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CUHK Appoints New Professors of Statistics & Geography

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) announces today the appointment of Professor Lee Sik-yum as Professor of Statistics, and Professor Leung Yee as Professor of Geography.

Both Professor Lee and Professor Leung were CUHK graduates and obtained their doctorates from the United States. They have been teaching at the Chinese University since their return to Hong Kong in the late seventies, contributing a long dedicated service to the University and the development of higher education in the territory.

Professor Lee Sik-yum as Professor of Statistics

Professor Lee Sik-yum holds the B.Sc. degree (in Mathematics) from the Chinese University and the M.A., M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Upon his return to Hong Kong in 1977, Professor Lee joined the Chinese University as lecturer in the Department of Mathematics. He transferred to the then newly established Department of Statistics in 1985, and was promoted to reader in 1990.

A distinguished scholar widely recognised for his teaching and research works, Professor Lee has published over 70 papers and was recipient of the 1987 Best Teaching Award organised by the Chinese University Student Union. He is currently conducting research on structural equation models, computational statistics and psychometrics.

Active in promoting statistical studies, Professor Lee was President of the Hong Kong Statistical Society and committee member of the International Chinese Statistical Association formed in the States with the objective of promoting academic exchange programmes for ethnic Chinese statisticians from around the world. He was also the co-ordinator for the International Chinese Statistics Association's first international conference successfully staged at CUHK in 1990, and received a Distinguished Service Award from the Association in 1993. Besides, Professor Lee has been serving on the editorial boards of various prestigious international journals.

Professor Leung Yee as Professor of Geography

Professor Leung Yee received his B.S.Sc. (in Geography) from the Chinese University and the M.A., M.S. (in System Engineering) and Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, U.S.A. He joined CUHK in 1977 as lecturer in the Department of Geography and was promoted to reader in 1990.

An expert in quantitative geography and spatial analysis, Professor Leung is widely acclaimed for his research works on urban and regional planning as well as application of mathematics in geographical research. His recent research project focuses on the development of a highly efficient and intelligent spatial decision support system with an integrative use of artificial intelligence methods, geographical information systems, mathematical models and knowledge engineering techniques. It aims at enhancing the accuracy and practicality of geographical analysis and can be applied to detect environmental pollution, land cover changes and other related geographical works.

Professor Leung is also Director of the University's Centre for Environmental Studies which promotes interdisciplinary environmental studies. The Center also participates in and provides consultancy service to environmental projects such as the environmental decision support system for water pollution control of the tidal river network in the Pearl River Delta.

An ardent supporter of geography studies, Professor Leung is also actively involved in many international professional bodies. He is a member of The World Academy of Sciences, as well as council member of the International Geographical Union and The Geographical Institute of The Chinese Academy of Sciences. He sits on the editorial boards of various international journals and is a Visiting Professor of China's Beijing Normal University.

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- * Note to Editors: Photos of Professor Lee Sik-yum and Professor Leung Yee will be sent via GIS press boxes today.
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