

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 a warm 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. As we stand on the threshold of a new era of scientific discovery and technological innovation, it is our shared responsibility to foster an environment of open-mindedness, curiosity, and mutual respect, where ideas can flow freely and breakthroughs can be made. Let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, and work together to create a brighter future for all of humanity.

Science is the key to progress and prosperity. It is through the pursuit of knowledge and the application of technology that we can improve our lives, solve the world's most pressing problems, and build a more sustainable and equitable society. The young scientists and researchers who are here today represent the future of science and technology. I encourage you to continue to explore, to experiment, and to innovate. Do not be afraid to take risks and to challenge the status quo. Your ideas and discoveries have the potential to change the world for the better. I am confident that you will make significant contributions to the advancement of science and technology in the years ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank the organizers of the Hong Kong World Youth Science Conference and the Xiangjiang Nobel Forum 2024 for their hard work and dedication. It is their vision and leadership that have made this event possible. I am sure that this conference and forum will be a great success and a valuable experience for all of us.

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.

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