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CU CONGREGATION TAKES A NEW FORMAT

At the 48th Congregation of the Chinese University of Hong Kong held this morning, the Governor and Chancellor of the University, Mr. Chris Patten, conferred a full range of degrees -- at bachelor, master's and doctoral levels -- to 2,807 graduates during a simple and solemn ceremony lasting some 90 minutes.

The University also honoured the contribution of four distinguished persons by conferring Honorary Degrees on them today. Renowned British educationist and scientist, Sir Eric Ash; and famed Chinese scientist and educator, Prof. Tang Auchin; received Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*. Chairman of Myer Jewellery manufacturer, Mr. David Sin Wai Kin; and Dr. Peter Kwong-Ching Woo, Group Chairman of Wheelock and Company, were awarded Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

The four constituent Colleges -- Chung Chi, New Asia, United and Shaw -- together with the Part-time Degree Programmes, also held a more personalized graduation ceremony-cum-reception each for their respective graduates in the afternoon.

The colourful banners flying in the air, the scented floral decorations, and laughter of family members and friends gathering to see the youthful graduates turn a new page in their life, filled the campus with an atmosphere of joy and jubilation.

In the past, the University organized two degree-conferring congregations every year -- one in October for honorary and higher degrees, the other in December for first degrees. Each of the Colleges also organized a graduation ceremony for their respective graduates.

Speaking at the United College Graduation Ceremony this afternoon, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Charles Kao, said the University will seek to enhance the flexibility of resource allocation by faculties and departments by introducing a "one-line budget" system as from the 1995-96 financial year.

Coupled with more stringent assessment of teaching and research, it is hoped that the best utilization of resources can be achieved in the face of the rapidly changing Hong Kong environment.

The Vice-Chancellor also urged the graduates to broaden their horizons, take interest in community and world affairs, and develop a sense of commitment.

A total of 364 postgraduate students were awarded higher degrees during today's ceremony. Among them were Prof. Leung Ping-Chung, Professor of Orthopaedics and Traumatology who also heads the New Asia College. He was the first person to be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science by the Chinese University.

Among the Doctor of Philosophy degree recipients was Judy Tsui Lam Sin-lai, who was awarded the territory's first doctoral degree in accountancy. Mrs. Tsui heads the Department of Accountancy of the City University of Hong Kong.

First-degree graduates totalled 2,439 this year, and the Department of Architecture and the Specialization Programme in Translation have produced their first batches of graduates.
