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## Press Notification



### **The Shaw Prize Award Presentation Ceremony 2011**

The Shaw Prize Award Presentation Ceremony 2011 will take place in Hong Kong on Wednesday, 28 September 2011. **The Honourable Donald Tsang**, Chief Executive of the HKSAR, People's Republic of China has kindly consented to officiate at the ceremony.

The Shaw Laureates for 2011 had been announced earlier. Details of the Shaw Laureates are as follows:

#### **The Shaw Prize in Astronomy**

Awarded in equal shares to **Dr Enrico Costa**, Director of Research at the Institute of Space Astrophysics and Cosmic Physics (Rome) of the National Institute of Astrophysics, Italy and **Dr Gerald J Fishman**, Senior Astrophysicist at the NASA – Marshall Space Flight Center, USA for their leadership of space missions that enabled the demonstration of the cosmological origin of gamma ray bursts, the brightest sources known in the universe.

#### **The Shaw Prize in Life Science and Medicine**

Awarded in equal shares to **Professor Jules A Hoffmann** of University of Strasbourg, France, **Professor Ruslan M Medzhitov**, David W Wallace Professor of Immunobiology, Yale University, USA and **Professor Bruce A Beutler**, Raymond and Ellen Willie Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research, and Director of Center for Genetics of Host Defense, the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, USA for their discovery of the molecular mechanism of innate immunity, the first line of defense against pathogens.

#### **The Shaw Prize in Mathematical Sciences**

Awarded in equal shares to **Professor Demetrios Christodoulou**, Professor of Mathematics and Physics at the ETH, Zurich, Switzerland and **Professor Richard S Hamilton**, Davies Professor of Mathematics, Columbia University, USA for their highly innovative works on nonlinear partial differential equations in Lorentzian and Riemannian geometry and their applications to general relativity and topology.

A 5-minute segment will be uplinked via satellite transmission at Hong Kong time 2230 – 2300 (GMT 1430 – 1500). Photos of the ceremony will also be uploaded onto the website **www.shawprize.org** at Hong Kong time 2230 (GMT 1430) from 28 September 2011 onwards.

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