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## FINANCIAL EXPERT ADVOCATES MORE CONTACTS WITH CHINA

"With the market of China becoming increasingly open, more academic exchanges between China and Hong Kong will be mutually beneficial," the newly appointed professor of finance at the Chinese University, Professor Leslie Young said.

Professor Young is now actively working on a collaborative programme with the Chinese Academy of Sciences to help the Academy commercialize their technological innovations.

Specialized in investment analysis and portfolio management, Professor Young obtained his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in mathematics from the University of Wellington in 1968 and 1969 respectively before he was awarded a D.Phil. degree from Oxford in 1971.

With over 20 years of research and teaching experience at Oxford University, University of Canterbury and University of Texas at Austin, Professor Young first joined The Chinese University as Wilson T. S. Wang Distinguished International Professor in 1992. He has been visiting professor in finance since 1993 until he took up the chair of finance last month.

Concurrently, Professor Young is Executive Director of the University's Asia-Pacific Institute of Business (APIB). facilitate research on China's financial markets, a Centre for Financial Research on China has just been established under APIB. The Centre is developing a research database for the financial markets in Shenzhen, Shanghai and Hong Kong," he said.

"APIB is also offering training for local financial personnel through a Diploma Course in Advanced Securities Market Analysis which is being offered in collaboration with the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong," he added.

Professor Young's most recent research concerns the economic consequences of short selling for international investment and the implications of corruption for an economy.

Attachment: Recent picture of Professor Leslie Young

Dear Editors,

You are welcome to send a reporter to do a personal interview with Professor Leslie Young. Please contact Mr Li Kin Hung of the University's Information & Public Relations Office (Tel: 60998895).