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CUHK to Confer Honorary Degrees

The Chinese University of Hong Kong announces that four distinguished persons will be awarded honorary degrees at the University's 40th Congregation to be held on Thursday, October 11, 1990 in the University. His Excellency Sir David Wilson, Chancellor of the University will officiate at the ceremony.

The degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, will be conferred on Dr the Hon Allen Lee Peng-fei (李鵬飛) and Mr James Z M Kung (孔祥勉). Professor David Todd (達安輝) will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa and Professor Chang Kwang-chih (張光直) will receive the degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa.

Dr the Hon Allen Lee Peng-fei, BS, DEng, CBE, JP, FHKIE, is a prominent public figure and an outstanding industrialist. Dr Lee has had a long and impressive list of public service, especially in his capacity as member of the Executive Council and Senior Member of the Legislative Council. As member of the Council of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and past Chairman of the Council of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Dr Lee has made significant contributions to the promotion of the economic development of Hong Kong. For his outstanding achievement, he received the Outstanding Young Persons Award in 1977 and the Asian Productivity Organisation National Award in 1986. Dr Lee is also widely known for his unceasing support of the local higher education. He served as member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong, Chairman of the Polytechnic Council and Deputy Chairman of the City Polytechnic Council. Recently, he has accepted an invitation to be a member of the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and to chair the Board of Overseers of the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology at the Chinese University.

Mr James Z M Kung, LLB, MBE, FAIA, is Chairman and Chief Manager of Chekiang First Bank Ltd. A prominent figure in the banking and business sectors, Mr Kung has made important contributions to the community by serving on various public boards and committees, notably in the banking and travel industry. He is a member of the Banking Advisory Committee, Director of the Travel Industry Council and Chairman of the Hong Kong Community Chest Executive Committee. Mr Kung is also a strong supporter of tertiary education in Hong Kong. He is treasurer of the Councils of the Hong Kong Polytechnic and the Hong Kong Baptist College. His long association with The Chinese University dated back to 1976 when he joined the Chung Chi College Board of Governors. He was appointed to the University Council in 1981 and was elected Chairman of the Chung Chi Board of Trustees in 1986. In these capacities, Mr Kung has given invaluable advice on the development of the Chinese University.

Professor David Todd, MBBS, MD, CBE, JP is Professor of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Prof Todd has contributed significantly to the training of generations of medical practitioners during his 37 years of teaching at HKU. For his immense contribution to medicine and postgraduate teaching, numerous honours and awards have been bestowed on him including the Carl de Gruchy Medal of the Haematology Society of Australia in 1979 and Honorary Academician by the Singapore Academy of Medicine in 1986. Apart from devoting himself to teaching and research, Professor Todd also plays an important role in the development of medical services and tertiary education in Hong Kong. He is Chairman of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Preparatory Committee; a member of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee; and a member of the Committee on Management & Financing of Teaching Hospitals of the Provisional Hospital Authority. He is also the founder President of the Hong Kong College of Physicians and is instrumental in making Hong Kong an overseas centre for the complete MRCP (UK) examination.

Professor Chang Kwang-chih, BA, PhD, is John E Hudson Professor of Archaeology at Harvard University, USA. Prof Chang is renowned for his pioneering contributions in settlement archaeology and particularly in Chinese archaeology. In the last few decades, the advancement of archaeological findings in China has been systematically made known to the western world mainly through Professor Chang's outstanding synthesis and analysis in his prolific publications. His lectures on the early history of China have initiated numerous American university students in the study of the Chinese civilizaton. By actively promoting scholarly exchanges and inter-disciplinary research projects in the United States, Taiwan and mainland China, Professor Chang has contributed to the training of a number of promising scholars in the field of Chinese archaeology.

Attachment: Photographs of the four honorary degree graduands