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The Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) Extension of The Chinese University of Hong Kong was formally opened on October 20. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Charles K Kao officiated at the ceremony which was attended by over 250 friends and staff members of the University.

The new building is a 4-storey structure to the east of the existing ICS Building. Construction and fitting-out costs totalling some HK\$9.5 million were donated by the B Y Lam Foundation and Bei Shan Tang. Dr the Hon Szeto Wai was the architect for the project. The extension has a total floor area of about 1500 square metres and houses an art gallery, research units, seminar rooms, classrooms, a reference library, offices and storerooms. The Art Gallery extension, connected to the existing gallery, covers an area of over 500 square metres. Mr Simon Kwan was the honorary consultant for interior design. Flanked by white walls and marked by eight grey pillars, the new exhibition hall looks modern and spacious.

Following the opening ceremony of the ICS Extension, a preview of the exhibition of "Paintings of the Ming Dynasty from the Palace Museum" took place to mark this special occasion.

The exhibition is the third joint venture between the CUHK Art Gallery and the Palace Museum in Beijing. It features 100 Chinese paintings by 50 famous artists of the Ming Dynasty. All the exhibits, ranging from paintings about landscape, people, animals, insects to those about flowers and birds have been selected from the collection of the Palace Museum. Leading masters of various schools of painting, including the court painters Lin Liang and Lu Ji; the professional artists Dai Jin and Wu Wei; the Four Great Masters of Suzhou, Zhen Zhou, Wen Zhengming, Qiu Ying and Tang Yin; and the most influential figures in the late Ming period, Dong Qichang, will all be well represented by important works in the exhibition. It is hoped that through the exhibition the development of Chinese painting during the 276 years of Ming rule may be reflected.

The exhibition will be staged at the CUHK Art Gallery until December 11. A catalogue at HK\$250 per copy and postcards illustrating the highlights of the exhibition at HK\$1.5 each are available for sale at the Gallery.

The Art Gallery is open from 10 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Sundays and Public Holidays.