

Speech by SITI at opening ceremony of Hong Kong World Youth Science Conference and Xiangjiang Nobel Forum 2024 (with photo)

Following is the speech by the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong World Youth Science Conference and the Xiangjiang Nobel Forum 2024 (April 13):

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honor for me to be here today at the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong World Youth Science Conference and the Xiangjiang Nobel Forum 2024. I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all the young scientists and researchers who have gathered here from all over the world. Your presence here today is a testament to the global nature of science and the importance of international collaboration in advancing our knowledge and understanding of the world around us. I am confident that the discussions and presentations that will take place here will be both enlightening and inspiring, and I look forward to participating in them myself. Thank you very much for your attention, and I wish you all a successful and enjoyable conference.

First of all, I would like to say a few words in English to our esteemed Nobel and Turing Award Laureates and young scientists. A very warm welcome and thank you for coming from afar to join us in Hong Kong at the inaugural Xiangjiang Nobel Forum, sharing your valuable insights with us. Your presence enriches our scientific community and ignites the spark of curiosity and passion for innovation and technology. May I wish you all a wonderful stay and an innovative and extraordinary experience in Hong Kong.

As we stand on the cusp of a new era of technological advancement, it is crucial that we continue to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. We must encourage our young scientists to think creatively, to challenge the status quo, and to pursue their dreams with passion and determination. We will do our utmost to provide you with the best possible environment and support to help you achieve your goals and make significant contributions to the field of science and technology.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the organizers of the Hong Kong World Youth Science Conference and the Xiangjiang Nobel Forum for their hard work and dedication in making this event possible. It is a privilege to host such a distinguished group of young scientists, and I am sure that the event will be a great success. Thank you very much for your attention, and I wish you all a wonderful stay and an innovative and extraordinary experience in Hong Kong.

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