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Lecture on Fundamental Scientific Research in China

Professor Tang Au-chin, Honourary Chairman of National Natural Science Foundation of China, will deliver a public lecture at The Chinese University of Hong Kong as the University's Wei Lun Visiting Professor next week.

Entitled "Fundamental Scientific Research in China - The Role of the National Natural Science Foundation", the lecture (in Putonghua) will be held on January 14 (Thursday) at 4:00 pm at Lecture Theatre L1, Science Centre in the University's Shatin campus.

A graduate of the South West United University in China, Professor Tang obtained his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1949. Since then he has been engaged in teaching and research in Chemistry and has trained a large number of outstanding academic and research personnel in China. He had taught at Beijing University and Northeast People's University and had been President of Jilin University for many years.

Professor Tang has, for many times, won the Prize of National Natural Science of China awarded by the Chinese Academy of Sciences for his significant achievements in research concerning the theories of chemical bonds, the statistical theory on the reactions of polycondensation, cross-linking, copolymerization and the graph theory of molecular orbitals.

Highly respected in the academic circle in China, Professor Tang has been invited to serve on numerous prestigious bodies, including the Presidium of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Academic Degree Committee of the State Council, the Chinese Association for Science and Technology and the Chinese Chemical Society. In 1991, he was appointed Honourary Chairman of the National Natural Science Foundation of China.

Over the past four decades, Professor Tang has published, together with his colleagues, over 250 academic papers and 8 books including the award-winning "Theoretical Method of Ligand Field Theory" and "Quantum Chemistry". A Fellow of the International Academy of Quantum and Molecular Science, he has also been invited to sit on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Quantum Chemistry and the Advances in Quantum Chemistry Series.

Professor Tang's visit to The Chinese University is sponsored by the Wei Lun Visiting Professorship/Fellowship Scheme established through the generous donation of the Wei Lun Foundation Ltd. The Scheme sponsors world-renowned scholars in various academic disciplines to visit and lecture at the University.

Dear Editor,

You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or a photographer to cover the above lecture. Should you be interested in interviewing Professor Tang, please contact Mr Ali Li at 6097293 or Mrs Shirley Kwok at 6097294.