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ANU TO NAME SCIENCE CENTRE AFTER JACKIE CHAN

International movie star Jackie Chan has announced a further generous donation to The Australian National University to support the John Curtin School of Medical Research.

Professor Judith Whitworth, Director of the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) at ANU said that Jackie Chan had been a great friend and supporter of the JCSMR for a number of years and had visited the School in December 2002 to make a donation to cancer research in memory of his mother and long-time Canberra resident Ms Lee Lee Chan. A plaque was placed on the equipment purchased with his donation reading "For the Advancement of Health."

"Jackie has a strong commitment to the education of young people and to provide them with opportunities that were not available to him when he was a child," Professor Whitworth said.

"It was an easy call for us to use this donation to help establish a dedicated Jackie Chan Science Centre as part of the public area of the new JCSMR Building.

"The Centre will showcase our history, current science, and provide viewing windows into laboratories.

"Jackie attracted a flurry of attention when he last attended the JCSMR, and hundreds of youngsters as well as plenty of older fans came out to see him in person. His name will be a huge drawcard in bringing kids onto the ANU campus as part of the ACT Science tourism circuit and switching them on to the excitement of science and medical research.

"We look forward to welcoming Jackie back to the School later this year to open the Centre," Professor Whitworth said.

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