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## More Career Choices for Science Students

At a summer camp organized by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), secondary school students will learn that science studies offer them greater employment opportunities.

200 six-formers, selected on a random basis, will participate in the science summer camp, to be held at the HKUST campus from 24 to 28 July.

"Many students labor under the misconception that the career prospects of science graduates are limited to teaching, research or jobs in science-related fields," said Prof Shiu Yuen Cheng, Associate Dean of Science and the Head of the Mathematics Department. "The truth of the matter is that a science degree will teach you logical thinking and problem-solving skills applicable in all fields."

"We have invited our graduates to show that a degree in science will open the door to a wide array of career opportunities," he said.

The HKUST alumni who are graduates of the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics Departments will share with participants their experiences of how their studies have helped to shape their present career paths. Applying skills they acquired at HKUST, they are now employed as patent adviser, marketing manager, journalist, and engineer, respectively.

In addition to meeting with alumni, participants will also visit the University's state-of-the-art facilities where research on nuclear magnetic resonance technology, genechips, biosensors, environment, materials science and wind engineering are carried out.

Lectures, laboratory sessions, campus tours and fun activities also fill the camp's agenda.

The summer camp is co-organized by the School of Science and the Science Students' Association.