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HKU Science Research Rated High in CAS-HKU Joint Laboratories

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The outputs of 3 collaborative laboratories that involve Faculty of Science, The University of Hong Kong, have been rated as “excellent” or “good” in the Fifth Assessment of the Hong Kong-Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Joint Laboratories. This assessment exercise is set to strengthen the substantive cooperation between CAS and the Hong Kong region, promote the development of joint laboratories across boundaries, enhance academic standing, innovation and sustainable development capabilities of collaborators, and provide a platform for the development of research with profound impacts.

There are 22 projects under assessment in total, and HKU Science made a trick in achieving eminence in the following projects:

Name of Joint Lab	Collaborators	Principal Investigator
Distinguished		
Shanghai-Hong Kong Joint Laboratory in Chemical Synthesis	The University of Hong Kong Chinese University of Hong Kong Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, CAS	Chi-ming CHE Henry N C WONG X L HOU
Good		
HKU-CAS Joint Laboratory on Chemical Geodynamics	The University of Hong Kong Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, CAS	Min SUN Y G XU
HKU-CAS Joint Laboratory on New Materials	The University of Hong Kong Technical Institute of Physics and Chemistry, CAS	Chi-ming CHE Z H TONG

The assessment is basically based on 5 indicators, namely “complementary advantages”, “sustainability”, “effectiveness of joint activities”, “talent cultivation and exchange” as well as “social influence”. For more information, please visit: http://www.cas.cn/tz/201810/t20181025_4667512.shtml

Professor Matthew EVANS, Dean of HKU Science, is proud of the faculties’ achievements. “I am extremely pleased to see the quality of the work conducted in the Faculty of Science recognised in this way. These collaborations with CAS are extremely valuable and I hope we can expand them in the future.”

Professor Chi-ming CHE, Head of Department of Chemistry and Zhou Guangzhao Professor in Natural Sciences, also expressed his appreciation of the recognition of his collaborative projects – one rated as “distinguished” and the other one as “good”. “I am very happy to see the encouraging assessment results reaffirming the value of collaborations between my team and partners in Chinese Academy of Science over the past decades. The two HKU-CAS Joint Laboratories that I am involved in always bring me surprise as well as new, innovative ideas in Sustainable Catalysis and New Materials for Solar Energy Conversion Reactions. With new source of funding provided by CAS and Hong Kong SAR, I



would like to see more research teams from my Department to engage in cross-interdisciplinary collaborations with CAS that will be beneficial to the development of Science and Technology in this region.” Professor Che said.

Professor Min SUN from Department of Earth Sciences highlighted that the Department had cultivated a number of young talents. “The Department worked closely with its partner Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry (GIG), CAS, on a series of chemical geodynamic projects, which led to a large number of joint publications. This joint lab has been very successful in cultivation of young talents – 8 PhD students or Postdoctoral Fellows have been recruited by our partner CAS in different capacities. This can further enhance our collaboration and foster our partnership, with no doubt.” said Professor Sun.

The accomplishment made by the 3 research teams is such a piece of encouraging news to HKU Science community. We hope that researchers can continue to foster collaboration with both CAS and other universities, inject momentum into existing efforts, and inspire fellow researchers to set new development directions.

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<p>Image 1</p> <p>(In the middle) HKU Zhou Guangzhao Professor in Natural Sciences Professor Chi-ming CHE’s research teams being honored at the Commendation Ceremony for CAS-HKU Joint Laboratories.</p>	<p>Image 2</p> <p>(In the middle) Professor Mei-fu ZHOU, Head of Department of Earth Sciences, representing the department at the Commendation Ceremony for CAS-HKU Joint Laboratories.</p>	<p>Image 3</p> <p>Members of HKU Department of Earth Sciences visiting Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, CAS.</p>
		