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The Chinese University of Hong Kong has appointed Dr Painan R Wu as University Librarian from 1st September 1990.

Dr Wu, aged 52, graduated from National Chengchi University in Taiwan in 1964. He then studied library science at the University of Michigan and obtained a master's degree in 1968. His second master's degree in languages (1969) and Ph.D. degree in Middle Eastern History (1974) were obtained from the University of Utah.

Dr Wu started his career in 1968 as a cataloger and was appointed director of the Aziz S. Atiya Library for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Utah in 1974. Since then, he has acquired extensive experience in library management by serving as director of other US libraries, including the Donald B. Watt Library of the School for International Training, Brattleboro Vt., and the George T. Hall Library at Bloomfield College in New Jersey. Before joining the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr Wu was director of the Frank E. Gannet Memorial Library and Media Centre of Utica College, Syracuse University for six years.

Dr Wu is a member of the American Library Association and the Asia-Pacific Librarians Association. He said, "Whatever experience I have attained in the past in library management certainly helps a lot, and I am ready to contribute here." As this is the first time he works in Asia, it will allow him a chance to compare the difference between working in the west and in the east. He will initiate certain changes in the University Library, including computerization and specialization of book collection. He will also work with the United College Library to build up an information bank on Hong Kong.

Dr Wu is married with two daughters.

Attachment: Photograph of Dr Painan R Wu