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Book launch pays tribute to Nobel Laureate Dr Sydney Brenner

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The book was commissioned by A*STAR to be a permanent record of the series and to serve as a tribute to Dr Brenner's scientific vision and many contributions to Singapore.



Singapore - Madam Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore launched the book “Sydney Brenner’s 10-on-10: Chronicles of Evolution” recently, a tribute to Nobel Laureate Dr Sydney Brenner who is also well known for his pioneering work on deciphering the human genetic code, and programmed cell death. In Singapore, Dr Brenner played a formative role in the development of biomedical research, starting with his suggestion to set up the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology (IMCB) in 1983.

A*STAR is donating over 400 copies of the book to local schools and libraries as part of A*STAR’s commitment to nurturing and grooming the next generation of scientists and researchers, and corporate sponsor UBS will be sponsoring a total of 450 copies of the book to libraries and schools in the ASEAN countries where it operates.

The Chronicles of Evolution is a book that captures the thoughts and insights of 24 world-leading scientists and thinkers. These thought leaders spoke during the 10-on-10: Chronicles of Evolution Lecture Series which was the brainchild of Dr Sydney Brenner, and jointly organised by A*STAR and NTU in 2017.

On the book, Dr Sydney Brenner, Nobel Laureate and Senior Fellow at A*STAR, said: “Scientific education is of utmost importance. Understanding who we are and where we came from as a species is key to unlocking what we can become in the future. This is why I proposed the 10-on-10 series, so that all generations can understand what we have learnt, and the younger generations can build on our scientific knowledge to make even more discoveries that may shape the future of the human race.”