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## Chinese University Establishes Technology Centre with Sun

The Department of Computer Science of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) has taken a major step forward in the development of high-end computing research with the inauguration of its Sun Technology Centre.

The centre worth HK\$6 million has been set up as a joint collaboration to allow technical exchange between the University and Sun's research centre in the U.S. and will spearhead pioneering research in multi-processing technology. Sun will provide early access of its technology for CUHK's design and development projects. The Centre is currently equipped with a 20-CPU SPARCcenter 2000, SPARCserver 670 and multiple high-end SPARC workstations.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is the first higher learning institution in Asia to install a 20-CPU SPARCcenter 2000, a mainframe-caliber system for data centre applications from Sun Microsystems.

Areas of computer science that will benefit from the collaboration include research on a "Super network" using Fast Ethernet and ATM technology from Sun, multiprocessing and multi-threading technology, and object-oriented computing.

"We are pleased to be contributing to the development of computer expertise in Hong Kong." said Timothy Dwyer, vice president of Sun Microsystems, Intercontinental Operations. "Sun Technology Centre is a global, long term and strategic technology collaboration between universities and Sun. The aim is to network top researchers together, by sharing their wealth of knowledge and deliver the best technology to the community.".

The Centre was officially opened yesterday (October 4) by Mr. Dwyer and Professor Wing.

## Note to Editors:

Two photos (copy attached) accompanying the release will be distributed via GIS press boxes. For press enquiries, please contact Mrs Shirley Kwok of the University's Information and Public Relations Office at 609 8897 or Ms Swedee Chin of Sun Microsystems 802 4188.