

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Hong Kong for the International Conference in Structural Biology. It has become apparent over last decade that in this post-genomic era, structural and functional proteomic are of major importance in understanding the molecular basis of cellular pathways and developing therapeutic targets. Numerous exciting high impact discoveries have been continuously made in recent years. With the success of the Croucher Foundation Advanced Study Institute in Protein Sciences held in 2003 and 2005, we are delighted to organize another international meeting this year, along five research themes, i.e. Drug Targets, Enzymology, Gene Regulation & Signaling, Protein Folding & Modification, and Structural Genomics. We are committed to fostering the development of structural biology in Hong Kong by updating recent advancement in protein sciences, promoting scientific interaction and fostering collaboration. We are very pleased to have prominent and influential scientists from outside Hong Kong and outstanding fellows from local institutes to share their experience with us. The scientific programme has attracted nearly 100 participants and over 50 of them give poster presentations.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to thank everyone involved in the organization of the meeting for their efforts in making this event successful. Special thanks are given to the Croucher Foundation for continuous support. The support of the Faculty of Science, Chung Chi College, United College and commercial sponsors is vital for the success of the event. We are particularly grateful to Rigaku for sponsoring young scientists from Mainland China and overseas to participate in the conference. The unfailing support and encouragement of the Department of Biochemistry, CUHK and the colleagues who carry out the detailed work are very much appreciated.

We wish you an enjoyable and rewarding meeting.

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