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CHINESE UNIVERSITY EXCELS IN APPLIED RESEARCH

Researchers at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) have won a total of HK\$ 15 million of Government funds for pioneering scientific investigations which will help launch new industrial technologies. At four, the number of awards to the CUHK is the highest among universities in Hong Kong.

The coordinators of these projects are: Dr. Walter Ho, of the biochemistry department; Dr. Irwin King, of the computer science department; Dr. Cheung Kwok Wai, of the information engineering department; and Dr. Paul But, of the biology department.

Their pioneering projects will respectively be championing application of new technologies for coronary heart disease diagnosis; quality control for Chinese medicines and health foods; electronic news media and easy-to-use image retrieval computer system for the local fashion industry. Each lasting from two to three years, the projects are expected to be launched soon.

The grants come through the annual funding exercise of the Industry Department's Additional Funding for Industrial Support Scheme – the results of which was announced recently. About HK\$210 million has been earmarked for this scheme for the 1995/96 financial year, and a total of 31 applications have been endorsed in the first round of allocation.

Launched last year to enhance the competitiveness of the local industries, the scheme supports projects which will have critical contribution to the territory's overall industrial and technological development.

The CUHK has consistently won a high proportion of Government grants. During the period 1990-95, the University received HK\$131.8 million of government research grants, the highest among the seven tertiary institutions in Hong Kong.

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