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The fourth of the series of five lectures to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Chinese University of Hong Kong will be presented by the Faculty of Arts on Wednesday, September 7 at 4:30 pm in the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall on the University campus in Shatin-Professor Yü Ying-shih will speak on "Radicalism vs Conservatism in Modern Chinese Thought" (in Putonghua). All are welcome.

In the Lecture, the speaker will combine the historical and typological approaches to examine 'radicalism' and 'conservatism' in the context of Chinese history and culture as well as to determine what is characteristically Chinese about the two modes of thought and how the two have been related to each other. An attempt will also be made to relate the historical tension between 'radicalism' and 'conservatism' to the intellectual predicament in China today.

Professor Yü Ying-shih is Professor of East Asian Studies at Princeton University and a renowned historian. His outstanding achievement in letters, philosophy, and history, especially intellectual history, is well known to the academic world. His publications are widely acclaimed for their insight into Chinese culture.

Professor Yü graduated from New Asia College and obtained his PhD at Harvard University in 1962. He then took up teaching as Professor of Chinese History at the University of Michigan (1962-66), Harvard University (1967-77) and Yale University (1977-87). In 1987, Professor Yü became Chair Professor of East Asian Studies at Princeton University.

From 1973-75, while on leave from Harvard University, Professor Yü served as President of New Asia College and concurrently Pro-Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Professor Yü was elected Fellow of the Academia Sinica in 1974. In recognition of his outstanding achievement, he was further honoured by The Chinese University with an award of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa in 1977.