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**FAMOUS SCIENTIST SPEAKS ON SERENDIPITY IN SCIENCE
AT HKUST**

The well-known physical metallurgist Professor Robert Wolfgang Cahn will speak on *Challenge, Response and Serendipity in the Design of Materials* at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on 23 June 1995.

A professor and research fellow at the University of Cambridge, Professor Cahn will present a number of cases of successful innovations in materials to support his thesis that serendipity rather than target-oriented research leads to innovations. Discoveries are often made by accident though it requires a sagacity based on strong fundamental research to recognize them.

Professor Cahn received his BA and PhD from the University of Cambridge and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London. His work on the fundamental principles of metallurgy has led to important advances in the strength of new materials.

The lecture, co-organised by the Schools of Science and Engineering, will be held at the Lee Wing Tat Lecture Theatre from 3:00 pm. to 4:00 pm. All interested parties are welcome.

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