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CUHK Alumnus Appointed First Distinguished International Professor

The Chinese University of Hong Kong welcomes back to Hong Kong its alumnus, the world-renowned mathematician and Fields Medalist, Dr Shing-tung Yau, as the first Wilson T S Wang Distinguished International Professor during the first semester of 1991-92.

Dr Yau, now teaching at Harvard, graduated from Chung Chi College in 1969. After obtaining his PhD from University of California at Berkeley in 1971, he was appointed Full Professor at Stanford University in 1977 at the young age of 28.

In 1981, Dr Yau's work on differential geometry and nonlinear partial differential equations won him the Veblen Prize, a most prestigious award in Geometry given only at 5-year intervals. In the following year, he became the first Chinese to receive the Fields Medal, the highest honour in Mathematics, awarded every 4 years at the International Congress of Mathematicians.

Dr Yau is also the recipient of the Certy Prize (National Academy of Sciences), the Humboldt Foundation Senior Scientist Award, the Union of Pan Asian Communities Award in Science, the Guggenheim Fellowship, the MacArthur Fellowship, and an Honorary Doctorate from The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Born in Swatow, Dr Yau also holds honorary professorships from the Academia Sinica in Beijing and Fudan University.

The Wilson T S Wang Distinguished International Professorship at The Chinese University of Hong Kong was established through the generous donation of Mr Wilson T S Wang to make it possible for eminent scholars from abroad to lecture at the University, to contribute to its academic development and to strengthen its ties with the international academic community.

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Attachment: Photo of Dr Shing-tung Yau