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University's Role in Technology Transfer under Spotlight

More than 30 heads of universities and eminent scholars from mainland China, North America, Europe and Hong Kong will converge on Hong Kong to attend the Conference on "University's Role in the Integration of Knowledge and in Technology Transfer" next week (Dec 7-9).

Co-chaired by Professor Charles K. Kao, Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Professor Douglas Wright, President of University of Waterloo, Canada, the Conference will discuss the University's educational mission in facilitating the integration of knowledge and creating the linkage and network in technology transfer.

The demands of an increasingly interdependent world economy and the rapid pace of global change are urging tertiary educators to address new requirements for global competence. Accordingly, the university as a centre for training and research must strive for greater synchronization of their mission and activities with the environment.

The Conference is sponsored by the Hsu Chung-Ching Educational Foundation. The Foundation was established in early 1991 in Hong Kong by members of the Hsu family in tribute to the late Mr. Hsu Chung-Ching, a distinguished scholar and education philosopher who became world-renowned in the 1940s, and who later headed Guangzhou's Zhongshan University as its president during the 1950s and 1960s. The objective of the Foundation is to promote higher education, multicultural co-operation and international understanding.

Co-organizers of the Conference include: The City Polytechnic of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist College, Hong Kong Polytechnic, Lingnan College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, The University of Hong Kong and University of Waterloo. The three-day event will take place in The University of Hong Kong, the Baptist College, and the Chinese University respectively.

The Conference brings together a group of senior university presidents and four special guests from China, 12 university and institutional heads from North America and Europe, and heads of the seven tertiary institutions in Hong Kong to address issues in university education. It is hoped that the meeting will provide useful inputs to the deliberation of the future direction and role of tertiary education.

The first-day theme is "Challenges Faced by Institutions of Higher Learning in the Integration of Knowledge." On the second day, the focus will be on the "Diversification of Institutions of Higher Learning in Meeting the Needs of the Society in the 90s and Beyond." On the closing day of the Conference at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the conference will discuss "Technology Development and the Role of Institutions of Higher Learning."

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(The Conference Secretariat will be relocated to Room 1061, Sheraton Hong Kong Hotel, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon starting 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 6, 1992, and can be reached at the Hotel at Tel: 369-1111, Fax: 739-8707 throughout the duration of the Conference.)