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Centre for Environmental Studies Established in CUHK

A Centre for Environmental Studies has recently been established at The Chinese University of Hong Kong with the purpose of using a multi-disciplinary approach to solve the highly complex environmental problems in modern world.

Our unabating drive for economic efficiency has unfortunately caused us over the years a deteriorating environment with heavy exploitation of resources and generation of wastes. To guarantee that we could live in a healthy environment, we need to strike a balance between economic efficiency and environmental quality. This has become an acute problem for the world in general and Hong Kong in particular.

The newly established Centre is aimed at stimulating interdisciplinary collaborations on environmental research in The Chinese University and developing joint research projects with tertiary institutions inside and outside of Hong Kong. It will also work as partner with major international research centres and consultancy firms and collaborate with the Hong Kong Government and local interest groups to solve environmental problems.

The Centre draws on the experience and expertise of an interdisciplinary research team which is formed by the University's academic staff members from such fields as biology, geography, community and family medicine, pharmacology, microbiology, anatomy, economics, government and public administration, education, philosophy, information engineering, computer science, and electronics. The idea is to tackle environmental problems from a wide range of perspectives.

The Centre is focusing on four interrelated research areas, namely technical analysis of wastes and their treatments, environmental health and hygiene, environmental monitoring and decision support systems, and environmental education, policies, and laws.

Attachment: Research Focuses of the Centre for Environmental Studies