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New Scholarships for CUHK students to further studies in Sweden

Two students of The Chinese University of Hong Kong will be offered scholarships during each of the academic years of 1997/98 and 1998/99 to pursue masters-level programmes in Swedish universities.

Professor Arthur K C Li, Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Mr Roger Svensson, Director of the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT Foundation), signed the Agreement under the Postgraduate Programmes in Sweden for Students from Dynamic Economies on September 18, 1996.

Under the Programmes, STINT Foundation has already offered scholarships to one top university each from eight Asian countries or areas including Singapore, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Hong Kong. The Scholarships covers tuition fees and consists of a bursary of 7,000 Swedish kronor per month to cover the student's cost of living. Recipients of the scholarships can choose from a wide range of programmes including law, economics, applied sciences and technology offered by distinguished Swedish universities.

"The Asia Pacific Region represents a quarter of the world population and is developing rapidly economically as well as in science and technology. Special interest should be given to collaboration in research and higher education with certain selected countries in the Region in areas of mutual economic and cultural interest and where Sweden has particular knowledge and expertise to offer. Sweden has a lot to gain by establishing viable scientific and educational network involving the best universities in these countries," Mr Svensson said after the signing ceremony.

"The Chinese University of Hong Kong was chosen because of its proven achievements in higher education and extensive linkages with research institutes and universities all over the world," he added.

The STINT Foundation was created in August 1994 by the Swedish Government with the purpose of supporting Swedish participation in international cooperation in research and higher education. Sweden places great emphasis on research and higher education. Almost three percent of the gross national product is spent on research and development.

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