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CHINESE UNIVERSITY HONOURS FOUR DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES

At the 50th Congregation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong held today, The Rt Hon Christopher Patten, Chancellor of the University and Governor of Hong Kong, conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, on his predecessor, **Lord Wilson of Tillyorn GCMG**, who served as Hong Kong Governor during the years 1987-1992.

Together with Lord Wilson, three distinguished personalities were awarded honorary degrees. **Professor Jonathan D. Spence LHD, LittD**, Professor of History at Yale University received the degree of Doctor of Literature, *honoris causa*. Eminent industrialist **Mr Tang Hsiang Chien OBE, JP**; and leading property developer **Mr Thomas Chen Tseng-tao CBE** were both awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

Addressing the congregation, Lord Wilson said, the honouring of those three distinguished persons and himself represented two of the pillars which sustained this community - knowledge and the creation and public-spirited use of wealth.

Lord Wilson urged the younger generation to tackle their future amidst the uncertainty about 1997 by learning from the knowledge and experience of the honorary degree recipients - a deep study of China and its history; enterprise successfully applies both in Hong Kong and in mainland China; and a sense of community service.

He told over 500 guests that it was that practical experience over the years - that high degree of autonomy in all except foreign affairs and defence - which China had set out in the Joint Declaration as its policy for Hong Kong after 1997 and which people in China had to carry out in practice if Hong Kong was to flourish to the benefit of the rest of China as well as the people of Hong Kong itself.

"So making a success of the future of Hong Kong requires knowledge and understanding - from both sides. It requires persistent contact and dialogue - on both sides. And it demands the avoidance of the easy stereotype - on both sides." he concluded.

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