

NEWSLETTER

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The DMAS Mentorship Programme Kick-off Ceremony on 22 March 2026.

“Distinguished Master, Accomplished Students” Mentorship Programme 2026 Kick-off Ceremony

The Kick-off Ceremony for the 2026 DMAS Mentorship Programme was successfully held on 22 March 2026. This year, 42 ASHK and YASHK Members are serving as mentors to Secondary 4 students, including Tony CHAN, Chi-Ming CHE, Kathryn CHEAH, Michael HÄUSSER, Nancy IP, Mei-Po KWAN, Kam-Biu LUK, Siew Chien NG, Paul TAM, Lap-Chee TSUI, Henry N. C. WONG, Raymond WONG, Vivian W. W. YAM, Tong YANG, Jun YU, Jasper CHAN, Esther CHAN, Jonathan CHOI, Cheuk Lun CHOW, Zhiqin CHU, Owen KO, Michael KWONG, Tommy LAM, Denvid LAU, Danguan LEI, Yang LU, Stephanie MA, Minhua SHAO, Anderson SHUM, Jianwei SUN, Edwin TSO, Feng WANG, Jiguang WANG, Jun WANG, Yi WANG, Zuankai WANG, Carmen WONG, Alan WONG, Jason YAM, Angus YIP, Li ZHANG, and Jiong ZHAO.

The programme aims to broaden Hong Kong students’ exposure to the latest scientific and technological developments and to cultivate future leaders through meaningful interaction and experience sharing with seasoned professionals. Throughout the one-year mentorship, mentors will inspire students by sharing real-world insights and industry knowledge, offering guidance to help students unlock and realize their full potential.

Dennis LO (fourth from the right), Anderson SHUM (third from the left), Jeff SZE (fifth from the left), along with representatives from the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering, secondary school principals’ associations, and the Hong Kong Science Museum, were invited to officiate the kick-off ceremony.



The 7th Sub-Conference of the Young Academy of Sciences Summit (YASS)

The 7th Sub-conference of the Young Academy of Sciences Summit (YASS), themed “Cardiovascular Sciences: Cutting-Edge Technologies,” was held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on 20–21 March 2026. The event was jointly organized with the CAS CEMCS-CUHK Joint Laboratory for Cardiovascular Sciences, The CUHK and Centre for Excellence in Molecular Cell Science, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Croucher Foundation and the Tencent Foundation.

The opening ceremony featured a welcome remarks by Philip CHIU, Dean of Medicine at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, followed by opening remarks from Kathy LUI and David FOSTER. Throughout the conference, invited speakers presented their latest findings on cutting-edge technologies, as well as research regarding vascular and cardiac diseases across various organ systems. A "Young Investigator Awards" session was also held to recognize emerging researchers and provide a platform for them to present their work. ASHK Member Kathryn CHEAH, along with YASHK Members Kathy LUI, Owen KO, and Anderson SHUM, served as speakers for the event.



Kathy LUI delivered opening remarks at the 7th YASS Sub-Conference.



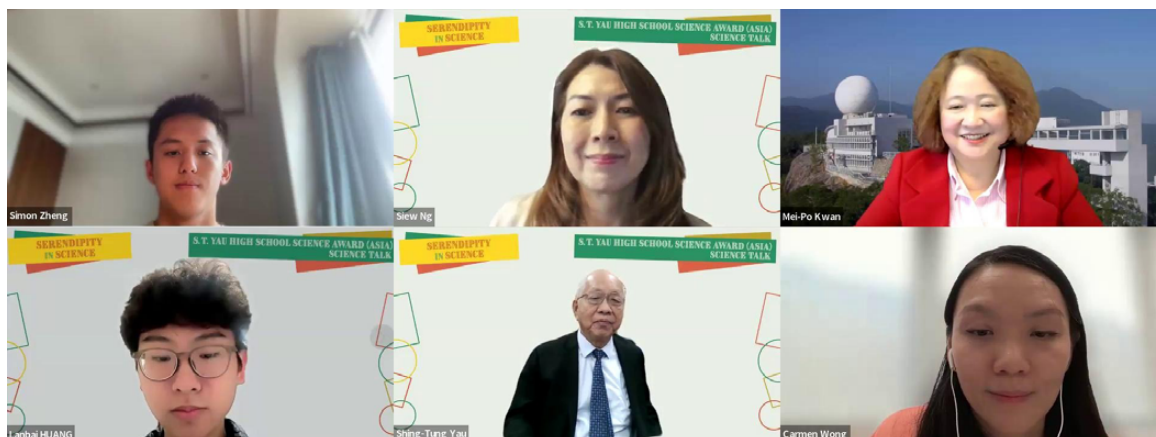
The 7th Sub-Conference of the Young Academy of Sciences Summit on 20 & 21 March 2026.



Qingbo XU, Ralf ADAMS, Thomas BRAUN, and Bin ZHOU served as the speakers and moderators for the first session of the 7th YASS Sub-Conference.

S.T. Yau High School Science Award (Asia) Online Talk

ASHK held an online Science Talk, "Serendipity in Science," on 28 February as the annual flagship event of the S.T. Yau High School Science Award (Asia) 2025. The event featured welcome speeches from distinguished guests Dong SUN and Dennis LO. Following the speeches, Mei-Po KWAN and Siew Chien NG shared their illustrative careers, personal stories, and experiences in research. They also provided valuable advice about the future of scientific study. The talk was moderated by Carmen WONG. At the conclusion of the event, Shing-Tung YAU delivered the closing remarks.



S.T. Yau High School Science Award (Asia) 2025 Online Science Talk on 28 February.

SciGather

ASHK and YASHK, in collaboration with the Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in China, organized the "SciGather" event on 24 April 2026. "SciGather" is designed as a premier cross-sectoral platform aimed at connecting ASHK and YASHK Members with young scientists and industry leaders. The initiative seeks to foster a vibrant scientific community and unlock new opportunities for collaboration between academia and industry.

A key highlight of the event was the panel discussion titled "Talent, Industry, Future: Nurturing and Retaining I&T Talent in Hong Kong." The session brought together distinguished experts to explore the critical challenges and strategies for building a robust talent ecosystem in Hong Kong, facilitating a high-level dialogue between the research community and industry leaders.



SciGather on 24 April 2026



Lillian CHEONG, Under Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, delivered a video speech to officiate the event.



Panelists (from right to left): Carmen WONG (Moderator), Anderson SHUM, Che-Ting CHAN, Clara HONG, and Roy LIM.

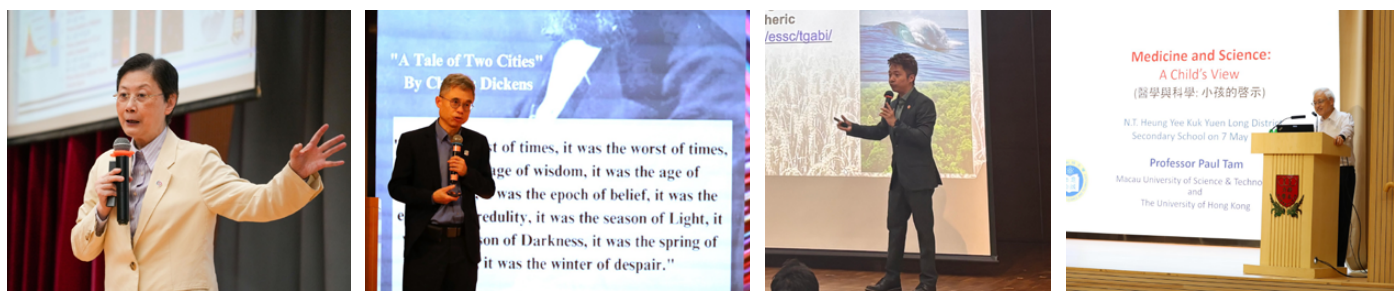
Outreach Science Popularization Programmes – “Meeting the Scientists and Engineering Leaders”, & “Thematic Talk”

As part of the outreach Science Popularization Programmes, ASHK and YASHK Members gave talks to local secondary school students, sharing their stories on becoming successful scientists and providing in-depth information on the latest science and technology development. From February 2026 to May 2026, 8 talks were held; Vivian W. W. YAM, Kwok-Yung YUEN, Paul TAM, Tony Shu-Kam MOK, Che-Ting CHAN, Stephanie MA, Amos TAI, and Shu-Cheong HUI were the speakers.



(From the left) Stephanie MA, Kwok-Yung YUEN, and Tony Shu-Kam MOK participated in the Q&A session with students.





(From the left) Vivian W. W. YAM, Che-Ting CHAN, Amos TAI, and Paul TAM shared their experience with the students.

Outreach Science Popularization Programmes – “Lab Visit”

Arranged by Carmen WONG, ASHK and YASHK conducted a laboratory visit at the Cancer Biology Lab on 4 March 2026. Guided by Carmen WONG and researchers, more than 20 participants from LKWFSL Lau Wong Fat Secondary School learned the basics of liver cancer research.



Lab Visit at Cancer Biology Lab

The 4th BOCHK Science and Technology Innovation Prize Award Ceremony

Yi-chun LU attended and was awarded the 4th BOCHK Science and Technology Innovation Prize in New Materials and New Energy. Siew Chien NG, Jin-Guang TENG, Vivian W. W. YAM, and Stephanie MA attended the award ceremony on 22 May 2026.



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IAS Nobel Symposium

HKUST Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) organized the IAS Nobel Symposium on 6 February 2026, with the ASHK serving as a supporting organization. IAS Interim Director Che-Ting CHAN welcomed guests to the Symposium. Nancy IP delivered welcome remarks at the symposium held at HKUST. Paul C. W. CHU was invited to deliver the talk on “The Genesis of HKUST IAS 20 Years Ago & The Never-Ending Frontier of Advancing Record High T_c,” while the Fireside Chat was moderated by Kam-Biu LUK and featured guest speakers and Nobel Laureates Steven CHU, Takkaki KAJITA and Brian P. SCHMIDT.



IAS Nobel Symposium on 6 February 2026



Nancy IP delivered welcome remarks at the IAS Nobel Symposium.



Paul C. W. CHU was invited to deliver the talk on “The Genesis of HKUST IAS 20 Years Ago & The Never-Ending Frontier of Advancing Record High T_c”.



Kam-Biu LUK moderated the Fireside Chat.

Shandong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Entrepreneur Exchange Conference

On 20 May 2026, Anderson SHUM attended the Shandong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Entrepreneur Exchange Conference in Hong Kong. The event focused on strengthening regional collaboration in youth development, technological innovation, and industrial synergy, highlighting the strategic integration of scientific resources among the three regions.



Shandong-Hong Kong-Macao Youth Entrepreneur Exchange Conference on 20 May 2026.

Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2026

Raymond WONG, Edwin CHAN, and Anderson SHUM attended and presented awards at the Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2026 Award Ceremony. Edwin TSO served as a speaker for the sharing session, and Chun-kit KWOK and Edwin TSO served as judges for the initial round.



Raymond WONG presented awards to the awardees.



Hong Kong Student Science Project Competition 2026.



Edwin TSO served as a judge at the initial round of the competition.

Ming Pao STEM Column

7 YASHK Members, Yi WANG, Jason YAM, Zhiqin CHU, Cheuk Lun CHOW, Yajing SHEN, Owen KO, and Xin ZHAO, authored 7 articles on various scientific topics for the student column page of Ming Pao to encourage teenagers to be exposed to scientific knowledge from an early age.



Ming Pao Stem Column – (from the left) Yi WANG, Jason YAM, Zhiqin CHU, and Cheuk Lun CHOW



Ming Pao Stem Column – (from the left) Yajing SHEN, Owen KO, and Xin ZHAO

Wen Wei Po STEM Column

YASHK Member Edwin CHAN was invited to contribute articles to the STEM column page of Wen Wei Po. The articles aimed to promote interesting scientific knowledge, enabling students understand the current development of scientific research in an easy way. The article was published on 8 May 2026.



Wen Wei Po STEM Column – Edwin CHAN

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