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Prof Byron Weng and Prof Kuan Hsin-chi were appointed as Professors of Government and Public Administration

The Chinese University of Hong Kong has appointed Prof Byron S J Weng and Prof Kuan Hsin-chi as Professors of Government and Public Administration from January 1, 1991.

An expert on China's constitution and political system, Prof Weng has made significant contribution to the study of Chinese law. Some of his prominent publications in this field include Essays on the Constitution of the People's Republic of China (Volumes 1 & 2), Essays on Economic Laws of the People's Republic of China (Volumes 1 & 2) and Introduction to Chinese Law.

His recent research programmes are related to issues such as "Chinese and European Concept of Law: Comparative Studies" and "Studies on the General Principles of Civil Law of the People's Republic of China". He is also writing a number of books including the two entitled "Between Mainland China and Taiwan" and "One Country, Two Systems".

Prof Weng was trained in law in National Taiwan University and graduated with a LLB Degree in 1957. He then furthered his studies in the United States at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, where he received his MS Degree in 1962 and PhD in 1971.

He first joined the Chinese University in 1972-74 as Lecturer of the Department of Government and Public Administration while on leave from the Wright State University, Ohio. In 1978, he joined the Chinese University again as Senior Lecturer in Government and Public Administration and was promoted to Reader in 1981.

In addition to publications on Chinese law and constitution, his other academic publications include "Divided China and the Question of Membership in International Economic Organizations", "The Hong Kong Model of 'One Country, Two Systems': Promises and Problems" and Peking's U.N. Policy: Continuity and Change.

Apart from teaching and research, Prof Weng has rendered a number of professional and advisory service, and also maintained an impressive record of public service. He is a key member of the Hong Kong Law Reform Commission, the President of the International Law Association (Hong Kong Branch) as well as the member of the Advisory Committee of the Pacific Region and International Law (PRIL) Series of Conferences. Furthermore, he is a frequent speaker on contemporary China in Hong Kong to such international programmes as the Luce Scholars Hong Kong Seminar, the International Jesuit Workshop on China, the Institute of Asian Studies, and various academic studying groups. He has given many invited lectures to universities, government and civic group audiences in the US, Japan, India, Southeast Asia, and several European countries.

Prof Weng is also a language talent. He is fluent in Mandarin, Taiwanese, Cantonese, English, Japanese and speaks some French too.

A leading political scientist in the field of Hong Kong studies, Prof Kuan Hsin-chi specializes in comparative politics with particular interest in studies of Hong Kong political issues. His on-going research projects on Hong Kong include "Elections in 1991" and "Attitudes towards the rule of law".

A prolific writer, he has published extensively in his area of specialization. Some of his publications include "Hong Kong After the Basic Law", "The Civic Self in a Changing Polity" (with Prof S K Lau), "Jurisdiction and Powers of the British Ombudsman", "Hong Kong's Search for a Consensus: Barrier and Prospects" (with Prof S K Lau), and The Ethos of the Hong Kong Chinese (with Prof S K Lau).

In addition to outstanding academic contributions, Prof Kuan has rendered a wide range of services to the University. He is concurrently Dean of the Faculty of Soical Science. He held the same post during the year of 1983-86. During the period of 1982-84 and 1986-89, he was the Director of the Centre for Contemporary Asian Studies and contributed his expertise and leadership to research programmes conducted by the Centre.

Since 1988, Prof Kuan has been appointed as the Director of the Universities Service Centre which is a well-known information and service centre on contemporary China studies. Under the directorship of Prof Kuan, the Centre is being expanded into a permanent, full-fledged library of modern China 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.

Prof Kuan received his undergraduate education in Taiwan. He graduated with a LLB Degree from National Chengchi University in 1963 and pursued postgraduate studies in Germany. He obtained his MA Degree from Free University of Berlin in 1967 and his PhD Degree from the University of Munich in 1972. He then joined the University's Department of Government and Public Administration as Lecturer in 1973, was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1981 and Reader in 1987. He was honoured as a Visiting Fellow of the St. Antony's College, University of Oxford in 1983.

Apart from his academic work, Prof Kuan has also been active in public service. He is a member of the Universities Joint Salaries Committee of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has also served as a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee, Independent Commission Against Corruption since 1986.

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Attachment: Photos of Prof Byron S J Weng and Prof Kuan Hsin-chi