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HKUST Biologist to Speak on TCM Modernization

Prof S D Kung of the Department of Biology at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), will give a popular science lecture on the modernization of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) on 27 February 2000.

Prof Kung will focus on the modernization of TCM through science and technology. "The therapeutic efficacy of TCM has been well recognized, but not for its safety. To modernize and internationalize TCM, we must conduct research using scientific methods and advanced technologies," he said.

Prof Kung's research interests are biotechnology, TCM and genetic engineering in plants. He has published more than 100 academic papers and written more than 10 books. He has served as Honorary Professor at several prestigious universities on the Mainland, and helped in promoting the biotechnological development, the modernization of agriculture and TCM on the Mainland.

Prof Kung joined HKUST as its founding Dean of Science in 1991. From 1992-98, he served as the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. He is currently Professor of Biology and Advisor to the President. Prior to joining HKUST, he had taken up leading positions at the University of Maryland. He received his PhD from the University of Toronto in 1968.

The popular science lecture is jointly organized by HKUST and the Hong Kong Science Museum.

Media representatives are welcome to cover the lecture. Details are as follows:

Topic: Popular Science Lecture Series-Modernization of TCM

Date: Sunday, 27 February 2000

Time: 2:30-4 pm

Venue: Science Museum Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum, Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
Kowloon

Language: Putonghua Admission:

Free