

Press release

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## **HKU Chair Professor of Chemistry Professor Vivian Yam becomes the Chief Editor for Chemistry for new flagship journal *Natural Sciences***

Professor Vivian Wing-Wah Yam, Philip Wong Wilson Wong Professor in Chemistry and Energy and the Chair Professor of Chemistry at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), has taken up the role as the Chief Editor for Chemistry for a new premier international journal *Natural Sciences*.

Launched by Wiley, *Natural Sciences* is a new flagship open science journal that publishes top-tier interdisciplinary research by scientists around the world, ranging from physics, chemistry, biology to their related interfaces. The team of editors embraces innovative open research principles with transparent peer reviews and decision-making processes that boost the pace of scientific discovery.

"I am privileged to be joining my other fellow Chief Editors for Biology and Physics, Professor Marianne Bronner, Director of Beckmann Institute at Caltech and Professor Gerard Meijer, Director of the Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society, in this exciting endeavour and collaboration with Wiley to bring scientific publishing to a new level of openness and transparency."

HKU Dean of Science Professor Matthew Evans congratulates Professor Yam on being recognised for her tremendous contributions to the global scientific community. "I am delighted to see the recognition being given to Professor Yam by this Chief Editorship post, which is further evidence of her status as a world-class scholar and her contributions in original research."

Professor Yam obtained both her BSc (First Class Hons) and PhD from HKU. Her research interests include inorganic/organometallic chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, photophysics and photochemistry, and metal-based molecular functional materials. She has contributed to the advancement of photochemistry, especially in the areas of inorganic and organometallic photochemistry, luminescent metal-ligand coordination complexes and supramolecular assemblies, and photofunctional materials for sensing, organic optoelectronics and solar energy research.

Professor Yam is an elected Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (2001), Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (2006), International Member of the US National Academy of Sciences (2012), Foreign Member of Academia Europaea (2015), and Founding Member of Hong Kong Academy of Sciences (2015). She was Laureate of the 2011 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Award. Furthermore, she was the recipient of the Royal Society of Chemistry Centenary Medal in 2005/06 and the Ludwig Mond Award in 2015, the Japan Society of Coordination Chemistry (JSCC) International Award in 2016, and the Porter Medal in Photochemistry in 2020.



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<https://newsroom.wiley.com/press-releases/press-release-details/2020/Wiley-Launches-Flagship-Interdisciplinary-Open-Access-Journal-Natural-Sciences/default.aspx>

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20201013005683/en/>

<http://www.naturalsciencesjournal.com>

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