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Luce Scholars Orientation Program 1991

Eighteen young American professional people are now participating in a week-long program of orientation at The Chinese University of Hong Kong in September 1991 prior to entering into ten-month internships in various countries of East and Southeast Asia. The orientation is being held from August 28 to September 5, 1991.

These young people are beneficiaries of the Luce Scholars Program, a project of the Henry Luce Foundation, Inc, of New York. The Luce Foundation was established by the late Henry R Luce, co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc, as a tribute to his parents who were for many years educators and Christian missionaries in China. Owing to this background, the Luce Foundation maintains a strong interest in Asia.

Each year, the Luce Scholars Program chooses eighteen young Americans on the threshold of their careers from those nominated by the 66 American colleges and universities as potential future leaders. These young people may not have done any specialization in Asian studies, but they may be in any other field. The chief motivation of the program is to give future leaders in the American professions an understanding of Asia through the experience of working along-side Asian professional colleagues in Asian institutions and organizations.

The Asian aspects of the Luce Scholars Program are administered by the Asia Foundation, which has responsibility for placing the Scholars in their work situations and for overseeing their programs. As part of this responsibility, the Asia Foundation each year requests The Chinese University of Hong Kong to organise an orientation seminar for the Luce Scholars before they go to their respective countries of assignment. Lecturers in this orientation program include members of the Chinese University staff under the leadership of Professor Ambrose Y C King, Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Overseas lecturers have been invited from the six countries where the scholars will be placed.

The Luce Scholars Program is now in its seventeenth year of operation and many scholars have become leaders in their professions. This year two scholars will be placed in Hong Kong, one as a journalist and one with a leading business firm. One of the scholars will be placed in Beijing. Other scholars will spend their year abroad in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand.

The Henry Luce Foundation and the Asia Foundation, which support the Program, are prestigious American institutions dedicated to Asia-American understanding and goodwill.

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