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**51st Congregation for the Installation of  
Professor Arthur K C Li as the Vice-Chancellor**

The Chinese University of Hong Kong held its 51st Congregation for the Installation of Professor Arthur K C Li as the Vice-Chancellor at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall on the University campus today (7th November, 1996).

The Congregation, presided at by the Chancellor of the University, The Right Honourable Mr Christopher Patten, was attended by about 1,500 guests, among which were over 60 official representatives from academic institutions in China and overseas.

The Vice-Chancellor was presented with a copy of the Ordinance of the University by the Chancellor. The seal of the Vice-Chancellorship was presented to Professor Li by the Chairman of the University Council, Sir Quo-wei Lee. The introduction of the Vice-Chancellor was written and delivered by the Public Orators, Professor Serena Jin of the Translation Department and Professor Andrew Parkin of the English Department.

Addressing the Congregation, Professor Li emphasised that "Our watchword for the university will be sound management, as indeed it should be for all complex organisations. This means we must know where we are, where we want to go, and identify all the critical issues on the way. In dealing with each issue we will analyse thoroughly our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, and the risks and pitfalls that we will face. When we reach out for opportunities and face up to difficulties, we want the whole University community to be behind us. To that end we must be receptive and responsive to honest criticism, as well as to constructive proposals. No one should be denied their say, and be made to feel left out."

Professor Li also pointed out that one of the major issues concerning educationists the world over is the declining language standards.

"Our University is pledged to strengthen our endeavours in language enhancement by co-ordinating our existing programmes, introducing more modern and effective methods of language teaching, and emphasizing through our General Education courses the significance not only of our Chinese but also our Hong Kong heritage," he told the Congregation.

Professor Li was appointed as the fourth Vice-Chancellor of the University by the University Council and assumed office on 1st August, 1996.

Attachments : Address by Professor Arthur K C Li  
Introduction of Professor Arthur K C Li

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