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41st Congregation for the Conferment of First Degrees

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has established within the last three years eight new research institutes/units designed to match the many faceted social developments in Hong Kong, Professor Charles K Kao, Vice-Chancellor of the University, revealed yesterday (December 13) in the University's 41st Congregation for the Conferment of First Degrees.

Professor Kao pointed out that entering the nineties, the research in the tertiary education sector must not only strengthen academic endeavour, but also must contribute to the development to our society. Hong Kong should create new research and development environment to support the long-term growth in the education and commercial sectors.

To achieve the above goals, The Chinese University has recently established number of new research institutes/units including the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology, Universities Service Centre, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Asia-Pacific Institute of Business, Centre for Environmental Studies, Hong Kong Cancer Institute and Centre for Sports Science and Sports Medicine.

The Chinese University has always emphasized research along with good teaching. According to recent statistics, more than 1,100 projects have been undertaken by teachers of the University last year. The University's annual research budget was around forty million dollars, equivalent to about with the corresponding figure of 2% in the early 1980's, the growth was significant.

Yesterday's Congregation was officiated by His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor of the University, Sir David Wilson and the occasion witnessed the conferment of bachelor degrees to 1,353 graduates, including 277 Bachelors of Arts, 271 Bachelors of Business Administration, 3 Bachelors of Medical Sciences, 86 Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery, 341 Bachelors of Science and 375 Bachelors of Social Science.

The Chinese University has in the past graduated more than 20,000 students. They are now performing useful services in a multiplicity of occupations. Some of them have become world renowned in their professions, such as Professor Yau Shing-tung, the Fields Medalist, now teaching at Harvard University; and Dr Tsui Lap Chee of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, who has successfully identified and cloned the gene defect that causes cystic fibrosis. Professor Kao said the contributions of their alumni to society represent a realization of the educational ideals of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Professor Kao addressed the graduating students, "I firmly believe that the education you have just completed at this University equipped you well to face the challenges in the remaining decade of this century and into the next century. The stability of the future development of Hong Kong depends on its ability to effectively manage the new social and political order, and its ability to remain successful in the increasingly competitive world market. I hope you can adopt a positive and progressive attitude towards life. You should have faith in the future, be creative, and hold fast to your ideals so that you may improve yourselves and overcome whatever obstacles that may arise in your future while seizing the new opportunities that come your way. It is equally important that you should learn to cooperate with others and be willing to assume responsibilities for those around you."

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Attachment: Speech by Professor Charles K Kao, the Vice-Chancellor, CUHK