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# The Inauguration Ceremony of the International Alliance of Academicians & The International Academicians Hong Kong Forum

The International Alliance of Academicians (IAA) is an international non-profit academic organization based in Hong Kong. Leveraging Hong Kong's strengths in research and education, as well as its unique advantages as an international city, the organization strives to bring together leading scientists and innovators from around the world to foster cross-disciplinary exchange and collaboration.



**21 March 2025, Friday**



**At 09:00 - 17:00**



**Grand Hyatt Hong Kong Hotel**

As part of its inauguration, the IAA is proud to present the International Academicians Hong Kong Forum. This forum will bring together leading global academics, researchers, and professionals to exchange ideas, showcase groundbreaking research, and foster collaborations that address some pressing challenges and opportunities.

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## PROGRAM

**21.03.2025 | 9:00AM-5:00PM**

### Morning Session

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:05	Opening
09:05 - 09:10	Welcome speech by the Founding Chair of IAA Prof. Nancy Y. IP
09:10 - 09:15	Speech by the Chief Executive of The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
09:15 - 09:30	Mr. John Lee GBM SBS PDSM PMSM
09:30 - 09:50	Inauguration Ceremony
09:50 - 10:30	IAA Executive Committee Membership Certificate Presentation
10:30 - 10:50	Plenary lecture by Prof. George F. Smoot
10:50 - 11:30	Nobel Laureate in Physics (2006)
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:30	Plenary lecture by Prof. Pierre-Louis Lions
	Fields Medal Laureate (1994)
	Round-table discussion
	Lunch

### Afternoon Session

**13:30 - 17:00** 1st Annual International Academicians Hong Kong Forum

#### Sub-forum 1: AI for Health

Chair: Prof. Yike Guo; Co-Chair: Prof. Russell Gruen  
Venue: Grand Ball

##### Speakers:

**Prof. Nicholas Ayache**

Research Director  
French Research Institute of  
Computer Science and Applied  
Mathematics (INRIA), France

**Prof. Peter Hegyi**

Director and Professor of Centre for  
Translational Medicine  
University of Pécs, Hungary

**Prof. Alison Noble**

Technikos Professor of Biomedical  
Engineering in Department of  
Engineering Science  
Professorial Fellow of St Hilda's  
College, University of Oxford, UK

**Prof. Wong Tien Yin**

Founding Head and  
Chair Professor, Tsinghua Medicine  
Vice Provost, Tsinghua University,  
China

**Prof. Wendy Chapman**

Associate Dean of Digital Health  
and Informatics  
Director of the Centre for Digital  
Transformation of Health  
University of Melbourne, Australia

**Prof. Christopher Longhurst**

Chief Clinical and Innovation Officer  
Executive Director, Jacobs Center  
for Health Innovation  
UC San Diego Health, USA

**Prof. Simon Warfield**

Professor of Radiology  
Harvard Medical School, USA

**Dr. Lili Qiu**

Assistant Managing Director  
Microsoft Research Asia, Shanghai  
China

#### Sub-forum 2: Future City

Chair: Prof. Hui Lin; Co-Chair: Prof. Jian-Guo Dai  
Venue: Salon I-IV

##### Speakers:

**Prof. Jonathan Corcoran**  
Professor of School of the  
Environment and Deputy  
Associate Dean (Research) in the  
Faculty of Science  
University of Queensland, Australia

**Prof. Yoshitsugu Hayashi**  
Fellow of The Engineering Academy  
of Japan  
Distinguished Professor  
Center for Sustainable Development  
and Global Smart City  
Chubu University, Japan

**Prof. Gerard Lachapelle**  
Professor Emeritus of  
Engineering  
Schulich School of Engineering  
Department of Geomatics  
Engineering  
University of Calgary, Canada

**Prof. Ioannis Brilakis**

Laing O'Rourke Professor of Civil  
and Information Engineering  
University of Cambridge, UK

**Prof. Renzhong Guo**

Academician of the Chinese  
Academy of Engineering  
International Eurasian Academy of  
Sciences  
Dean of the Institute of Smart City  
Shenzhen University, China

**Prof. Mei-Po Kwan**

Academician of Social Sciences  
Choh-Ming Li Professor of  
Geography and Resource  
Management  
Chinese University of Hong Kong,  
China

**Prof. John Wen-Zhong Shi**

Academician of International  
Eurasian Academy of Sciences  
Director of Smart Cities Research  
Institute  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University,  
China

#### International Alliance of Academicians



**Prof. Nancy Y. IP**  
Founding Chair of IAA  
President of Hong Kong University of Science  
and Technology



**Prof. Pierre-Louis Lions**  
Co-Chair of IAA  
Fields Medalist (1994)  
Senior Fellow of the Hong Kong  
Institute for Advanced Study  
City University of Hong Kong



**Prof. George F. Smoot**  
Co-Chair of IAA  
Nobel Laureate in Physics (2006)  
Professor Emeritus in Physics  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



**Prof. Xiang Zhang**  
Co-Chair of IAA  
President of the University of Hong Kong