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The Chinese University To Forge Worldwide Academic Links

At yesterday's Congregation for the Conferment of First Degrees at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Vice-Chancellor Professor Charles K Kao pointed out that the University is systematically developing worldwide academic links and participation in large-scale collaborative research projects. These activities are coordinated by the new Office of Academic Links.

This ambitious programme of international academic links will provide access to overseas specialists, and the participation in international research work will benefit the career of the staff and students.

The Chinese University's emphasis on research has also led to the continual setting up of new research institutes. The Varsity Resources Corp Ltd, established with other tertiary institutions in Hong Kong to provide consultancy work to local industries, is one example of the Chinese University's service to the community.

The Chinese University will meet Hong Kong's rising demand for manpower by increasing the number of undergraduates from 93,00 to 11,000, and research postgraduates from 500 to 800 in 1992-95. The new departments of systems engineering, nursing, Japanese studies and architecture took their first batch of students this year, and the department of pharmacy will be set up next year.

The Chinese University's expansion plan has also introduced a flexible credit unit system to make the curricula more up-to-date and effective. Planning and decision-making are being decentralised to ensure the best use of resources, while the campus facilities are being vigorously improved.

Professor Kao added that these plans are designed to maintain the high standard of teaching in the face of rapid expansion, and to serve Hong Kong's role as a leading financial and industrial centre. They also reflect the Chinese University's unique mission of integrating the East and the West.

Officiated by His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor of the University, Sir David Wilson, the ceremony conferred 1,484 bachelor degrees, including 318 Bachelor of Arts, 327 Bachelor of Business Administration, 4 Bachelor of Medical Sciences, 103 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, 351 Bachelor of Science and 381 Bachelor of Social Science.

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Attachment: Text of Speech by Prof Charles K Kao, the Vice-Chancellor of CUHK