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CUHK PROFESSOR RECEIVES NEW HONOUR

Prof Chen-ning Yang, Distinguished Professor-at-Large of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia yesterday (May 6).

Prof Yang was honoured by Drexel University for "his world stature as an educator, his profound and ubiquitous scientific contributions which make him a major scientific thinker of the 20th century, and his towering influence in being the de facto cultural liaison between his adopted country, the United States and his beloved native land China."

A co-recipient of the 1957 Nobel Prize in Physics, Prof Yang has been honoured over the years for his important achievement in parity non-conservation in weak interactions, statistical mechanics, gauge field theory, condensed matter physics and mathematical physics. Distinguished awards received by Professor Yang in recent years included the Benjamin Franklin Medal by the American Philosophical Society, the Bower Award for Achievement in Science by the Franklin Institute in US, and being elected a foreign academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Established in 1891, the Drexel University is one of the leading institutions in US famed for scientific and technological research and training. The University has conferred this honour to distinguished scientists worldwide including Nobel Laureates Professors Tsung-dao Lee and Murray Gell-Mann, Presidential Science Advisor under President Bush Prof D Allan Bromley, and world renowned nuclear physicist President Akito Arima of the University of Tokyo.

Note to Editor:

Photo of Prof Yang is available for collection at the Government Information Service. For press enquiries, please contact Kathy Hui of the University's Information and PR Office (Pager: 1168822 A/C 6633)