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NEW PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE HEAD AT CUHK

The Chinese University of Hong Kong announces the following senior appointments effective as from 1st August 1994: Professor Kenneth Young, Professor of Physics, has been appointed as the new Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the university, while Professor Rance Pui Leung Lee, Professor of Sociology has been appointed Head of Chung Chi College, one of the four constituent colleges of the university.

Both academics returned to work in Hong Kong in the late sixties/early seventies after obtaining their doctorates overseas and, since then, have contributed a long dedicated service to the university and the community.

For over two decades, both Professor Young and Professor Lee have been actively involved in the development of higher education in Hong Kong. As a distinguished scholar and researcher in each of their own field, they have also served on numerous important committees in the Government and public bodies.

Professor Kenneth Young as Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Professor Kenneth Young graduated from the California Institute of Technology and obtained his Ph.D. in 1972. He worked for one year at Princeton University, and joined The Chinese University in 1973, becoming Professor of Physics in 1989. Professor Young's research and publications cover a number of areas in theoretical physics. His current interest centres around dissipative quantum systems and their application to optics.

Apart from teaching and research, Professor Young also takes up a number of administrative duties in the university. He was chairman of the Physics Department from August 1989 to December 1991 and was elected Dean of Science in October 1991 for a term until July 1994. Concurrently he is Dean of the Graduate School and the chairman of the Research Committee.

Professor Young also actively participates in public service. He is a member of the Hong Kong Research Grants Council and of its Physical Science He also serves on the Technology Committee of the Industry and Technology Development Council, the Radiation Board and the Radiological Protection Advisory Group. He has been appointed a member of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee since 1993.

Professor Young's appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the university will be for a period of two years. The other two Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University are Professor Ambrose Yeo-chi King and Professor Sheung-wai Tam.

Professor Rance Pui Leung Lee as Head of Chung Chi College

A graduate of Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1965, Professor Rance Pui Leung Lee obtained his PhD in Sociology from Pittsburg University and has been a faculty member of The Chinese University since 1968. He became Professor of Sociology in 1984 and is concurrently the Dean of Social Science, a post which he has held for three terms.

An internationally-known scholar with numerous publications, Professor Lee's research interests are in medical sociology and social research. He has made significant contributions to promoting the research programmes of the University and has assumed a leadership role in the various research centres/institutes in Social Science. A staunch and enthusiastic supporter of the Chung Chi College, Professor Lee has been a Fellow in the College's Assembly of Fellows since 1977.

Professor Lee's expertise and advice are often keenly sought by the Government and public bodies. He is a member of numerous advisory committees including, among others the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, Health Services Research Committee, Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and Release under Supervision Board. He is also an advisor of the Beijing-Hong Kong Academic Exchange Centre.

Professor Lee's term as Head of Chung Chi College will be for a period of four years.

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Note to Editors: Recent photos of Professor Kenneth Young and Professor Rance Pui Leung Lee are ready for collection at the Government Information Service Central Office.