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The Chinese University of Hong Kong announced the launching of the International Research Programmes which are designed to expand the University's research activities and extend its external linkages with business organizations, government bodies, foundations, overseas universities and research institutes.

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The programmes cover:

a) CUHK Faculty Mainline Research --

Collaborative research carried out overseas by CUHK teaching staff and research personnel of well-known foreign universities and research institutes;

b) Collaborative Ph.D. Thesis Research --

CUHK Postgraduate programme with an overseas attachment and research period; and

- c) Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Research Fellows from China --
 - 1. Thesis research carried out by doctoral students from China at CUHK under the joint supervision of CUHK faculty and supervisor from their home universities,
 - 2. Collaborative research carried out by postdoctoral fellows from China and CUHK staff.

Dr. Winston Liang, Director of the newly established Office of Industrial & Business Development disclosed yesterday (March 16) that these programmes will enable the University to become even more responsive to rapid local and global changes, and at the same time add new dimensions to and create opportunities for the development of its faculty.

The Office of Industrial & Business Development will also facilitate the establishment of research institutes in selected fields. Both basic and applied research will be carried out in these institutes with the intent of developing new products and processes for Hong Kong. Academics will work closely with entrepreneurs and venture capitalists in using the results of research to develop new enterprises. This university-industries-business partnership have led to many new high-technology industries in the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan and Taiwan. The University is currently establishing the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology, and plans are in motion to set up an Institute of Business & Management Research. Research institutes in information technology, advanced materials technology, optoelectronics and sports medicine are also under consideration.

Dr. Liang added that sound research support plus opportunities provided to faculty members through an extensive network of international linkages with academic institutes and with the business sector will bring about a conducive environment which helps to retain high quality staff and attracts more to return from overseas.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is a bilingual comprehensive University. CUHK has developed rapidly since its establishment in 1963 and it now offers a wide variety of both undergraduate and graduate programmes in arts, science, engineering, medicine, education, social science and business administration.