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The Chinese University of Hong Kong announces that the 36th Congregation for the conferment of honorary degrees will be held on Thursday, October 6, 1988 in the University.

His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor of the University, Sir David Wilson, KCMG, will officiate at the ceremony.

Six distinguished persons will be awarded honorary degrees at the Congregation. They are Sir David Akers-Jones, the Hon Peter Poon Wing Cheung (潘永祥), Professor Paul C W Chu (朱經武), Professor Zhao Zhong Xian (趙忠賢), Mrs Esther Lee (利黃瑤璧), and Mr Yu Zhen Fei (俞振飛).

Sir David Akers-Jones, KBE, CMG, DCL (University of Kent), JP has had a long and distinguished career as a senior administrator in the Hong Kong Government and his contribution towards the development of local administration and representative government in recent years is well known to all. He joined the civil service in 1957 and in the 30 years that followed, he was appointed Secretary for the New Territories (1974-81); Secretary for District Administration (1981-85); Chief Secretary (1985-86); Acting Governor (1986-87); and Adviser to the Governor (1987). A hardworking and sympathetic administrator, he has been fondly respected, particularly by the people of the New Territories. He retired from Government service last September and is now Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Authority. Sir David is also actively engaged in a wide range of other community service. He will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

The Hon Peter W C Poon, MBE, JP, is a prominent public figure and a much respected professional. He was instrumental in the formation of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. A Legislative Councillor since 1983 Mr Poon has contributed his expertise in accountancy and financial matters to the work of the Council. He sits on many advisory boards and committees appointed by the Government including Directorship on Governor-appointed Boards to improve the management of several local banks, and has made important contributions to the development and the sound running of the local economy. He was appointed by the Governor to the Securities Review Committee in late 1987. Mr Poon's association with The Chinese University began in 1972 when he joined the United College Board of Trustees. He became Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United College in 1983 and a member of the University Council in the same year. He was appointed University Treasurer in 1985. He has generously given the University much of his time and wise counsel. Mr Poon will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Professor Paul C W Chu is TLL Temple Chair Professor of Science and MD Anderson Professor of Physics at the University of Houston, USA. He is a distinguished physicist famous for his contributions in the fields of superconductivity, magnetism, and dielectrics. Last year he and his colleagues at the University of Houston astonished scientists all over the world by creating new kinds of superconducting materials that lose electrical resistance at cold, rather than ultra cold temperatures. The discovery is one of the most important in physics in recent years and opens up the possibility of a wide range of industrial and commercial applications in computing, communication, power transmission and transport. Professor Chu has received numerous awards for his outstanding achievements in this field. He will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

Professor Zhao is a research physicist born and educated in China. He specializes in low-temperature physics and has been research scientist in the Institute of Physics, Academia Sinica since the mid 1960's. His research on high T_c (critical temperature) superconductors began in 1976 and an important breakthrough was achieved in early 1987 when he and his colleagues obtained stable superconductivity at 90 k (-183 c) and above. He was hailed by the American Physical Society as one of the world's most distinguished physicists and in the same year he was awarded the Third World Physics Prize by the Third World Academy of Sciences. Professor Zhao will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

Mrs Esther Lee, philanthropist and widow of the late Dr R C Lee, has been a good friend and staunch supporter of The Chinese University. After Dr Lee's death in 1983, the University has received very remarkable donations from his estate to fund academic and campus development and research projects. Mrs Lee and her family have also continued to render the University their support and encouragement. She is active in community service in Hong Kong and has contributed generously to local charitable causes. She has been honorary president of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children since 1967. She is also a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Mrs Lee will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa.

Mr Yu is a great master of the Kunqu and Beiji operas. Not only has he inherited the fine traditions of his predecessors, he has given greater scope to the two forms of art by amalgamating the essence of both. One of the most accomplished xiao shengs in the 1930's, Mr Yu was the cooperater of Meilanfang for many years. He has had some 60 years of performing experience and has developed a unique style of his own. He has taught kunqu in universities and written extensively on the art. He has been adviser and director of many important opera schools and theatrical companies in China. Mr Yu will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Literature, honoris causa.
