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CUHK Hosts Lecture by World Orthodoxy Leader

The world leader of over 450 million Eastern Orthodox followers, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew I, will visit The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 5th November, 1996 (Tuesday).

The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew I is invited by the Theology Division of Chung Chi College to deliver a public lecture. The lecture, entitled "An Eastern Orthodox Response to Contemporary Issues", will be held from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on 5th November at Cho Yiu Hall of the University Administration Building. All are welcome.

Patriarch Bartholomew I was born on 29th February, 1940 on the Island of Imvros, Turkey and was ordained into the holy diaconate in 1961. He was enthroned on 14th January, 1990. Patriarch Bartholomew I is fluent in Greek, Turkish, Latin, Italian, French, English, and German and has published numerous articles, studies, and addresses. In 1968, he was awarded a doctorate from the Pontifical Oriental Institute at Rome, specialising in Canon Law. He has also been awarded honorary doctorates from the Theological School of the University of Athens, the Theological Academy of Moscow, the Philosophical School of the University of Crete, City University in London, Aegean University, the Roman Catholic Theological School of Leuven in Belgium, the Orthodox Institute of St. Sergius in Paris, the Faculty of Canon Law of the University of Aix-en-Provence in France and the University of Edinburgh.

Patriarch Bartholomew I has been working towards the promotion of pan-Orthodox unity. He has also represented the Ecumenical Patriarchate at many inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian meetings.

He pays great attention to contemporary social issues. Recently, he has officially received The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, with whom he co-organised a one-day seminar on environmental protection on Halki Island. They also agreed to promote this issue each from their own perspective and as they are capable.

The Rev Dr Lo Lung Kwong of the Theology Division of The Chinese University of Hong Kong said, "This is the first time the Ecumenical Patriarch visits Hong Kong, which will enrich the pluralism of Hong Kong's theology studies".

Media representatives are cordially invited to cover the lecture. For enquiries, please call Ms Cheung Man-yi of the University's information & Public Relations Office.