Symposium 2026

State Key Laboratory of Liver Research (HKU)
RGC Theme-based Research Scheme Project on Liver Cancer
From Basic Research to Clinical Applications
14 November 2026 (Saturday) | Salon 5-6, JW Marriott Hotel, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong

Time	Duration*	Speaker(s) & Session(s) – as of October 9, 2026
09:00 - 09:05	5 min	**Welcoming Speech by Chairperson (Basic)** **Professor Dong-Yan JIN**
Session I – Chaired by Professor Regina Cheuk-Lam LO and Professor Clive Yik-Sham CHUNG		
09:05 - 09:20	15 min	**Young Researcher Presentation 1** **Dr Huajian YU** Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Biomedical Sciences, HKU *Peritumoral THBS1+ Myeloid Cells Drive Immunotherapy Resistance in CTNNB1-Mutant Hepatocellular Carcinoma*
09:20 - 09:35	15 min	**Young Researcher Presentation 2** **Dr Vincent Wai-Hin YUEN** Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology, HKU *Exploration of immune microenvironment in post-surgical recurrent HCC model for novel peri-operative treatments*
09:35 - 09:50	15 min	**Young Researcher Presentation 3** **Dr Daniel For-Fan CHAN** Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology, HKU *m6A epi-transcriptomic landscape and therapy in HCC*
09:50 - 10:05	15 min	**Young Researcher Presentation 4** **Dr Vanilla Xin ZHANG** Research Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, HKU *Repurposing Resmetirom suppresses MASH-associated hepatocellular carcinoma*
10:05- 10:30	25 min	**Tea Break**
Session II – Chaired by Professor Jack Chun-Ming WONG and Professor Judy Wai-Ping YAM		
10:30 - 11:10	40 min	**Basic Keynote Lecture 1** **Professor Ming KUANG** Chief, Center of Hepato-pancreato-biliary Surgery, Vice President, The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China *Tertiary lymphoid structure and anti-tumor immunity in liver cancer*
11:10 - 11:25	15 min	**Basic Research Presentation 1** **Professor Peng-Tao LIU** Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, HKU *Expanded Potential Stem Cells: From Fundamental Biology to Translational Medicine*
11:25 – 11:40	15 min	**Basic Research Presentation 2** **Professor Alfred Sze-Lok CHENG** Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences; Assistant Dean (Research), Faculty of Medicine, CUHK *Intercepting the macrophagic fatty acid transfer to resensitize immunotherapy*
11:40 - 11:55	15 min	**Panel Discussion – Precision immunotherapy for HCC** **Moderators:** Professor Jack Chun-Ming WONG Professor Judy Wai-Ping YAM **Panelists:** Professor Ming KUANG Professor Peng-Tao LIU Professor Alfred Sze-Lok CHENG
11:55 - 13:05	70 min	**Group Photo Taking & Lunch**

Session III – Chaired by Professor Xin-Yuan GUAN and Professor Tan-To CHEUNG		
13:05 – 13:45	40 min	**Clinical Keynote Lecture 1** **Professor Arun J SANYAL** Professor; Director, Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health, School of Medicine Internal Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University, US ***Risk Based Management strategies for MASLD***
13:45 – 14:25	40 min	**Basic Keynote Lecture 2** **Professor Ming KUANG** Chief, Center of Hepato-pancreato-biliary Surgery, Vice President, The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China ***Gut microbiota induces HCC progression and metastases***
14:25 - 14:40	15 min	**Basic Research Presentation 3** **Professor Dong-Yan JIN** Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, HKU ***The roles of a novel endocytic adaptor FACI in lipid trafficking and homeostasis in hepatic and intestinal cells***
14:40 - 14:55	15 min	**Clinical Presentation 1** **Dr James Yan-Yue FUNG** Consultant, Department of Medicine, QMH ***Liver transplantation for viral hepatitis – where are we in 2026***
14:55 – 15:10	15 min	**Panel Discussion – Unlocking Liver Disease: From Molecular Mechanisms to Clinical Progress** **Moderators:** Professor Xin-Yuan GUAN Professor Tan-To CHEUNG **Panelists:** Professor Arun J SANYAL Professor Ming KUANG Professor Dong-Yan JIN Dr James Yan-Yue FUNG
15:10 - 15:35	25 min	**Tea Break**
Session IV – Chaired by Professor Albert Chi-Yan CHAN and Professor Thomas Chung-Cheung YAU		
15:35 - 16:15	40 min	**Clinical Keynote Lecture 2** **Professor Arun J SANYAL** Professor; Director, Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health, School of Medicine Internal Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University, US ***Use and Misuse of non-invasive tests in management of MASLD clinical practice***
16:15 – 16:30	15 min	**Clinical Presentation 2** **Professor Chi-Leung CHIANG** Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Oncology, HKU ***Combining Precision Radiation and Immune Modulation: A New Era for Unresectable HCC?***
16:30 – 16:45	15 min	**Clinical Presentation 3** **Professor Tiffany Cho-Lam WONG** Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, HKU ***[Topic]***
16:45 - 16:55	10 min	**Panel Discussion – From Metabolic Updates to Innovative Therapies in HCC** **Moderators:** Professor Albert Chi-Yan CHAN Professor Thomas Chung-Cheung YAU **Panelists:** Professor Arun J SANYAL Professor Chi-Leung CHIANG Professor Tiffany Cho-Lam WONG
16:55 - 17:00	5 min	**Closing Remark by Chairperson (Clinical)** **Professor Albert Chi-Yan CHAN**

**Each presentation slot includes a 5-min Q&A session.*