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Groundbreaking for New Enterprise Center

Construction of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Enterprise Center at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) today began formally with the University and the contractor Chevalier (Construction) Company Limited (CCCL) co-hosting a groundbreaking ceremony.

The Center is funded HK\$105.6 million by the government, or half of the estimated costs, and a generous donation of HK\$100 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

Construction of the Center is being undertaken by CCCL, a subsidiary of the Chevalier Group.

The groundbreaking ceremony was officiated at by Dr John C C Chan, HKUST Council Chairman; Prof Paul Chu, HKUST President; Dr Y C Chow, Chairman and Managing Director of Chevalier Group; Mr T Brian Stevenson, Steward of The Hong Kong Jockey Club; Prof Roland Chin, Vice-President for Research and Development at HKUST; and Mr Mike Hudson, Director of the HKUST Estates Management Office.

The Center will be a major new development for the University campus. "It will provide much-needed additional space for R&D facilities, laboratories, classrooms and lecture theatres. All these will significantly boost the University's applied research and technology transfer capabilities, and enhance the collaboration between the University and industry," says President Chu.

Completion of the Center is scheduled for September 2006.

