



Press Release

**Fifteen HKU academics named amongst  
the world's most Highly Cited Researchers**

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Fifteen academics of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) have been named by Clarivate Analytics in the list of "Highly Cited Researchers 2018" among the world's top researchers. Their works have been highly cited by fellow academics and are hence making a significant impact in ongoing research in their respective fields of study.

Highly Cited Researchers are selected for their exceptional research performance, determined by production of multiple highly cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations for field and year in Web of Science.

Over 6,000 researchers are named Highly Cited Researchers in 2018: some 4,000 in specific fields and about 2,000 for cross-field performance. This is the first year that researchers with cross-field impact are identified.

HKU Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Andy Hor is delighted to have so many HKU academics being named and are making a significant impact in academia. He said: "We appreciate that HKU has the highest number of highly cited researchers among universities in Hong Kong. We benchmark with the best in the world, and recognise that we can and will do only better. The emerging emphasis on R&D and improving funding situations in Hong Kong is strong encouragement. Top talents are key to the

future of Hong Kong and these scholars are examples of such. They have our deep appreciation and respect, and hence well deserving congratulations!"

Fifteen Highly Cited Researchers of HKU (please click their names for their bios)

**Category: Agricultural Sciences**

[Professor Nagendra P. Shah](#)

*School of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science*

**Category: Cross-Field**

[Professor Wallace C. H. Choy](#)

*Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering*

[Yuan Xiaoming](#)

*Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science*

[Professor Yuen Kwok Yung](#)

*Department of Microbiology, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine*

[Dr Zhang Tong](#)

*Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering*

**Category: Economics & Business**

[Professor Kevin Zhou Zheng](#)

*Faculty of Business and Economics (Management and Strategy)*

**Category: Engineering**

[Professor James Lam](#)

*Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering*

[Professor Dennis Y. C. Leung](#)

*Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering*

**Category: Geosciences**

[Professor Sun Min](#)

*Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Science*

[Professor Zhao Guochun](#)

*Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Science*

**Category: Microbiology**

[Professor Guan Yi](#)

*School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine*

[Professor Joseph S. M. Peiris](#)

*School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine*

[Professor Leo L. M. Poon](#)

*School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine*

**Category: Physics**

[Professor Yao Wang](#)

*Department of Physics, Faculty of Science*

[Professor Xiang ZHANG](#)

*President and Vice-Chancellor, the University of Hong Kong*

For more information about Highly Cited Researcher2018, please visit: <https://hcr.clarivate.com/>.

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Fishing pressure on threatened shark populations has increased dramatically in recent years and it is urgent

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