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PolyU scaling new heights in Greater Bay Area developments

Committed to capitalizing the development opportunities available in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) for advancing research collaboration, knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) will embark on two major initiatives: setting up of The Greater Bay Area International Institute for Innovation and PolyU—Axis Therapeutics Joint Center for Immunotherapy.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony with partnering organizations will be held on Wednesday (18 July). You and your representatives are cordially invited to cover the events. Details are as follow:

(1) The Greater Bay Area International Institute for Innovation
PolyU—Shenzhen University Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony

The Institute aims to spearhead and foster the innovation and entrepreneurship development in the GBA, leveraging expertise, resources and support from both universities as a start. Other sectors including government, industry, investors, etc will be engaged. It will also facilitate international talents to come to the GBA and support local start-ups, particularly those tech-driven start-ups, in the GBA to go international. As an open platform, the Institute will partner with overseas institutions and corporations which share the same mission.

- Date : **18 July 2018 (Wednesday)**
- Time : **11:00 – 11:30am**
- Venue : **Alumni Atrium, 1/F, Chung Sze Yuen Building (Block A), PolyU**
- Officiating : • **Mr Nicholas W. YANG, GBS, JP**, Secretary for Innovation and
Guests Technology, The Government of Hong Kong SAR
- **Ms QIU Xuan**, Deputy Director-General, Science, Technology and
Innovation Commission of Shenzhen Municipality
- **Professor LI Qingquan**, President, Shenzhen University
- **Professor Timothy W. TONG**, President, PolyU
- Language : **Putonghua**
- Remarks : **11:30am – 12:00 noon**
Experience Sharing Session among start-ups from Hong Kong and Shenzhen
[Founders of two PolyU supported startups can meet the media on request after the sharing session]

For enquiries, please feel free to contact Ms Christina Wu (3400 2130 / 9162 8048).

**(2) PolyU—Axis Therapeutics Joint Center for Immunotherapy
Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony**

PolyU will join forces with Axis Therapeutics (the newly established joint venture by two global biopharmaceutical companies – Athenex, Inc. and Xiangxue Pharmaceutical) to set up a Joint Center for Immunotherapy. The Center aims to pull together various expertise from the industry and academia together to foster the research and development on novel cancer immunotherapy technology.

Date : **18 July 2018 (Wednesday)**

MoU Signing Ceremony at 1:15 – 1:45pm

Venue : **Senate Room, 16/F, Li Ka Shing Tower (Block M), PolyU**

Officiating : • **Dr Lu ZENG**, Director, Guangdong Academy of Science and
Guests Technology Service

- **Dr Johnson LAU**, Chairman and CEO, Athenex, Inc.
- **Mr YongHui WANG**, Chairman and CEO, Xiangxue Pharmaceutical and XLife Sciences
- **Ir Professor Ping-kong Alexander WAI**, Vice President (Research Development), PolyU

Language : **English and Putonghua**

Press Interview at 1:45 – 2:15pm

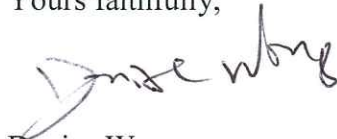
Speakers : • **Dr Vincent KENG**, Associate Professor, Department of Applied
Biology and Chemical Technology, PolyU

- **Professor Larry CHOW**, Professor, Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology, PolyU
- **Dr Raymond YEUNG**, General Manager, Athenex HK Innovative Ltd.

Language : **Cantonese (supplemented with English)**

For enquiries, please feel free to contact Ms Margaret Ho (2766 6374 / 9162 8048).

Yours faithfully,



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