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CUHK to Confer Honorary Degrees

The Chinese University of Hong Kong announces that four distinguished persons will be awarded honorary degrees at the University's 42nd Congregation to be held on Thursday, October 24, 1991 on the University campus. His Excellency Sir David Wilson, Chancellor of the University will officiate at the ceremony.

Dr Edwin H C Tao (陶學祁) and Dr Li Kwoh-ting (李國鼎) will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. Prof Zhou Guangzhao (周光召) will receive the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa. The degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa, will be conferred on Dr Chiang Chen (蔣震).

Dr Edwin H C Tao, Director of Rankine & Hill (HK) Ltd, is a distinguished engineer and prominent figure in tertiary education sector and in the Building Services Engineering industry. Dr Tao is involved with several major industrial and professional bodies. He is Chairman of the Electrical Industry Training Board of the Vocational Training Council, and Director of the Federation of Engineering Institutions in South East Asia & the Pacific. He is a former President of the Hong Kong Engineering Society, Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and several other engineering associations. Dr Tao has rendered important contribution to tertiary education in Hong Kong, particularly in promoting the engineering programmes in the Chinese University and the Hong Kong Polytechnic. He has played a key role in the development of the Chinese University by serving as a Member of the University Council since 1977 and Member of the University's Campus Planning and Building Committee. During 1978-91, he was the Chairman of the New Asia College Board of Trustees.

An important economic policy-maker and planner in Taiwan, Dr Li Kwoh-ting has held key positions in the government and industries and has chaired many important councils. Dr Li has served as a member of the National Science Council of the Executive Yuan from 1976 and a senior advisor to the President since 1988. He is known for his significant contribution towards the economic success in Taiwan. Many honours and awards have been bestowed on him for his distinguished achievements and contributions, including honorary degrees from the University of Maryland and Boston University in USA, the Sung Kyun Kwan University in South Korea, and the National Central University and National Chiao-Tung University in Taiwan. In 1975, Dr Li was offered the Distinguished Service Award by the New York Chinese Institution of Engineers and in 1987 he was made Distinguished Honorary Citizen of the State of Arizona in USA. Last year a K T Li Lectureship was set up by Harvard University.

Prof Zhou Guangzhao, a renowned Physicist in China, specializes in elementary particles, physics of explosions and radiation fluid dynamics. As President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Prof Zhou has provided policy guidance for and made major contribution towards the scientific and technological development in China. He has also held important posts in various academic institutions including Qinghua University and Beijing University. He was elected Fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences in Trieste, Italy in 1985 and Academician of the National Academy of Sciences in USA in 1987. In 1988 he was elected Foreign Member of the Academy of Sciences in USSR. In 1989 he was nominated as Foreign Member of the Academy of Sciences of Czechoslovakia and Honorary Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Science. He was also elected Chairman of the Pacific Science Association in June this year. Prof Zhou also serves on various Committees in the government including the China Association for International Understanding and the National Academic Degrees Committee. Prof Zhou has been a staunch supporter of academic exchange and research collaboration between the Chinese Academy of Sciences and The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dr Chiang Chen, Founder and Chairman of the Chen Hsong Holdings Ltd, has made important contribution to the development of industry and technology in Hong Kong. A staunch supporter of industrial education, Dr Chiang established the Chiangs' Industrial Charity Foundation in 1990 for the training of talented industrial scientists and technologists of Chinese origin. Apart from sponsoring many training programmes organized by the Chinese University, he has also made a generous donation to the University for the construction of Chiangs Building which will accommodate visiting scholars to the University. Dr Chiang's remarkable achievement in and contributions to industry and the community have won him a place of distinction in the industrial community. He was made Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in 1986 and was conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering by the Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1990.

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Attachment: Photographs of the four honorary degree graduates