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Press Invitation

**PolyU and the China Academy of Space Technology to jointly develop
a camera for the nation's first Mars probe**

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) will collaborate with the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) to develop and produce a camera on the spacecraft to Mars in support of the nation's first Mars probe tentatively scheduled for launch in 2020. The camera which PolyU will design and produce is to be set on the lander of the spacecraft for monitoring and video-shooting the rover's deployment (solar panel, etc.) and movement on the planet as well as the surrounding condition.

The two parties will sign a Collaborative Research and Development Agreement (R&DA) on Mars Exploration Project at a ceremony on 22 August 2018. You and your representatives are cordially invited to cover the event. Details are as follows.

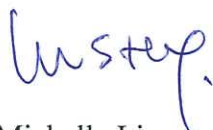
Date:	22 August 2018 (Wednesday)
<u>Signing Ceremony</u>	
Time:	10:30 am (media reception begins at 10:00am)
Venue:	Innovation Think Tank (Room V1310), 13/F, Jockey Club Innovation Tower (V Core), PolyU Campus
Officiating Guests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor LI Lu, Director General of the Education, Science and Technology Department, The Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR - Mr Kevin YEUNG, Secretary for Education - Mr Carlson TONG, Chairman, University Grants Committee - Mr T C CHAN, Chairman of the Council, PolyU - Professor Timothy W. TONG, President of PolyU - Professor Alex WAI, Vice President (Research Development), PolyU

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr ZHAO Xiaojin, Executive Senior Vice President, CAST - Ms ZHOU Hong, Senior Vice President, CAST - Mr SUN Jing , Director General, Institute of Spacecraft System Engineering, CAST - Ms HE Nan, Director, Institute of Spacecraft System Engineering, CAST
Language:	Putonghua, supplemented with English summary (English material will be provided)
<u>Media briefing</u>	
Time:	After the ceremony (from about 11:25 am)
Venue:	V1201, 12/F, Jockey Club Innovation Tower (V Core), PolyU Campus
Speaker:	Professor YUNG Kai-leung , Chair Professor of Precision Engineering and Associate Head of Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Language:	Cantonese (supplemented with bilingual materials)

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Yours sincerely,



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