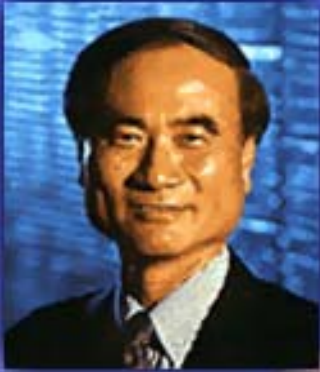




Special Seminar Announcement

(Office of Life Sciences and Department of Biological Sciences)



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The Molecular Biology of the **SARS** Coronavirus

Severe Acute Respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a newly discovered infectious disease that is now wreaking havoc in Asia. It has caused more than 8400 reputed cases worldwide, hundreds of death and major economic loss. The disease is now known to be caused by a new coronavirus.

Professor Lai, a world renowned expert on coronavirus, will present current knowledge on the molecular biology of SARS coronavirus, its gene structure, organisation, evolution and replication. He will also highlight the various strategies for vaccine and therapeutics to combat SARS.

Date: 20 Jun 2003, Friday

Time: 5 pm

Venue: LT 20

Host: Professor Hew Choy Leong

All are welcome