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YALE PRESIDENT PROMOTES CLOSER LINKS
WITH LOCAL INSTITUTION

The President of Yale University, Professor Richard C. Levin, is now visiting Hong Kong to foster closer ties between Yale and The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Both committed to strengthening its international linkages, the two institutions are actively promoting collaborative activities in different areas.

President Levin said the promotion of "multiple and lasting ties across disciplines can help bring the world to Asia, sustain Hong Kong's unique international position, and engage China positively."

One notable joint venture is the South China Programme sponsored by local entrepreneurs Dr Cheng Yu-tung and Dr Lee Shau-kee. The multi-discipline programme consists of library development, student fellowships, postgraduate summer workshops and a series of in-depth research on the economic, socio-political and cultural developments in South China. These include projects on social welfare, comparative urban management, laws and policies relating to air and water pollution in the region.

Scholars from nine academic institutions in China, including Zhongshan University, Xiamen University and the Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences, have also been involved as research partners in the South China programme.

Other important collaborative programmes currently being actively explored by Yale and the Chinese University include a Summer Piano Institute in Hong Kong, partnership programme on Chinese art and archaeology, cooperative efforts in cancer research, and collaboration in environmental studies.

Vice-Chancellor Charles Kuen Kao of the Chinese University said the University is creating genuine and meaningful collaborative relationships with major centres of excellence in China, Taiwan and other parts of Asia and the West and has successfully woven these linkages into a worldwide network for the benefit of its globally linked research programmes as well as its staff and student exchange programmes.

During his visit at the Chinese University on May 12, President Levin, who is also an economist, presented a seminar on "American Competitiveness in World Market", attended by local economists, faculty and students of local tertiary institutions.

Attachments: 1. Text of speech of Vice-Chancellor Charles Kao at a lunch in honour of President Levin
 2. Text of speech of President Richard Levin at the Lunch
 3. Yale-CUHK Partnership Programmes
 4. Two photographs on President Levin's visit

Dear Editors,

Photos accompanying the release will be distributed via the GIS press boxes this afternoon. For further information, please contact Mrs Clara Lee of the Chinese University's Information & Public Relations Office at 6035592.