











1st Carbon-Strategic Catalysis International Conference cum Inauguration Ceremony of Research Centre for Carbon-Strategic Catalysis

Date: 19-21 February 2023

Format: Hybrid (Voov meeting for online participation)

Venue: M1603, Li Ka Shing Tower, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Language: English

This international conference will focus on carbon-strategic catalysis and energy research. It aims to gather the most frontier scientists in related fields to share their advanced research and insightful opinions on carbon-strategic related research, which will promote interdisciplinary collaborations and innovations for the carbon neutrality goal.

Research Centre for Carbon-Strategic Catalysis (RC-CSC) was established in June 2022, being the first research centre that focuses on carbon-strategic energy research among Hong Kong universities. RC-CSC aims to carry out frontier research on catalysts and their advanced applications in energy systems under the framework of carbon strategy. This research centre will actively promote close collaboration with frontier scientists and make an important contribution to support the Hong Kong Government's target to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050.

Programme rundown

| Time | Session |
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| 19 February 20 | 23 (Sunday) |
| 14:00 – 14:05 | Welcome remarks |
| | Prof Christopher CHAO |
| | Vice President (Research and Innovation), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| 14:05 – 14:10 | Remarks |
| 14:10 – 14:20 | Introduction of Research Centre for Carbon-Strategic Catalysis |
| | Dr. Bolong HUANG |
| | Director, Research Centre for Carbon-Strategic Catalysis, The Hong Kong Polytechnic |
| | University |
| 14:20 – 14:30 | Inauguration Ceremony and Group Photos |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Challenges and Opportunities in Energy Catalysis for Carbon Neutrality |
| | Prof. Xinhe BAO |
| | President, University of Science and Technology of China |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Networking Break |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | Atomic Synthesis and Catalysis of Rare Earth |
| | Prof. Chun-Hua YAN |
| | President, Lanzhou University |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Catalytic Water Splitting is the Key for a Carbon Neutral Society |
| | Prof. Licheng SUN |
| | Chair Professor of Chemistry Department, Westlake University |
| 20 February 20 | 23 (Monday) |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Catalytic Conversion of Earth-Abundant Biomass and Simple Molecules into Valuable |
| | Chemicals and Fuels |
| | Prof. Huijun ZHAO |
| | Chair Professor of Chemistry, Director of Centre for Catalysis and Clean Energy, Griffith |
| | University |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Nanostructured Materials for Electrocatalytic Refinery |
| | Prof. Shizhang QIAO |
| | Professor and Chair of Nanotechnology, |
| | School of Chemical Engineering and Advanced Materials |
| | Director, Centre for Materials in Energy and Catalysis, University of Adelaide |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Networking Break |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | Phase Engineering of Nanomaterials |
| | Prof. Hua ZHANG |
| | Herman Hu Chair Professor in Nanomaterials, Department of Chemistry, City University of |
| | Hong Kong |
| 12:30 – 14:30 | Lunch Break |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | Unravelling and Tailoring Sulfur Reduction Reaction for Lithium-Sulfur Batteries |
| | Prof. Xiangfeng DUAN |

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| | Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of California, Los Angeles |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Networking Break |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | Towards Decarbonizing Energy Consumption |
| | Prof. Yu HUANG |
| | Professor/ Chair of Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of |
| | California, Los Angeles |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Development of High Performance and Durable Fuel Cell Electrocatalysts |
| | Prof. Minhua SHAO |
| | Chair Professor, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, The Hong Kong |
| | University of Science and Technology |
| 21 February 2023 (Tuesday) – by invitation only | |
| 09:30 - 10:30 | RC-CSC Advisory Board Formation and 1st Advisory Board Meeting |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Lab Tour |