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An International Conference on "Ancient Chinese Scripts" jointly organized by the Department of Chinese and the Ng Tor-tai Chinese Language Research Center of The Chinese University will be held from September 6 (today) to 8, 1983 on the University's Shatin Campus.

Up to 40 distinguished scholars from Mainland China, Taiwan, America and Australia, together with more than 20 participants from local academic circle will take part in the Conference. Participants of the Conference will review in depth research and findings in the studies of bone-inscriptions, bronze-inscriptions, inscriptions and writings from Fourth to Second Century B.C. in China, lexicographic literature related to Shuowen Jiezi and inscriptions found on relics recently unearthed.

The Opening Ceremony of the Conference, officiated by Dr. Ma Lin, Vice-Chancellor of the University, was held in the Cho Yiu Conference Hall with the presence of 70-strong internationally renowned scholars and experts, friends of the University and interested members of the public.

In his opening address, Dr. Ma Lin remarked that it was an honour for the University to be able to host such an international conference of meaningful intents. Comparing Chinese paleographic studies with that of Egypt and Babylon, Dr. Ma added that the importance of the conference lies not in the promotion of learning in ancient Chinese scripts but also in the understanding of the civilization behind it, on which founded the development of modern Chinese culture.

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