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## Press Conference PolyU develops rapid authentication method of Chinese medicines

The Food Safety and Technology Research Centre under the Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has developed a new method for rapid authentication of Chinese herbal medicines, including Ganoderma (known as Lingzhi in Chinese), and Gastrodiae Rhizoma (known as Tianma in Chinese). The new method is rapid and simple, which reduces the analysis time from several hours to a few minutes, achieving various ends including authentication of genuine and counterfeit species, classification of wild types and cultivated types, as well as differentiation of geographical origins. This method can be further applied to other herbal medicines.

A press conference will be held to introduce the new technology. You and your representatives are cordially invited to cover the press event. Details are as follows:

Date:

9 January 2017 (Tuesday)

Time:

10:30am

Venue:

QR 403, 4/F, Choi Kai Yau Building, PolyU Campus (Entrance through

Block Q)

Speaker:

Dr Yao Zhongping, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Biology

and Chemical Technology, PolyU

Language:

Cantonese

Remarks:

Laboratory visit will be arranged after the press conference

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Yours sincerely,

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