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About The Chinese University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Science

CUHK's Faculty of Science consists of six major teaching units, Chemistry, Earth System Science, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics, offering 14 undergraduate and 20 postgraduate degree programmes, as well as a two-year programme: Natural Sciences. The Faculty has about 2,600 undergraduate students, about 1,000 postgraduate students and more than 550 staff members. The Faculty includes many world-renowned scholars and dedicated support staff, and is home to internationally recognised research centres such as Institute of Theoretical Physics; Institute of Mathematical Sciences; State Key Laboratory of Agrobiotechnology (CUHK); State Key Laboratory of Synthetic Chemistry; AoE Centre for Probing the Fundamental Structure of Matter with High Energy Particle Collisions; AoE Centre for Genomic Studies on Plant-Environment Interaction for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security; AoE Centre for Organelle Biogenesis and Function; and Hong Kong Institute of Quantum Information Science and Technology.

About The Joseph Needham Foundation for Science & Civilisation (JNFSC) Hong Kong

The JNFSC Hong Kong is committed to promoting the scholarly legacy of late Dr. Joseph Needham in Hong Kong and beyond for students and the general public through a series of educational initiatives, including an annual lectureship, the endowment of Joseph Needham Professorships in Hong Kong and Cambridge, PhD Graduate Fellowships and Joseph Needham Merit Scholarships, and other outreach programmes. For more information about the JNFSC Hong Kong, please visit: www.infschk.org

About The Joseph Needham PhD Fellowship Tenable at the University of Cambridge

The Fellowship is awarded to selected outstanding students who have been admitted to a STEM programme at the University of Cambridge. Recipients will receive full tuition and university fee support for their four-year studies and will be resident at Darwin College. The Needham Scholars will return to Hong Kong or the Greater China Area upon graduation to perpetuate the legacy with devotion to empathy and humanity.

The first Joseph Needham PhD Fellowship was awarded in 1993 to Mr. Mei Jianjun of the University of Science and Technology Beijing tenable at the University of Cambridge. Upon successfully completing his doctorate in metallurgical archaeology four years later, he returned to his alma mater to take up an academic position. Since 2014, he has been the Director of the Needham Research Institute (NRI) in Cambridge.

After three decades, JNFSC is re-launching the programme at Cambridge in honour of Dr. Needham's scholarship and contributions.