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CHINESE UNIVERSITY WINS WORLD BANK CONTRACT TO TRAIN CHINESE EDUCATORS

In a bid to better train their educators, the Chinese cities of Changzhou, Shashi and Luoyang have awarded a HK\$7 million consultancy contract — funded by a World Bank loan — for the Chinese University of Hong Kong to co-ordinate study tours, training programmes and workshops for around 1,000 of the cities' teachers and education administrators.

Lasting for one and a half year, the project is the first large-scale international educational consultancy contract awarded to a Hong Kong tertiary institution.

The Chinese University is carrying out the project in collaboration with the California State University, Northridge; the London University's Institute of Education; the Temasek Polytechnic of Singapore; the East China Normal University and Central China Normal University. Over 120 experts from these institutions are involved.

The contract comprises a series of 45 study tours, workshops and training programmes, both in and outside China, for the trainees. It is hoped that such exposure can help boost the nine-year free education and vocational education systems in these cities and upgrade the quality of teaching and educational administration.

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