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International Conference on Autonomy in Language Learning June 23rd-25th, 1994

An International Conference on Autonomy and Language Learning, jointly sponsored by The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), will be held from June 23rd-25th. That such an international conference is being held in Hong Kong reflects the importance that tertiary institutions in Hong Kong are placing on self-access language learning as means of promoting language enhancement

A total of 66 speakers will present papers, with 22 coming from outside Hong Kong, including such countries as Australia, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Oman, Singapore, USA, and Vietnam. There will be a total of 6 plenary speakers, including Dr. Edith Esch from Cambridge University, David Little from Trinity College in Dublin, Prof. Philip Riley from the University of Nancy, Barbara Sinclair from the University of Nottingham, Ken Willing from Macquarie University in Australia, and Prof. David Nunan from Hong Kong University.

The conference presentations will focus on a wide range of topics related to learner autonomy: from multimedia to learner culture: from directed self-access learning at university to autonomous learning in the secondary classroom and beyond.

An afternoon of the conference will convene at Shenzhen University in order to get the PRC perspective on autonomous language learning.

Over 200 local and overseas participants are expected to attend.

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