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Educator Urges Higher Language Standards at Primary and Secondary levels

The Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Charles K. Kao is concerned about the deteriorating language skills of students entering universities and urges the school sector to lay a solid foundation in both Chinese and English languages.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of Sheng Kung Hui Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School, Professor Kao stressed, one of Hong Kong's strengths was our bilingual tradition of Chinese and English. A high degree of language standards was crucial for the future of Hong Kong and the graduates themselves.

"The ability to write and to communicate is a skill that is expected of a university graduate. Hong Kong has a tradition of teaching English early. Let this be continued. For that we must urge more of our teachers to specialise in teaching languages, and must demand higher standard of students' achievements at primary and secondary school level," he said.

He added that, the debate of the use of mother tongue teaching should not distract the issue.

The Chinese University has taken measures in equipping students at graduation with the necessary standard in English and Chinese to meet the needs in their chosen profession. There are innovative self assessed learning facilities both in English and Chinese. Professor Kao said, the University was further introducing means to build language into the quality assurance programme for the University's teaching and learning processes.

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Photo and speech of Professor Charles Kao will be issued via GIS press boxes.

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