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More Honours for World-Famous Mathematician Yau Shing-Tung

Internationally-renowned mathematician and Fields Medallist, Professor Yau Shing-tung will be conferred the National Medal of Science, the highest scientific honour of the United States by President Bill Clinton this autumn in recognition of his outstanding contributions in mathematical sciences.

Professor Yau has been the Professor of Mathematics of his *alma mater*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong since 1993 and co-leads the interdisciplinary research work of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences of the University with Nobel Laureate Professor Yang Chun-ning.

The National Medal of Science was established by the US Congress in 1959 as a Presidential Award to be given to individuals who have years after years worked hard to improve the life quality of mankind and made distinguished contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, social and behavioural sciences.

Professor Yau was born in 1949 and educated at the Pui Ching Middle School and The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He won his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971. Professor Yau solved the seemingly incalculable Calabi's Conjecture at the age of 29 and became the first Chinese awarded the Fields Medal, highest honour in mathematics in 1982.

Professor Yau's contributions in mathematics, in particular differential geometry, has brought him numerous honours and prizes. Among these were the Crafoord Prize bestowed by the Swedish Academy of Sciences in 1994, the Veblen Prize awarded by the American Mathematical Society and the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa* by The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

A Professor of Mathematics of Harvard University, Professor Yau also serves as a member of US National Academy of Sciences and Academia Sinica Taiwan and an overseas academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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Note to Editor,

You are cordially invited to send a representative to cover a meet-the-press session for Professor Yau Shing-tung to be held in Room 222A, Lady Shaw Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin at 11:30 am, Saturday, 24 May 1997. For enquiries, please call Ms Cheung Man-yi of the University's Information and Public Relations Office at 2609-8896.