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The Universities Service Centre (USC), an information and service centre for contemporary China studies, will formally reopen at The Chinese University of Hong Kong on Thursday, August 31.

Originally managed by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), the Centre was established in 1963 and has since provided office accommodation and professional assistance to several generations of international scholars who come to Hong Kong for a great variety of research work on contemporary China. It has gradually built up an extensive collection of books and other original materials published in China, including over 400 newspapers and 1,000 journals and magazines.

By an agreement reached between ACLS and CUHK, the Centre was relocated to the Central Library Building on CUHK campus in 1988. The Chinese University will fund and manage the Centre for three years for use by all qualified international scholars. After that period, the University plans to expand the Centre into a permanent, full-fledged library of modern Chinese studies for both local and international scholars. It will then become a major repository of original source materials as well as a complete research library for studies of modern China.

The Centre is now under the directorship of Dr H C Kuan, Dean of Social Science of CUHK. Ms Jean K M Hung who has long been associated with USC serves as the assistant to the director. The policy and overall direction of the Centre rests with an advisory committee consisting of academics from both local universities as well as ACLS representatives.

The opening ceremony will be held at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall of the University Administration Building at 3:30 pm on August 31. Professor Charles K Kao, Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University, and Professor R T T Young, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong will officiate at the ceremony. Professor Ezra Vogel, Professor of Sociology at Harvard University will also address the gathering. The function will be attended by local scholars, China watchers and members of the press.

In addition, a workshop on "Political Order in Changing Societies: The Chinese Case" will be held on September 1 at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall to mark the reopening of the USC. Experts on the subject from USA, UK, Canada, Taiwan and Hong Kong will present papers and hold round-table discussions. All are welcome.

Attachment: (1) USC Newsletter January 1989
(2) Programme of the Workshop on Political Order in Changing Societies: The Chinese Case