香港中文大學 THE · CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG





TO NEWS EDITOR
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 3, 1993

Chinese University to sign Medical Faculty Exchange Agreement with Johns Hopkins University USA

An exchange agreement between the Faculty of Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Medical Faculty of the Johns Hopkins University, USA, was signed today (August 3). The Johns Hopkins University was represented by Dr Michael Johns M.D., the Dean of the Faculty and Dr David A Blake, Executive Vice Dean. The Chinese University was represented by Prof Arthur K C Li, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The exchange programme allows two senior academic staff from each institution to visit the other each year to engage in a wide range of academic activities, such as teaching, research and clinical demonstrations. Each visit will last for six weeks. It is intended that this agreement will lead to a close and long lasting relationship between the two institutions which will result in the development of a wide range of collaborative academic programmes. This agreement will also provide a formal structure for numerous collaborations between the Chinese University and the Johns Hopkins University which already exists but on an informal and individual basis. Exchange will begin in 1994.

The School of Medicine of the Johns Hopkins University was established in 1893. It offers a four-year M.D. programme and graduate programmes in biomedical sciences and related fields leading to the award of a PhD or Master's degree. The School has long been a pioneer in medical education in the USA. It is the first medical school in America to have an organization of the pre-clinical and clinical departments as full-time university faculties and the first to develop the graduate school concept in medical education. Medical students in the clinical years learn largely by actual participation in patient care rather than by attendance at lectures. These arrangements proved so fruitful that they have been adopted by many major medical schools in America.

The Johns Hopkins University has excellent teaching and research support facilities. Its major teaching hospital, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, is a collection of more than a dozen 'mini-hospitals' and centres with a total of more than 1,000 beds. Patient care facilities at the Hospital include world-renowned specialty care centres such as the Wilmer Eye Institute, Adolf Meyer Center for Psychiatry and the Neurosciences, Brady Urological Institute, Meyerhoff Digestive Disease Center, Clayton Center for Bowel Tumor Research, the Children's Center, Oncology Center, Halsted Surgical Service Osler Medical Service, the A. McGehee Harvey Teaching Tower and the Russell Nelson Patient Tower. The Welch Medical Library of the University provides access to a wide range of local databases and services, and its collections of books, audiovisual programmes, microcomputer software and periodicals.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital has been named as the best United States Hospital for the third consecutive year by <u>U.S. News and World Report</u>. The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine continues to be the top recipient of research grants from the United States National Institutes of Health.

For press enquiries, please contact Ms Annie Lam (609 7267) or Mrs Shirley Kwok (609 7294) of the University's Information Office.