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Yale-CUHK Collaborative Research Programme

Dr Cheng Yu Tung and Dr Lee Shau Kee have recently donated US\$6 million (approximately HK\$46.8 million) to Yale University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong to strengthen Yale's East Asian studies programme and to forge stronger bonds between the American and Hong Kong institutions.

The two benefactors were presented the Yale University Medals and The Chinese University of Hong Kong Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their generous support. The Presentation was held yesterday (June 20, 1991) at 11:30 am in Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. President Benno C Schmidt Jr, President of Yale University and Prof Charles K Kao, Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong officiated at the Ceremony.

On the occasion, President Schmidt invited Dr Cheng Yu Tung and Dr Lee Shau Kee, together with Sir Quo-wei Lee and Mr David Sin, to be members of the International Advisory Panel of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies. The panel is formed by Yale University to solicit continuing advice of distinguished persons in different parts of the world on issues relevant to their regions.

Before the Ceremony, President Schmidt and Prof Kao met the local press on the collaborative programmes of the two universities at a press conference. Prof Yeung Yue Man, Director of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Prof William Kelly, Chairman of the Council on East Asian Studies of Yale University also attended the press conference. According to them, the funding to the Yale-CUHK Programmes for Chinese Studies will provide fellowships for doctoral students, funds for engaging experienced researchers and lectureships in related subjects. It will also build up library collections, finance research projects and academic conferences.

"The important cooperative programme with The Chinese University of Hong Kong that we will be able to undertake," said President Schmidt, "affirms the significance of international cooperation and exchange between the United States and Hong Kong".

Prof Kao also stressed the importance of the collaboration between the two universities, and he said the Chinese University is determined to link its academic programmes with major centres of excellence worldwide. According to him, such linkages will allow staff and students of the Chinese University to create and participate in global academic research programmes. The University will have an international reference for measuring its attainments, and its staff and students will have a global access. The visit by the Presidential Delegation of Yale gives additional impetus to further cooperation between the two universities.

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Attachment: 1. Speech by President Benno C Schmidt Jr
2. Speech by Professor Charles K Kao