

新聞稿 PRESS RELEASE



TO NEWS EDITORS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 10, 1993

GOVERNOR LAUDS UNIVERSITY'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING EXCHANGES

Hong Kong is well-placed to expand its role as a centre for academic interchange in the years ahead, and the Chinese University is set to play a major part in this process with the opening of the Tin Ka Ping Building, the Governor, Mr. Chris Patten, said today.

Speaking at opening ceremony of the building which groups together various offices promoting academic links, the Governor -- who is also the University's Chancellor -- lauded the University's efforts in this respect.

"Just as free trade is the surest way to promote economic growth and to drive out poverty, so the free exchange of ideas is the surest way to promote intellectual and cultural development and to drive out misunderstanding and fear," said Mr. Patten.

Each of the centres in the new building -- the Universities Service Centre, the Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific Studies, the Hong Kong-America Centre and the Office of Academic Links -- highlights a relationship which is vital to Hong Kong and to the academic community in the future, he said.

"It's crucial for Hong Kong's future that it has institutions such as this University firmly committed to the ideals of academic freedom, integrity and excellence," the Governor said.

The 11-storey tower is named in honour of eminent industrialist, Mr. Tin Ka Ping, who donated HK\$25 million towards the university's academic research and development programmes last year.

* * * * *

For press enquiry, please contact Mrs. Shirley Kwok at 609-7294 or Miss Annie Lam at 609-7267.