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HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURE



Second Session of Joint Talk Series with HKAGE



YASHK Members adjudicated at oral defense of YHSA(Asia) 2019



Webinar on COVID-19



Industry Workshop for HKYIC

JOINT TALK SERIES WITH HKAGE

The second, third and fourth sessions of the Talk Series on Emerging Technologies: Science, Opportunities and Challenges, co-organised with The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education (HKAGE), were held on 12 October 2019, 18 January 2020 and 20 June 2020 respectively. The themes of the three sessions of the series were *Quantum Computation*, *Artificial Intelligence* and *Environmental Sustainability* respectively. The talks attracted an audience of over 200 high school students and teachers.

S.T. YAU HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AWARD (ASIA)

YASHK Members served as Assessment Panel members and adjudicated at the oral defenses of the S.T. Yau High School Science Award (Asia) between November and December 2019.

THIRD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) MEETING

The 3rd meeting of YASHK ExCom was held on 17 January 2020. The meeting deliberated contingency plan and measures for YASHK work plan and activities in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WEBINAR ON COVID-19

YASHK Members conducted an online seminar to provide an update on COVID-19 with nearly 200 online participants on 14 March 2020. Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, ASHK President delivered an opening remark at the webinar. Professor Benjamin Cowling and Professor Leo Poon shared their perspectives on the public health phenomenon and issues arising from the pandemic.

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP FOR HKYIC MEMBERS

YASHK co-organised an industry workshop on the topic of *New Development of Energy Storage* with the Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council (HKYIC) on 8 June 2020. Professors Minhua Shao, Zijian Zheng and Yi-Chun Lu spoke on recent advancements in fuel cells, flexible textile batteries as well as safe and low-cost aqueous energy storage technologies. The workshop served to foster dialogues between YASHK scientists and HKYIC industrialists for knowledge exchange in technological inventions.



Luncheon with RGC Chairman



Meeting with Secretary for Innovation and Technology in Nov 2019



Meeting with Secretary for Innovation and Technology in Jun 2020

OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Listed below are the activities that took place from October 2019 to June 2020:

Oct 2019 – Jun 2020

YASHK members attended a lunch meeting with the Chairman of the Research Grants Council (RGC) on 3 October 2019 to exchange views on the local funding environment and policies for scientific research.

YASHK ExCom members and Chairs of the 3 Sub-Committees on Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs and Knowledge Transfer attended a consultative meeting with the Secretary for Innovation and Technology and Permanent Secretary for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR to give advice on the Policy Address 2019 as well as wider policy issues pertaining to innovation and technology.

YASHK President and Professor Anderson Shum, ExCom member delivered talks at the OxHKScholars Hong Kong PhD Symposium on 4 January 2020. YASHK was a supporting organisation of the Symposium. Details of the event can be found at

<https://oxhkscholars.web.ox.ac.uk/oxhkscholars-hong-kong-phd-symposium-2020-welcome>

YASHK CEO met with the Director-General of the Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council (HKYIC) on 14 January 2020 to discuss detailed planning for collaborative activities in 2020.

YASHK Members were invited to meet with the newly on-board Secretary for Innovation and Technology and other key officials of the Innovation and Technology Bureau of the HKSAR on 1 June 2020 to exchange views on government initiatives and public policies for innovation and technology.

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