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HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE STUDENTS IN WAR OF WORDS IN PUTONGHUA

Two teams of students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the National University of Singapore will perform a rare feat of debating in Putonghua at next week's Intervarsity Debating Contest 1993.

If the language in use seems challenging, the motion for debate is even more so. Depending on the lots they draw, the two groups will have to argue for or against "Economic Prosperity as a prerequisite for democracy".

Organized by the Office of Student Affairs of CUHK, the debate is aimed at promoting cultural exchange, enhancing the interest in debating and encouraging a wider use of Putonghua.

Sponsored by Morning Star Travel Service Ltd., the debate will take place next Tuesday (June 15) at 2:30 p.m. at the Music Fountain Atrium of the New Town Plaza in Shatin. All are welcome.

The panel of adjudicators includes Prof. Edward T. Chien, of the Division of Humanities of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Mr. Hu Chu Jen, Chief Commentator of Pai Shing Newsweek; and Mr. Ngai Shiu Kit, Legislative Councillor.

Members of both debating teams are undergoing intensive drills in preparation for next week's showdown. "We shall do our best for Hong Kong," said Miss Cheng Sze-ching, student manager of the Hong Kong team.

Note to Editors:

The Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prof. Charles Kao, will present prizes to the winners at the Intervarsity Debating Contest.

You are cordially invited to send a representative to cover the event. For press enquiries, please contact Mrs. Shirley Kwok of the Chinese University's Information Office at 609-7294.