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Curriculum Changes under Probe in International Symposium

Over 140 academics and educators from eight countries and regions will converge on the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) next week to discuss the directions of school curriculum in the Southeast Asian Chinese societies in the 21st century.

The International Symposium on Curriculum Changes for Chinese Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges of 21st Century is organized by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction of CUHK's Faculty of Education.

Running from June 21st to 23rd at the Cho Yiu Hall, University Administration Building and Lecture Theatres 2 - 4, Lady Shaw Building, at CUHK, the symposium features over 70 presentations from university academics, school principals, teachers, education administrators, school inspectors and curriculum officers from China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Macau, Singapore, Britain, Australia and Hong Kong.

The two keynote speakers are : Dr. Robert Cowen, from the Department of International and Comparative Education of the London University's Institute of Education; and Prof. Hwang Jeng-Jey, from the Centre for Educational Research, National Taiwan Normal University. Dr. Cowen has been to China, Egypt and Brazil as a visiting scholar. Professor Hwang has also been a visiting scholar, notably at Harvard University.

Other speakers include: Dr. Leslie N.K. Lo, Dean of CUHK's Faculty of Education; and Mr. Fung Yee-wang, Chairman of CUHK's Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

"The 21st century poses many challenges for educators. We, in the Southeast Asia, share a lot of these challenges in common. The school curriculum has to keep pace with the rapid economic, social and educational changes -- namely the rising economic affluence which gives rise to universal education, the evolving concept of life-long education and the deterioration in family education as a result of the rising numbers of divorces," said Mr. Fung.

"Hong Kong's school curriculum and educational system as a whole is particular susceptible to political and economic changes. Educators need to keep abreast of the latest trends in order to devise the best curriculum for their students," he said.

"The response to our symposium has been overwhelming. The number of delegates is now more than doubled the original estimate," said Mr. Fung.

Sponsored by the Wei Lun Foundation Ltd, the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society (Kowloon), the Oxford University Press and the British Council, the symposium is part of a series of activities commemorating the 30th Anniversary of CUHK. Interested parties can contact Mr. Tam Kam Ping at 609-6905.

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