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CUHK Received Literature Books from Australian Consulate General

The Chinese University of Hong Kong recently received from the Australian Consulate General a collection of Australian literature. At a brief presentation ceremony held in the University, Mr G R Bentley, Australian Consul General, presented the books to Professor Charles K Kao, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The collection of books, 69 volumes in total, consists of novels and poetries all written by eminent modern Australian writers, some of whom are Asian migrants.

In his remarks made at the ceremony, Mr G R Bentley pointed out that Australia was looking forward to closer links and better understanding with neighbouring countries in South East Asia and the Pacific region, and the donation of books in Hong Kong was part of Australia's effort to achieve that objective.

In thanking the Australian government for the gift, Professor Charles Kao stressed the importance of global communication and linkage and the status of Hong Kong as a major city connecting East and West.

According to Professor Andrew Parkin, Chairman of the University's Department of English who also attended the ceremony, there is a growing interest in the University's English Department in literary works from different parts of the English speaking world. Apart from the course in American literature that is now being offered, a new course in Canadian literature will be offered next year. It is possible that a new course in Australian literature will also be offered in the future.

The donation by the Australian Consulate General has added to the University's collection in Australian literature and will enable students in English literature as well as in other fields to get more acquainted with the Australian culture.

The Australian Consulate General had donated a set of history books on the bicentennial of Australia to the Chinese University last year.

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Attachment: Photo taken at the presentation ceremony