

Research Grants Council to present public lectures “Innovative Future: Smart Living and Green Aviation” and “Looking Ahead in the New Era: Economy Transformation and Youth Psychology”

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

In line with the Government's initiative to further strengthen the promotion of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) education in primary and secondary schools, and to take further steps to identify and nurture local STEAM elites, the Research Grants Council (RGC) will organise a series of public lectures from October to November, covering topics including the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), economy, health, technology and innovation. Admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis. All are welcome.

The first two lectures titled "Innovative Future: Smart Living and Green Aviation" and "Looking Ahead in the New Era: Economy Transformation and Youth Psychology" will be held on October 19 (Saturday) and October 20 (Sunday) respectively. Both lectures will be conducted in Cantonese. Details are as follows:

Innovative Future: Smart Living and Green Aviation

In the first session "The rise of artificial intelligence and its development", Adjunct Associate Professor of the Department of Mathematics of Hong Kong Baptist University Dr Charles Cheung will share his insights on how artificial intelligence (AI) affects human life in different areas. In the second session "Soaring into the blue sky: Climate change and green aviation", Assistant Professor of the Department of Aeronautical and Aviation Engineering of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Dr Kam Ng will speak about the emerging research technology of "Fly Net-Zero" and relevant policies in the aviation industry.

Date: October 19 (Saturday)

Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, 1/F, Hong Kong Science Museum

Members of the public may also watch a live broadcast of the lecture through the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hkscm) or the YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/user/hksciencemuseum) of the Hong Kong Science Museum.

Looking Ahead in the New Era: Economy Transformation and Youth Psychology

In the first session "Hong Kong's third economic transformation", the Associate Dean (External Relations) of the Business School of the University of Hong Kong (HKU), Victor and William Fung Professor in Economics of the HKU and Director of the Asia Global Institute of the HKU, Professor Tang Heiwai, will elaborate on the reasons, opportunities and tactics to transform Hong Kong into a more creative, diverse and inclusive economy, and the specific industrial policy that can foster its role in the GBA's innovation and industrial ecosystem. In the second session "Youth psychological well-being in the artificial intelligence age", the Associate Head and Associate Professor of the Department of Communication Studies of Hong Kong Baptist University, Dr Dominic Yeo, will discuss the impact of AI on youths' psychological well-being, and the strategies for promoting digital well-being and information literacy to bolster youth resilience in an AI-centric era.

Date: October 20 (Sunday)

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Hong Kong Central Library

Members of the public may also watch a live broadcast of the lecture through the YouTube Channel of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (www.youtube.com/channel/UCJUipdvSACZj01ldo03YQBA).

The RGC has been regularly organising public lectures since 2009, featuring various distinguished scholars as speakers. These lectures aim to promote research knowledge of Hong Kong's tertiary institutions and to raise public awareness of the significance and values of local research work.

For enquiries, please call 2524 3987 or visit the University Grants Committee webpage (www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/events/lectures/lectures.html). In addition, members of the public can register for the RGC's email subscription service at www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/subscribe to receive regular updates.