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Swine Flu mask has gone into the World Top 10

Earlier Next Magazine reported that inventors have a very tough job in Hong Kong and a lot of readers support this view. They claim HK has a lot of scientific talent but they lack opportunities and support from the government. For example, the government wants to develop a laboratory testing industry. But one laboratory which already carries out third party testing on cigarettes still needs to pay duties on samples imported. The government should review this policy. Filligent is the only laboratory which can carry out tests on cigarettes in Hong Kong and has obtained lots of international prizes in recent years. Their BioMask facemask claims it can protect you against swine flu has been awarded by CNN as one of World Top 10 health inventions for 2009. **This is Hong Kong's pride.**

The company's Australian CEO Melissa Mowbray-d'Arbela who has been living in HK for many years says she chose Hong Kong as her base not only because HK has good facilities for business and is close to international markets, it is also because Hong Kong has many talents. She would like the Government to give more support to the invention industry.



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