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The Beijing-Hong Kong academic Exchange Centre has recently donated a sum of HK\$70,000 to The Chinese University of Hong Kong in support of activities of the SEZs Data and Research Unit of the University's Centre for Contemporary Asian Studies (CCAS) for next year.

The SEZs Data and Research Unit was established in the University in 1985 with an initial grant of HK\$110,000 from the Beijing-Hong Kong Academic Exchange Centre. It aims at providing information on certain aspects of the SEZs for access of researchers within and without the University. The Unit also serves to promote understanding of the SEZs, to facilitate academic communication among scholars in the field and to organize researches on the SEZs.

Every year CCAS organizes lectures, seminars and international conferences on Asian studies. These are open to invited local and overseas scholars. Research monographs, occasional papers and working papers are also published. Under the auspices of the Centre, the following programmes are operated with external financial support in addition to University funding: Chinese Law Programme, Overseas Chinese Archives Programme, Chinese Population Programme, China's Open Policy and Special Economic Zones Programme, the SEZs Data and Research Unit, Chinese Economic Research Programme and the newly established Japan Study Programme. Financial support has been received from individuals, industries, business organizations and foundations from time to time for the various research programmes of the Centre.

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