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Lecture on Identity of Hong Kong Chinese

Research findings of a psychology professor reveal that young people in Hong Kong perceive themselves as distinct from all relevant ethnic groups in Hong Kong, including the "Hong Kongese".

At his Inaugural Lecture, entitled "Between the Yin and the Yang: The Identity of the Hong Kong Chinese", Professor Michael H Bond, Professor of Psychology of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, will examine how Chinese in Hong Kong think about themselves amidst the contending cultural influences surrounding them. According to Professor Bond, youths in Hong Kong have constructed for themselves an identity which amalgamates the essence of the local, the western and the ideal Chinese personalities, but not including the modernizing Chinese personality embodied by people in China and Taiwan.

Open to the public, the Lecture will take place on Friday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. in Lecture Theatre LT6, Lady Shaw Building in the Chinese University.

Specializing in social psychology, Professor Michael H Bond graduated with a BA degree from the University of Toronto in 1966 and obtained his PhD degree from Stanford University in 1970. Professor Bond was visiting assistant professor of the Department of Sociology in Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan before he joined the Chinese University as lecturer in psychology in 1974. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 1980 and reader in 1987 and was appointed Professor of Psychology in March 1992.

Professor Bond is currently working on a multicultural comparison of beliefs about the world.

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