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Conference on the Development of Contemporary China Studies

China experts from the United States, Britain, Australia, France, Japan and Hong Kong are holding an international conference today (June 25) to discuss the development of contemporary China studies.

Organized by the Universities Service Centre (USC) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Centre, the conference takes place at the Furama Kempinski Hotel.

Speakers include Dr Brian Hook from University of Leeds, UK; Dr Jonathan Unger from the Australian National University; Prof Lucien Bianco from Centre De Recherches Et De Documentation Sur La Chine Contemporaine, France; Prof Gilbert Rozman from Princeton University; Prof Tanaka Kyoko from University of Shizuoka, Japan; Prof Y Y Kuek from Lingnan College, Hong Kong; and Prof Ezra F Vogel from Harvard University.

Apart from the development of contemporary China studies in Europe, the US, Japan and Australia, the impact on China studies by China's reform and modernization programme will also be analysed.

Prof Rozman will assess the China studies in Russia, the relevance of the Chinese reform model to Russia and the attitude of Russian political leaders.

Prof Tanaka will describe how China's reform policy brought about fundamental changes in Japan's contemporary China studies. Many economists not specializing in China or Marxism are now interested in carrying out researches in Chinese economy and help set a new trend.

Prof Y Y Kueh will evaluate the changes in approach, methodology and interpretative perspective of western studies on contemporary Chinese economy over the past four decades. Comparison will be made between the earlier generations of Chinese researchers and new China watchers who are given extensive opportunities for field observation, as well as personal exchange with Chinese scholars and government officials.

Prof Vogel will examine the role of China specialists in breaking through the Cold War, the splitting of the China scholarly community as a result of the Vietnam War and academic interest in China's reform, growth, and pressures for democratization.

The USC was established in 1963 to provide research support to China scholars all over the world. The centre houses one of the best collections on contemporary China.

For further information on the conference, please ring 6098765.

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