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THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR CHINESE ORGANIC CHEMISTS

The Fourth International Symposium for Chinese Organic Chemists (ISCOC), organised by the Chemistry Department of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), was officially opened today (April 6) by Professor Charles K. Kao, Vice-Chancellor, CUHK. Held for the first time in the territory, this three-day event gathers over 250 participants from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and other parts of the world for an interflow of ideas and the promotion of collaborative research among fellow organic chemists.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Professor Kao said, "Chemistry has much to do with the way we live today and that organic chemistry lies at the very heart of a major segment of modern chemical industry. I am delighted that The Chinese University has been given the opportunity to host this biennial event perpetuating the symposium's spirit to foster fellowship amongst practising organic chemists in China, the Taiwan and Hong Kong regions, and overseas, and to provide a forum for them for the exchange of new ideas in all areas of current interests in their profession."

The symposium runs from April 6 to 8. Programme includes a keynote lecture, 15 invited lectures and poster presentations featuring latest research findings.

The 4th ISCOC will focus on the latest developments in all aspects of the field of organic chemistry with special emphasis on materials science, pharmaceutical chemistry and bioorganic chemistry that have significant impacts on modern living.

World-renowned Professor Chi-Huey Wong of Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, U.S.A. will deliver a keynote address on "Recent research on the interface between bioorganic and synthetic chemistry". He is widely-acclaimed for his works on the use of enzymes in organic synthesis of complex organic molecules, especially carbohydrate, an important component of human body composition that produces energy.

Shanghai hosted the first ISCOC in 1990, followed by Beijing and Taipei in 1992 and 1994 respectively. Major event sponsors are The Croucher Foundation and Epson Foundation.

Attending the ceremony were Dr Henry N.C. Wong, Chairman of CUHK's Chemistry Department and Chairman of Local Organising Committee (LOC), 4th ISCOC; Professor Sunney I. Chan, Honorary Chairman, LOC; and many other distinguished guests.

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(Note to Editors: Photos taken at April 6's opening ceremony will be distributed today through GIS.)

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