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**Generous Donation by Dr Cheng Yu Tung and Dr Lee Shau Kee
to Support a Joint Research Programme
between the Yale University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Dr Cheng Yu Tung and Dr Lee Shau Kee, renowned business magnates and benefactors have pledged a very generous donation of six million United States dollars (approximately HK\$46.8 million) to support a research programme on South China, Hong Kong and Taiwan co-sponsored by the Council of East Asian Studies at Yale University and the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The decade of the nineties will be a crucial period for Hong Kong, China and Taiwan. This will be a region with tremendous development potential and worldwide attention will be focused on the economic, trade, socio-political and cultural development of this region. For many years, Yale University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong have conducted research on these important topics. Now, the two universities agree to integrate their research strength and with major support from staunch benefactors, their combined research efforts will yield very remarkable results. The collaborative programme of the two universities will help expand and coordinate their resources in Chinese studies in order to generate a strong focus of research and teaching; and promote a broader and better understanding of Hong Kong and its neighbouring region by professionals and business-industrial concerns. Hong Kong's society is undergoing epoch-making changes, the programme will also enable Hong Kong to explore how it may improve its competitive edge, maintain its political stability, and develop a mutually-beneficial and cooperative relationship with South China and other nearby regions, and will greatly facilitate Hong Kong's continued development. The two universities will also invite major scholars in South China and Taiwan to participate in the research programme.

Yale University is one of the top universities in the world. It has built up a very strong inter-disciplinary studies programme in East Asian Studies since the end of the last century. Yale has some of the most distinguished East Asian Studies scholars and their achievements are truly impressive. The Chinese University of Hong Kong has also gained an international reputation in its research accomplishments in the social sciences, business studies, and the humanities. The Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies has evolved from the University's former Centre for Contemporary Asian Studies and Hong Kong Studies Centre, building on their very excellent foundation. The Institute now employs a significant number of very experienced scholars to conduct research programmes on such topics as China's reform and development, Hong Kong and Asia-Pacific economies and political developments and urban and regional development in Pacific Asia. Its very extensive collection of research materials and archives adds to its research capabilities.

Dr Cheng Yu Tung and Dr Lee Shau Kee have not only made very outstanding contributions towards promoting Hong Kong's economic prosperity and community well-being, their enthusiastic support has been instrumental in many major educational and cultural developments both in Hong Kong and overseas. They have on numerous occasions made generous donations to encourage manpower development and scholarly pursuits. The Chinese University also benefits from their contributions as Trustees of its United College and Chairman/Member of its Three-Year MBA Programme Advisory Committee. Their magnanimous support to the Yale-CUHK Programme for Chinese Studies will provide fellowships for doctoral students, funds for engaging experienced researchers and lectureships in related subjects, build up library collections and research resources and finance research projects and academic conferences. The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Yale University are greatly indebted to Dr Cheng Yu Tung and Dr Lee Shau Kee for their timely and most generous gift.

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