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The Chinese University of Hong Kong announces that four distinguished persons will be awarded honorary degrees at the University's 38th Congregation to be held on Thursday, October 12, 1989 in the University. His Excellency Sir David Wilson, Chancellor of the University will officiate at the ceremony.

The degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, will be conferred on the Rt Hon Lord Butterfield of Stechford, Dr Harry Fang Sin-yang (方心讓), and the Hon Maria Tam Wai Chu (譚惠珠). Professor Li Yuan Tseh (李遠哲) will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

The Rt Hon Lord Butterfield of Stechford, OBE, DM, FRCP is a distinguished British educator and scientist who has devoted more than 40 years to education and medicine. His distinguished career in higher education was marked by the key positions he held at the Nottingham University and Cambridge University. He was Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University in the early 1970's and then served respectively as Regius Professor of Physic, Master of Downing College and Vice-Chancellor at Cambridge University during 1976 - 1987. He is a trustee of and has chaired many charitable trusts and foundations, two of which - the Jardine Educational Trust and the Croucher Foundation of Hong Kong - operate in Hong Kong. He was also a member of the Hong Kong University and Polytechnic Grants Committee from 1975 to 1983. In these capacities, Lord Butterfield has made remarkable contributions to the promotion of research and tertiary education development in Hong Kong.

Dr Harry Fang Sin-yang CBE, MBBS, MCh(Orth) LLD, FRCSE, FACS, FRACS, JP is well known locally for his dedicated service in the field of rehabilitation for the handicapped. Himself a practising Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr Fang became involved in rehabilitation services for both the physically and mentally handicapped in the late sixties and over the last twenty years has been instrumental in the rapid expansion of such services and their diversification into many new areas like sports and recreation. He chaired many committees related to the development of rehabilitation services locally and was President of the Rehabilitation International from 1980 to 1984. He was a member of the Executive Council from 1978 to 1983 and the Legislative Council from 1974 to 1985. He became associated with The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1979 when he was appointed a member of the University Council.

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The Hon Maria Tam Wai Chu, CBE, LLB, JP, is a prominent public figure and a well respected legal practitioner. Miss Tam has a distinguished record of public service in her capacity as a Member of both the Legislative and Executive Councils. She has made important contributions to the local community by serving on many public bodies as well as committees appointed by the government. She chairs the Transport Advisory Committee and is a member of the Education Commission. She is also a member of the Basic Law Drafting Committee. Miss Tam's association with The Chinese University of Hong Kong began in 1983 when she joined the University Council. She also serves on the University's Terms of Service Committee.

Professor Lee Yuan Tseh, BSc, MSc, PhD, is Professor of Chemistry at University of California, Berkeley. Since the late sixties Professor Lee has devoted himself to research in chemical dynamics using molecular beam techniques of which he is one of the pioneers. He has made sigificant contributions to the fundamentals of the nature of chemical reactions, most notably the mechanism of combustion. Professor Lee's work gained worldwide recognition and in 1986, together with two other scientists, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. He was also recipient of the US National Science Medal and the American Chemical Society Debye Award in 1986.

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