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A four-day UNESCO-Bangkok-MIRCEN Symposium on "Microbial and Engineering Technology in Wastes Treatment" is being held at The Chinese University of Hong Kong from December 3 to 6, 1990.

The Symposium, jointly organized by the Department of Biology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the UNESCO Bangkok-MIRCEN, was attended by more than 50 participants from local and foreign organizations or institutes.

The Symposium is intended to provide participants with information on principles and techniques in the microbial and engineering technology in the treatments of solid and liquid wastes.

The opening ceremony was officiated by the Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Baysung Hsu. A message was presented by the Assistant Director of Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Mr M Stokoe. Professor Geoffrey Hamer, from the Institute of the Aquatic Sciences of Switzerland was delivered the Key-note lecture in the opening ceremony.

The invited speakers for the Symposium are mainly academics from Australia, Japan, Switzerland, the United States and Hong Kong. In addition, about 15 scientists from China, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Nepal and Thailand together with scientists from local government and private organisations are participating in the Symposium. Professor Shu-ting Chang, Chairman of the Department of Biology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, is the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the Symposium.

During the period of the Symposium, Professor David Pramer, Professor of Microbiology and Associate-President for Research of Rutgers State University of New Jersey, USA will deliver the first GIAM VIII lecture in Applied Biology and Microbiology.

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Attachment: (1) Message from Mr M Stokoe, Assistant Director of EPD for the Opening Ceremony  
(2) Introduction by Prof S T Chang  
(3) Programme of the Symposium