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## CHINESE UNIVERSITY APPOINTS PROFESSOR IN STATISTICS

Professor Wong Wing Hung has been newly appointed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) as Chairman and Professor of its Department of Statistics. Prior to joining CUHK, Professor Wong was Professor of Statistics at the University of Chicago.

Having taught Statistics for 14 years at the University of Chicago, Professor Wong described Statistics as "interesting and challenging".

"The application of Statistics is manifold," said Professor Wong. "With the advent of the information age, it becomes a vital tool to unravel the intricacies of the world."

Professor Wong's academic interests cover Asymptotic Estimation Theory and Bayesian Statistics. In recent years, he has applied Statistics in the medical field to study Genetic Epidemiology.

Born in China, Professor Wong received his primary and secondary education in Hong Kong. He then went to the United States and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B.A. degree in mathematics and statistics in 1976. He pursued postgraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and obtained an M.S. degree in statistics in 1978, and an M.S. degree in computer science and a Ph.D. degree in statistics in 1980.

Professor Wong's association with the University of Chicago dates back to 1980 when he first joined the University as Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1985 and then Professor of Statistics in 1988.

Professor Wong is a fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. He was awarded Guggenheim Fellow in 1987 and received the C.O.P.S.S. Award (Committee of the Presidents of Statistical Society Award) in 1993. He also served as Associate Editor to prestigious publications including Journal of the American Statistical Association and Statistica Sinica.

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Attachment: Photo of Professor Wong Wing Hung (distributed via GIS press boxes)