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An exhibition of "Archaeological Finds from Han Tombs at Guangzhou and Hong Kong" will be held at the Art Gallery, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, from November 19, 1983 to January 8, 1984. The opening ceremony and preview of the exhibition will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18, 1983. Dr. Q.W. Lee, Chairman of the Chinese University Council, will officiate at the ceremony.

The exhibition is jointly organized by the Guangzhou Museum and the Art Gallery, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This joint function, the third of its kind after "Guangdong Calligraphy of the Ming & Qing Periods" and "Guangdong Painting of the Ming & Qing Periods" in 1981 and 1982 respectively, aims at promoting cultural activities and academic exchanges between Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

Ever since the Qin and Han Dynasties, Guangzhou has always been a political, economic and cultural centre of the Lingnan regions. At the same time, it is also an important port for sea-trade and foreign cultural exchanges. Recent archaeological work in China has discovered in the vicinity of Guangzhou many Han tombs which yielded a large amount of burial objects of strong local character. Han relics discovered in Hong Kong are identical to those found in Guangzhou and Foshan. This shows the fact that a cultural homogeneity had been achieved throughout China in Han times.

The first of its kind to be held in Hong Kong, the exhibition has more than one hundred exhibits of Qin and Han relics from Guangzhou and Hong Kong on display. They are mostly pottery objects, also included are bronzes, lacquerware, jades and stone objects. The types of the burial objects range from food and wind vessels, models of carts, ships and houses, figurines, tools and ornaments. They are valuable materials for the study of burials, agriculture, handicrafts, culture, art, transportation, foreign trade, and architecture in the Lingman region of the Han Dynasty.

A fully illustrated catalogue has been published to accompany the exhibition and will be available for sale at the Art Gallery. The opening hours of the Art Gallery are :

Monday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed on Fridays) Sundays and Public Holidays: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Dear Editors,

You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the Opening Ceremony and Preview of the above Exhibition.