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## Hong Kong hosts international conference on mushroom biology

As part of the 30th Anniversary celebration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong will host the First International Conference on Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products from August 23-26, 1993.

The Conference is organized by the University's Department of Biology and the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Network for Microbial Resource Centres (MIRCENS). Sponsors include United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Croucher Foundation, and Concord Health Foods Limited. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Monday morning, August 23, at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall on the Shatin campus. Scientific sessions and exhibitions will be held at Shatin Town Hall.

Major topics covered by the Conference include bioconversions and composting, genetics and breeding, medicinal applications, nutritive aspects, cultivation technology, postharvesting techniques, and quality control problems. Over 300 delegates from more than 40 countries have signed up for the Conference, including renowned experts such as Prof S.T. Chang of the Chinese University, Prof G.T. Liu of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Prof B.K. Kim of Seoul National University, Prof J.F. Peberdy of the University of Nottingham, Prof D.J. Royse of the State University of Pennsylvania, Prof M.S. Bergdoll of the University of Wisconsin, and Prof D.A. Wood of Horticultural Research International (U.K.).

The conference will be conducted in English.

## Note to Editor:

You are cordially invited to cover the conference, in particular the Opening Ceremony on Monday (August 23) at 9:30 am at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall of the Chinese University featuring speeches by the Vice-Chancellor of Chinese University, Professor Charles K Kao; Chairman of the Conference Organizing Committee, Professor S. T. Chang; and senior officials of UNESCO, UNIDO and FAO.

Details are in the attached programme. Please note that except the opening ceremony, the conference will be held at the <u>Shatin Town Hall</u>.

## Transport Arrangement

Journalists coming by train can make use of a special minibus (DG8109), which will depart for Sir Run Run Shaw Hall from outside the University train station at 9:15 am on August 23.

A map of the Chinese University campus is also attached for reference.

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