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CUHK's Vice-Chancellor Awarded Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science

Professor Charles K Kao, the Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), has recently been conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Sussex, Brighton, U.K. This is a particular distinction given that previous Hong Kong recipients have included Sir Run Run Shaw and Professor Ma Lin, former Vice-Chancellor of CUHK.

The citation for Professor Kao's award reads: "he has made important contributions to the understanding and application of opto-electronic techniques of communication" and "his career has demonstrated a complementarity between industry and academe."

A highly respected scientist renowned for his pioneering work on optical fibers, Professor Kao's research is helping to reshape the whole of the world's telecommunication networks; optical fibers now dominate all new telecommunication system installation.

Over the years, Professor Kao has received numerous prestigious international awards for his outstanding achievements, including the 1989 Faraday Medal awarded by IEE, the L M Ericsson International Prize presented by His Majesty King Carl Gustav of Sweden, the IEEE Alexander Graham Bell Medal, the Eleventh Marconi International Fellowship, Membership of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, The Fellowship of Engineering, United Kingdom (FEng), and Membership of the National Academy of Engineering, U.S.

With an international reputation for the quality of its research and for its innovative and effective styles of teaching, the University of Sussex began its association with CUHK when its founding Vice-Chancellor, Lord John Fulton, became the Chairman of the Fulton Commission which recommended the establishment of CUHK in 1963.

Professor Kao received the honour from the Chancellor of the University of Sussex at the University's summer graduation ceremony held on July 17 in Brighton.
