

ASTRI's Subsidiary

Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine (HKJCICM)

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine was set up by the Hong Kong SAR Government in partnership with The Hong Kong Jockey Club as an ASTRI subsidiary. It is governed by a separate Board of Directors and receives a HK\$500 million pledged donation from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for researching and developing Chinese medicine (CM).

Under the strategy of innovation and technology development, HKJCICM pursues a public mission to spearhead value-added development of CM and the industry through quality, science, evidence and application.

HKJCICM



Work Scope

- CM standardization & quality control;
- CM and natural product applied R&D;
- Information & exchange; and
- Value-added management for technology transfer and commercialization.

Chinese Medicine Laboratory

Underpinning the importance of quality in modernizing CM, HKJCICM has set up a Chinese Medicine Laboratory as a central and networked expert platform to support sector-relevant initiatives and R&D projects. It is staffed by a team of scientists with research competence in pharmacognosy, phytochemistry, natural product discovery, analytical development and quality control. It offers professional expertise and services in:

- Authentication of Chinese herbal materials;
- CM herbal preparations and quality assessment;
- Ingredient verification;
- CM natural product applied research; and
- Analytical methodology development and provision of research tools for quality control.

Developments

HKJCICM is building a portfolio of R&D products and technologies in partnership with research-based organizations. With science and evidence-based development, the institute focuses on applied research and has strengthened business development to facilitate application and commercialization.

The institute adopts a visionary and progressive approach to advance CM in a modern context. HKJCICM will continue to strengthen its connection with industry through the following developments:

- Provide sector-relevant information via the "Chinese Medicine Hong Kong" platform (www.hkjcicm.org);
- Advance standardization of CM and provide technical intermediary through the CM Laboratory and its network;
- Champion herbal product innovations and applications, benefiting human health; and
- Coordinate marketing and promotion of CM developments in Hong Kong to international communities.

The institute has a management team of dedicated professionals spanning different cultures and disciplines. Its technical, information and business development platforms are positioned to enable the institute to advance science and evidence-based developments and facilitate applications.

HKJCICM has ten on-going R&D projects in collaboration with local universities and mainland institutions. Project milestones have been reached with prevailing opportunities for co-development, technology transfer and commercialization.



Building on technical competency, partnership and network to advance Chinese medicine and industrial development