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Laboratory For Future Homes Built At HKUST

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will open a Consumer Media Laboratory to work with local industry on developing the next generation of consumer electronic products.

Dr Jack Lau, Laboratory Director and Assistant Professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, says the Laboratory will focus on the latest technologies and product design concepts. Current projects include dimmers for compact fluorescent lights, a wireless LAN system integrating the antenna into the printed circuit board of the equipment, and wireless radio audio systems.

The Consumer Media Laboratory is also launching an Engineer-in-Residence program to facilitate effective technology transfer. Company sponsors can send engineers to the University to work on selected projects, allowing both the University and local industry to share experience and expertise.

Dr Lau says, "We expect the Laboratory, supported by Industry Department funding of \$14.7 million, to enhance the competitiveness of local industry."

Details of the inauguration ceremony are as follows:

Date: 1 April 1998 (Wednesday)

Time: 3:00 pm (Tea reception will be served at 2:45 pm)

Venue: 7/F Foyer, Academic Building, HKUST, Clear Water Bay,

Kowloon

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