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The Chinese University of Hong Kong will host a Symposium on the General Principles of Civil Law of the People's Republic of China in Comparative Perspective from March 25 to 29, 1988 as one of its 25th Anniversary Celebration Programmes.

Jointly organised by the University's Chinese Law Programme of the Centre for Contemporary Asian Studies and the Goethe Institute in Hong Kong, the Symposium will focus on the civil code of China, the General Principles of Civil Law, which came into force in 1986 and represents the first attempt to codify basic rules of private law in socialist China. It defines ownership and property rights, legal capacity, business associations and sets out rules governing liability in contract and tort. It is also applicable to foreign economic activities and includes several provisions on applicable law.

Topics to be addressed at the Symposium include the importance of legal personality and business entities and associations; liability for breach of contract; the scope of private property in China today compared with Soviet Union; liability in tort for defective products; the legal status of the state and the role of civil law in Chinese administrative reforms and the impact of civil law on the foreign investor. Contributors to the Symposium include legal scholars from Mainland China, Taiwan, and other parts of the world including Yugoslavia and Hungary.

The Chief Justice Sir T L Yang will chair the opening ceremony and the first session of the Symposium on March 25 at 9:30 am at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall in the University Administration Building. Professor Charles K Kao, the Vice-Chancellor will give an opening address.

The Symposium is open to the public, for registration please contact the CUHK Chinese Law Programme (0-6952555).

Attachment: (1) Programme of the Symposium
(2) List of Speakers and Discussants

March 21, 1988.

Dear Editor,

You are cordially invited to send a reporter/cameraman to cover the opening ceremony of the Symposium as well as to attend the following sessions.

Clara Lee (Mrs)
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