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Prof Wang Yuan, a leading authority on mathematics in China, delivered a public lecture entitled "Mathematics in China - present situation and development" at The Chinese University of Hong Kong yesterday (April 27) as the University's Wei Lun Visiting Professor.

In his lecture, Professor Wang provided figures on the numbers of Chinese mathematicians, the quantities of mathematical publications and library facilities in China in the various stages of Chinese history in the past 40 years. Achievements and influence of eminent Chinese mathematicians were also discussed. Professor Wang further pointed out that in the future development of mathematics in China, the Chinese government must continue to implement the open door policy and increase the grants on mathematical studies. Special attention should also be directed to the breeding of budding mathematicians and the promotion of academic ethics.

Professor Wang Yuan is at present President of the Chinese Mathematical Society. He was Director of the Institute of Mathematics, Academia Sinica from 1984 to 87. His research on the famous mathematical problems "the Goldbach Conjecture" and "Diophantine Equations" has won international acclaim.

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