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**Inaugural Lecture by Professor S C Sydney Chung
Professor of Surgery**

Professor of Surgery at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor S C Sydney Chung, will deliver his inaugural lecture, entitled "Through the Looking Glass", on January 6, 1995 at 5 pm at Lecture Theatre, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin.

A pioneer in endoscopic surgery, Professor Chung will introduce the latest development of this medical treatment for diseases that need major operations in the past such as gastrointestinal bleeding. Therapeutic endoscopy is also applicable to nasobiliary drainage for acute cholangitis, mechanical lithotripsy for common bile duct stones, per-oral cholangioscopy and alcohol injection for palliation of oesophageal cancer.

Laparoscopic surgery is another medical miracle which is performed with a telescope through the umbilicus and instruments inserted through tiny puncture sites in the abdomen. Professor Chung said "because of the reduced post-operative pain, less scarring, and shorter hospital stay, laparoscopic cholecystectomy rapidly replaced open surgery as the treatment of choice for gall bladder stones." Laparoscopic surgery is also effective for operations such as appendectomy, repair of ulcer perforations, vagotomy, splenectomy, colon resection, adrenalectomy and oesophagectomy.

Professor S C Sydney Chung received his medical education in Ireland and obtained his MB ChB and BAO degrees from the National University of Ireland in 1980 and was awarded an MD degree by The Chinese University in 1988. Professor Chung returned to Hong Kong in 1981 and served as medical officer in Kwong Wah Hospital. He joined The Chinese University as lecturer in surgery in 1984, was promoted to senior lecturer rank in 1988, and reader in 1992. He has been appointed professor of surgery from October 1, 1994 and is the director of the world-class Shaw Endoscopy Centre at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Professor Chung has played an important role in transferring the endoscopic technique to local doctors and those from Southeast Asia and China.

Professor Chung is a fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and a member of the Royal College of physicians of the UK.

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Dear Editors,

You are cordially invited to send a reporter to cover the above lecture. For further information, please contact Mr Ali Li (6098895) of CUHK's Information & PR Office.