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## CUHK Appointed New Vice-Chancellor

The Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong announced the appointment of Professor Arthur K C Li as Vice-Chancellor of the University with effect from August 1, 1996, to succeed Professor Charles K Kao after the latter's retirement on July 31, 1996. An internationally-renowned surgeon, Professor Li is currently the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University.

Following the announcement of Professor Kao's retirement, a Search Committee was established in November 1994 to advise the University Council on the appointment of Professor Kao's successor. After a diligent world-wide search, the Search Committee received thirty nominations and applications. Among these very outstanding nominees and applicants are some of the very distinguished academics from Hong Kong and overseas, with profound experience in higher education management. Having carefully and rigorously considered the available candidates, the Search Committee unanimously recommended that Professor Arthur K C Li be appointed by the University Council as the next Vice-Chancellor of the University.

The curriculum vitae of Professor Arthur K C Li are set out in the Attachment.

Since October, 1987 under the Vice-Chancellorship of Professor Kao, the University has continued to grow from strength to strength. The two new Faculties of Education and Engineering were added to the original five Faculties. The scope and content of the academic programmes at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels have been enhanced in response to the new and changing community needs. Seven new research institutes were established to promote interdisciplinary research within the University as well as in conjunction with other institutions. With the improved quality of teaching and research programmes, the University is able to attract a large proportion of the most outstanding students into its studies programmes.

To cope with such rapid expansion and the demand for higher efficiency, the management system of the University has been reorganised with decentralization of the University functions to the Faculties and a greater emphasis on accountability and quality control. Major efforts have also been made to strengthen the academic linkages with centres of excellence worldwide and liaison with commerce and industry. This University is privileged to have a team of very capable and dedicated teachers and staff members as well as an increasing number of alumni and benefactors who will continue to cherish and support the University's cause.

As the fourth Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University, Professor Arthur K C Li will lead the University into the 21st century. He will continue to build on the firm foundation laid by his predecessors to prepare the University for greater responsibilities locally and internationally. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, with its unique mission and distinctive intellectual and cultural traditions, will continue to develop as a comprehensive modern university; as a citadel of learning and academic freedom, as a centre of excellence that explores, transmits and disseminates knowledge through its research, teaching and publication programmes, and as an institution that operates with efficiency, quality and a sense of purpose within the global academic community. As a modern university, the Chinese University is playing the important role of a knowledge pool to service the community at large. The Chinese University is a university that provides leadership in higher education in Hong Kong and the neighbouring region.

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