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## UST Biologists Study Kwei Ling Ko

Scientific research will be conducted on the beneficial effects of Kwei Ling Ko (KLK), a traditional Chinese herbal jelly, by researchers at the Biotechnology Research Institute of HKUST.

KLK is believed to be effective in clearing away the body of toxic materials and the "evil-heat" identified in Chinese medicine. It is widely used for a clear, healthy complexion. The jelly is made from *plastrum testudinis* and Chinese herbs such as *rhizoma smilacis glabrae* and *jingjie*.

"I started researching KLK because it is highly popular in Hong Kong and South China, and yet there has been little research on its benefits," says Dr Joseph T. Y. Wong, assistant professor in HKUST's Biology Department. "I'm also personally interested as I have been taking KLK since my youth."

Biological assays will be developed to study the immune system enhancement, anti-inflammatory and anti-proliferation properties of KLK.

The two-year project is sponsored by the Kung Wo Tong Group, an established Chinese herbal teashop chain in Hong Kong. A signing ceremony, officiated by Mr Chu Nai Chin, Managing Director of the Kung Wo Tong Group and Prof Nancy Y. Ip, Director of BRI, is to be held today (10 Feb).

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