanced rapidly since the [first international summit](#) was held in 2015 in Washington, D.C. An explosion of new research is employing CRISPR/Cas9 and other powerful, precise editing tools, and clinical trials are imminent for applications to treat serious diseases. However, questions remain unanswered concerning the science, application, ethics, and governance of human genome editing. Of particular concern is the possibility of genome editing that might lead to heritable alterations, and its application for purposes other than to treat diseases or disabilities.

The Second International Summit on Human Genome Editing will bring together a broad range of stakeholders – including researchers, ethicists, policymakers, clinicians, patient and disability groups, and representatives from science and medical academies and organizations worldwide – to examine issues including:

- scientific advances that have been made since the 2015 summit;
- progress in the study of non-heritable genome editing to treat diseases;
- the state of the science for genome editing in germline cells and the potential for clinical applications;
- efforts to address technical challenges identified at the 2015 summit;
- prospects for developing international regulatory frameworks;
- ethical and societal issues surrounding the pursuit of human genome-editing applications; and
- efforts to engage the public.

An international, multidisciplinary program committee, which includes representatives from eight nations, is developing the agenda for the second international summit. The committee is chaired by Nobel laureate David Baltimore, president emeritus and Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Biology, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

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#### DETAILS:

The summit will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. HKT Nov. 27; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. HKT Nov 28; and 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. HKT Nov. 29 at the Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong. Those who cannot attend may watch a live webcast of the summit [here](#).

Seating is limited; reporters who wish to attend **MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE** [here](#). To view the draft agenda or for more information, visit the [Second International Summit's website](#) or contact:

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