



The Chinese University of Hong Kong has been invited to organise a Tanner Lecture which will take place next week on the University campus. This is the first time a Tanner Lecture has been held in Hong Kong and it will form part of the 25th anniversary celebration programmes of the University.

The Tanner Lectures, founded in Cambridge University in 1978, have over the past ten years sponsored many important lectures primarily on human values by prominent scholars in such prestigious universities as Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Stanford and Yale.

Professor Fei Xiao-tong, a distinguished Chinese social anthropologist and a scholar of international repute, has agreed to speak on 'Unity and Plurality: Reflections on Ethnic Relations in China' (in English) on the University campus. Lecture I will take place on Tuesday, November 15 at 4:30 pm in the University's Sir Run Run Shaw Hall and Lecture II will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 4:30 pm in Room L1, R C Lee Lecture Hall. All are welcome.

Professor Fei Xiao-tong was born in Jiangsu Province, China, in 1910. He graduated from Yenching University in Beijing in 1933 and received the PhD degree from the London School of Economics in 1939.

Professor Fei's life-long career in teaching and research began in 1939. He has held key academic appointments at various prominent universities in China and in the 1940's held visiting positions at prestigious institutions in the USA and UK, such as Harvard University and the London School of Economics. He is now Professor of Sociology as well as Honorary Director of the Institute of Sociology at Beijing University.

Professor Fei is the author of many important publications on Chinese society including such famous works like Peasant Life in China, Earthbound China, and China's Gentry. In recognition of his outstanding contributions in the field of social anthropology, he was awarded the B Malinowski Honorary Prize by the International Applied Anthropology Association in 1980 and the Huxley Memorial Medal by the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland in 1981. In 1983, he became an Honorary Fellow of the London School of Economics.

To complement the Lectures, two seminars have been organized to take place at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall in the University Administration Building. Seminar I will be held on Wednesday, November 16 and Seminar II on Friday, November 18. Seven prominent overseas scholars from UK, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan and China have been invited to take part in the two seminars.

Attachments: Information sheet on Tanner Lecture/Seminar