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The biennial Tang Prize Award Ceremony, staged at National Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall in 2018, was held virtually in 2020 and then postponed in 2022, both due to the pandemic. After a five-year interval, it will take place on site again on August 1 at Howard Civil Service International House, with livestreaming (https://www.tang-prize.org/en) also available to allow global audiences to participate in real time. Six 2022 laureates, Jeffrey Sachs for Sustainable Development, Katalin Kariko, Drew Weissman, and Pieter Cullis for Biopharmaceutical Science, Jessica Rawson for Sinology, and Cheryl Saunders for Rule of Law, will travel to Taiwan to attend the ceremony and other Tang Prize Week events in person. Their visit and their interactions with various institutions in Taiwan are expected to spark a buzz of excitement among the island's industrial leaders, government officials, as well as researchers and academics. Tang Prize Foundation also invites members of TCIAE to participate in various activities

CEO of the Tang Prize Foundation Dr. Jenn-Chuan Chern pointed out that all six laureates are renowned scholars who have made notable contributions to the world. Professor Sachs served as Special Advisor to three UN Secretaries-General and played a key role in setting the

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Sustainable Development Goals and in negotiating the Paris Agreement. Drs. Kariko, Weissman and Cullis successfully developed mRNA COVID vaccines that have helped save millions of lives. Professor Rawson's career at the Department of Oriental Antiquities of the British Museum spanned nearly thirty years. With an intimate knowledge of Chinese artifacts, she gave voice to muted objects and provided evidence of the mutual influence between the material culture of the East and the West. A pioneer in comparative constitutional studies, Professor Saunders has made a substantive contribution to constitution-building especially in the Asia-Pacific region. It is hoped that the laureates' presence in Taiwan and the conversations they will have with the general public would not only generate more interest for the research related to the four award categories but also serve as the best way to introduce Taiwan to the international community.



This year's Tang Prize Week kick starts with the award ceremony, followed by a banquet at

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Taipei's Grand Mayfull hotel in the evening of the same day. Another important event, the Tang Prize Laureate's Lecture series, is scheduled for August 2, from 9:30 to 17:20, at the Howard Civil Service International House. At this 8-hour academic festival, attendees can meet the laureates face-to-face and learn first-hand about their ground-breaking research achieved over a lifetime. Students, teachers and anyone enthusiastic about cutting-edge knowledge in these four fields can apply at https://reurl.cc/65j2X5.

Tang Prize Laureate's Lecture Series:

Time

Laureates

Topic

09:30-10:30

Sustainable Development: Jeffrey Sachs

Dialogue and Sustainable Development

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11:00-12:00

Sinology:

Jessica Rawson

Bronze Banqueting Vessels and Golden Belts in the Landscape of Ancient China and of Today

13:30-14:30

Rule of Law:

Cheryl Saunders

The Grand Puzzle of Comparative Constitutional Law

15:00-17:20

Biopharmaceutical Science:

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1.Katalin Kariko

2.Drew Weissman

3. Pieter Cullis

1.Developing mRNA for Therapy

2.Nucleoside-modified mRNA-LNP therapeutics

3. Design of Lipid Nanoparticles That Enable Gene Therapies