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Prof Lau Siu-kai was appointed as Professor of Sociology

The Chinese University of Hong Kong appointed Prof Lau Siu-kai as Professor of Sociology on October 1, 1990. Since last September Prof Lau has also served as the Associate Director of the University's Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies.

Prof Lau specializes in Hong Kong studies. In the past decade, his research focused upon the nature of the socio-political system, political reform and political changes in Hong Kong, and the issues related to decolonization in an atypical setting. His on-going research is related to leadership formation and regime transition in Hong Kong, as well as the emerging social and political conflicts in the transitional period.

Aged 43, Prof Lau obtained his BSocSc degree (first class honours) from the University of Hong Kong in 1971 and after obtaining his PhD from the University of Minnesota, USA in 1975, he joined the Chinese University as lecturer in sociology in August of the same year. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 1983 and reader in 1987.

Prof Lau was appointed Associate Director of the University's Social Research Centre in 1978 and later became Director of the Centre for Hong Kong Studies. Following the reorganization of the Centre into the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Prof Lau was made Associate Director of this newly formed Institute. At present, Prof Lau is also the Programme Director of the "Political Development of Hong Kong" Programme, and Programme Co-Director of the "Social Indicators and Social Development of Hong Kong" Programme at the Institute.

Over the years, Prof Lau has published extensively on issues related to Hong Kong politics. In addition to a number of books, he also published numerous academic papers. His innovative ideas and insights on Hong Kong studies have received wide recognition from both the academic and other sectors in the local community. He is also frequently consulted by officials of both the Hong Kong and Chinese governments, the local and international mass media and community leaders.

His numerous publications include Political Reform and Political Development in Hong Kong, The Ethos of the Hong Kong Chinese (with Prof Kuan Hsin-chi), Social Change, Bureaucratic Rule and Emergent Political Issues in Hong Kong, Society and Politics in Hong Kong and Chinese Familism in an Industrial Urban Setting: The Case of Hong Kong.

Attachment : Photo of Prof Lau Siu-kai

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