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WORLD CLASS SCIENTISTS TO CHART HONG KONG'S NEXT NEW INDUSTRY : INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Eminent scientists, industrialists and educators will gather at The Chinese University of Hong Kong to map out the development of information technology in Hong Kong.

With the widespread use of computer, information technology enables people to have access to up-to-date information timely and at low cost. It is particularly important to Hong Kong as it depends greatly on information to maintain its competitive edge.

The forum, entitled "*Information Technology: The Next New Industry In Hong Kong*" will be held on June 5 (Monday) at 4:00pm at LT1, 3/F, Sino Building of the Chinese University. The latest development of information technology, in particular, its applications in different industries in Hong Kong, will be addressed by the following panel:

- Prof Charles K Kao, Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong;
- Prof H T Kung, Gordon McKay Professor of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science at Harvard University;
- Mr Nigel French, Secretary-General of University Grants Committee;
- Dr William Lo, Director of Multimedia Service of Hong Kong Telecom;
- Mrs Anna Lai, Assistant Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council;
- Mr K K Yeung, Deputy Managing Director of Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited.

A public lecture on "*Impact of Information Technology on Engineering R & D and Education*" will be delivered by Prof H T Kung at 3:00 pm prior to the forum. In the lecture, Prof Kung will examine inherent reasons for the fundamental changes of engineering research, development and education brought on by the latest development of information technology. Strategies and new challenges in R & D and education will also be discussed.

As a pioneer in hardware implementation of algorithms, Prof Kung is equally well-known for his contribution to ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) technology. He built an ATM network with Bell Northern Research, which was at least 60 times faster than today's computer networks.

Both the forum and lecture are open to the public. For enquiries, please ring the University's Computer Science Department at telephone 2609-8444.

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Dear Editor,

You are cordially invited to send a representative to cover the above forum and lecture on June 5 :

Public Lecture : 3pm -- 4pm (LT1, 3/F, Sino Building, CUHK)
Industrial Forum : 4pm -- 5pm (same place)

A campus map showing the way to Sino Building is attached. For press enquiries, please contact Kathy Hui of the University's Information & PR Office (Tel:2609-8894)