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**Dr Lui Che-woo Donates RMB120 Million to The School of Life Sciences of Peking University
To Build a Major Scientific Research and Teaching Base for China**

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Peking University Names The School of Life Sciences Research Building the “Lui Che Woo Building”

(Hong Kong, 8 November 2017) – **Dr Lui Che-woo, Chairman and Founder of K. Wah Group** (the “Group”) and **Director of Lui Che Woo Charity**, has announced a donation amounting to RMB120 million to the School of Life Sciences of Peking University for setting up the Lui Che Woo School of Life Sciences Fund and constructing a new Life Sciences research building to be named the “Lui Che Woo Building”. The donation’s signing ceremony was held in Hong Kong today.

Prof Lin Jianhua, President of Peking University, and Prof Wang Bo, Vice President of Peking University and Vice Chairman of the Peking University Education Foundation Board, representing Peking University and Peking University Education Foundation respectively, signed the donation agreement with Dr Lui Che-woo. They also presented the “Peking University Outstanding Educational Contribution Award” to Dr Lui in appreciation of his generous donation to educational causes and his great support to life sciences teaching and research in China.

Mr Alexander Lui, Executive Director of K. Wah International Holdings; Ms Vicky Lee, Chief Executive Officer (Family Charity) of Lui Che Woo Management Limited; Prof Wu Hong, Dean of the School of Life Sciences, Peking University; Mr Li Yuning, Secretary General of Peking University Education Foundation; Mr Wang Yong, Deputy Director, Office of Hong Kong, Macao & Taiwan Affairs, Peking University; Ms Geng Shu, Vice Secretary General of Peking University Education Foundation; as well as senior management of K. Wah Group were present at the ceremony to witness this important moment.

In his speech, **Dr Lui Che-woo**, said, “Striving to support education and scientific research has been my constant wish throughout the past decades, which I have persistently pursued all these years. Today, I am proud and honoured to be able to play a part in supporting and promoting the research and teaching of life sciences at Peking University and also the construction of a national base for scientific research and teaching relating to key technologies. Gratitude is due to the leadership of Peking University for their broad vision for the future development of mankind, and for their steadfast efforts to drive the development of life sciences in China over the years. I also wish to take this

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opportunity to encourage tertiary institutions in China to continue their pursuit of far-reaching and innovative research and nurture more scientific research talent for China and the world, and thereby contribute to the well-being of mankind in the future.”

The School of Life Sciences Research Building of Peking University – the “Lui Che Woo Building” – is scheduled to be completed and to commence operation in early 2018, marking a significant prelude to the 120th anniversary of Peking University. With a total GFA of 26,900 sq. m., the functional purposes of this seven-storey building are to focus on advanced inter-disciplinary research areas of modern life sciences and serve as a high-end facility platform essential for supporting life sciences research. Upon its completion and commencement in operation, the new building is expected to advance the frontier of sciences related to life, cognition and healthcare with substantial impact and profound new direction to life sciences.

Prof Lin Jianhua, President of Peking University, said, “The list of world universities with a history longer than Peking University may be a long one, but I don’t think there is any academic institution so closely tied to the fate of its nation as Peking University. You are not only supporting Peking University, but also the country and our future. Today, Dr Lui is helping us build a top-notch facility dedicated to life sciences, to nurturing talent and facilitating life sciences research and study activities. This facility is a precious gift celebrating the 120th anniversary of Peking University and a good deed that will benefit the whole nation, the Chinese people, as well as humanity for generations to come. Thus, I hereby express my deepest respect and gratitude to Dr Lui.” Prof Lin has also invited friends from different sectors in Hong Kong to visit the university next year when it celebrates its special anniversary and grow together with the university.

‘The Lui Che Woo Prize - Prize for World Civilisation established by Dr Lui does not only focus on one area or one direction, but lays a foundation for betterment of humankind and world civilisation. The Prize exemplifies Dr Lui’s abundant mind and his care for world betterment, which also coincides with the philosophy of Peking University,’ he said.

Introducing the history and achievements of the faculty, **Prof Wu Hong, Dean of the School of Life Sciences of Peking University**, said, “The School of Life Sciences of Peking University has overall the strongest capacity among its peers in the field of life sciences in China. The construction of the ‘Lui Che Woo Building’ further supports Peking University to lead the development of life sciences in China and the world, ultimately benefiting all of mankind. Thanks to Chairman Lui, Peking University is seeing its dream come true.”

As the critical base for advanced inter-disciplinary studies of Peking University, the School of Life Sciences has achieved many significant advances in recent years. It is a leading tertiary institution driving life sciences research in China. The Peking University new life sciences research building (“New Building”) has been created to answer the need for the swift development of life sciences research around the world. It also complements China’s protein science research initiative (also known as the “Phoenix Project”), the largest scientific experiment platform to be built within the country. The New Building is expected to enable Peking University drive advancement and development of life sciences research

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in China.

“The Phoenix Project” is a national-level central government-led effort to provide large-scale protein science fundamental research facilities funded by the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Education and the Beijing Municipal Government. As an important contributor to the national “Phoenix Project” initiative, the New Building will be equipped with advanced equipment covering proteins, magnetic resonance and optical microscopic imagery, and also a state-of-the-art cryo scanning electron microscope (Cryo-SEM) to render the best support to the study of structural biology and biological macromolecules. In addition, the New Building will house shared equipment rooms (laboratories), including cold storage, cytology laboratory, thermostatic chamber and ultra-low temperature freezer facilities, covering nearly 550 sq.m. on each floor, providing convenient access and usage to scientists of the university. The research team led by Professor Wu Hong, Dean of the School of Life Sciences of Peking University, will move into the New Building and focus on studying biological macromolecules in tumours and stem cells and also the development of small molecule drugs, helping to solve the mysteries of life and improve human health.

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Photo 1: Dr Lui Che-woo, Chairman of K. Wah Group and Director of Lui Che Woo Charity



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Photo 2: Prof Lin Jian-hua, President of Peking University



Photo 3: Prof Wu Hong, Dean of the School of Life Sciences of Peking University



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Photo 4: Dr Lui Che-woo, Chairman of K. Wah Group and Director of Lui Che Woo Charity, signs the donation agreements



Photo 5: Prof Lin Jian-hua, President of Peking University, signs the donation agreements on behalf of Peking University



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Photo 6: Professor Wang Bo, Vice President of Peking University, Vice Chairman of Peking University Education Foundation, signs the donation agreements on behalf of Peking University Education Foundation



Photo 7: (from right to left) **Dr Lui Che-woo**, Chairman of K. Wah Group and Director of Lui Che Woo Charity; **Prof Lin Jian-hua**, President of Peking University; **Prof Wang Bo**, Vice President of Peking University, Vice Chairman of Peking University Education Foundation



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Photo 8: (from right to left) **Vicky Lee**, Chief Executive Officer (Family Charity) of Lui Che Woo Management Limited; **Alexander Lui**, Executive Director of K. Wah International Holdings Limited; **Dr Lui Che-woo**, Chairman of K. Wah Group and Director of Lui Che Woo Charity; **Prof Lin Jian-hua**, President of Peking University; **Prof Wang Bo**, Vice President of Peking University, Vice Chairman of Peking University Education Foundation; **Prof Wu Hong**, Dean of the School of Life Sciences



Photo 9: **Prof. Lin Jian-hua**, President of Peking University, presents the “Peking University Outstanding Educational Contribution Award” to **Dr Lui Che-woo** in gratitude for his contribution in education



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Photo 10: **Prof Wu Hong**(the 1st one from the right), Dean of the School of Life Sciences of Peking University, present the calligraphy written by the students and teachers from the School of Life Sciences to **Dr Lui Che-woo**(the 3rd one from the right), Chairman of K. Wah Group



Photo 11: **Dr Lui Che-woo** (the 3rd one from the right), Chairman of K. Wah Group, has specially written a Chinese Calligraphy for Peking University and wishes the scholars and students at the University every success with their researches for the betterment of mankind



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Photo 12: **Dr Lui Che-woo** (the 3rd one from the right), Chairman of K. Wah Group, presents the gift namely “Beauty Within” to Peking University. Each prized pearl symbolises the wealth of talents in Peking University. **Prof Lin Jian-hua** (the 3rd one from the left), President of Peking University, receives the gift on behalf of the University



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Photo 13: (from right to left) **Dai Shenyan**, Deputy Director of Business Development of Peking University Education Foundation; **Li Hang**, Deputy Director, Office of the President of Peking University; **Li Yu-ning**, Secretary General of Peking University Education Foundation; **Vicky Lee**, Chief Executive Officer (Family Charity) of Lui Che Woo Management Limited; **Alexander Lui**, Executive Director of K. Wah International Holdings; **Dr Lui Che-woo**, Chairman of K. Wah Group and Director of Lui Che Woo Charity; **Prof Lin Jian-hua**, President of Peking University; **Prof Wang Bo**, Vice President of Peking University, Vice Chairman of Peking University Education Foundation; **Prof Wu Hong**, Dean of the School of Life Sciences of Peking University; **Wang Yong**, Deputy Director, Office of Hong Kong, Macao & Taiwan Affairs of Peking University; **Geng Shu**, Vice Secretary General of Peking University Education Foundation



For video highlights of the event, please visit: https://youtu.be/6kWVn_wv_o8

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K. Wah Group was founded in 1955 by Dr Lui Che-woo, who transformed the company into a multinational corporation. Core businesses include property development and investment, entertainment and leisure resorts, hospitality and construction materials. The Group has a business presence in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Southeast Asia and major cities in the US. The Group includes two Hong Kong-listed flagships: K. Wah International Holdings Limited ("KWIH"; HK stock code: 0173) and Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited ("GEG"; HK stock code: 0027 and a member of the Hang Seng Index). Other major subsidiaries include Stanford Hotels International and K. Wah Construction Materials Limited and, in the US, Stanford Hotels Corporation and Cresleigh Homes. To date, the Group has over 200 subsidiaries and more than 33,000 staff worldwide.

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