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The Institute for Environmental Studies Is Established at HKUST

The establishment of the Institute for Environmental Studies (IES) was announced today by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The mission of the Institute, in collaboration with participating academic departments, is:

1. to carry out interdisciplinary applied research on environmental problems, and
2. to develop interdisciplinary environmental education programmes at the graduate level, for professional continuing education, and for liaison with secondary school students and teachers.

"We are conscious of the fact that all human activities which bring about development impose changes on nature and affect the environment," said Professor Chia-Wei Woo, Vice-Chancellor and President of HKUST, at the inauguration ceremony for IES. "We feel it is the technologist's responsibility to contribute to development while keeping its adverse effects to a minimum."

Professor Gary Heinke, the Institute's first Director, stated that the Institute will provide for effective collaboration among the several university departments directly involved with environmental studies. It will assist government and industry in the solution of the urgent environmental challenges facing Hong Kong and her surrounding region. Currently the Institute has about 20 research projects in progress with a total investment of about \$15 million.

The Institute will be guided by an external Advisory Board consisting of 12 senior leaders from industry, business and government. Internally, a programme committee of senior academics will oversee the work of the Institute and its working groups.

During the ceremony, Mr Malcolm J. Matthews, Managing Director of the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd., discussed the environment from an industrial perspective, while the Hon. Peter H.Y. Wong, Member of the Legislative Council, spoke from a legislative perspective.

Experts and academics from HKUST also made presentations on *Marine Biology and Environment*, *Water and Environment*, *Industrial Waste Minimisation* and *Air Pollution and Control*.

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1 November 1993

Press Invitation

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will host the inauguration ceremony establishing the Institute for Environmental Studies (IES) this Thursday.

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The ceremony will be held on 4 November 1993, from 3 to 5 pm, at the Centenary Room, Omni Hong Kong Hotel, Harbour City, Kowloon. Attached please find the programme for the ceremony.

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INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Thursday, November 4, 1993 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Centenary Room, Omni Hong Kong Hotel
Harbour City, Kowloon

PROGRAMME

3:00 p.m.	Arrival of Guests Master of Ceremony	Prof. Tom Stelson, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Res. & Dev.)
3:10	Welcoming Speech	Prof. Chia-Wei Woo, Vice-Chancellor/President
3:15	The Institute for Environmental Studies and its Mission	Prof. Gary Heinke, Director
3:25	Industry Perspective	Mr. Malcolm J. Matthews, Managing Director, The Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd., and Deputy to the Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries (Advisory Board Member of IES)
3:30	Marine Biology and Environment	Prof. Fu-Shiang Chia, Dept. of Biology
3:35	Water and Environment	Prof. Howard J.C. Huang, Dr. Duncan A. McInnis and Dr. David G. Wareham, Dept. of Civil & Structural Engineering
3:45	Industrial Waste Minimization	Prof. Po Lock Yue, Head Dept. of Chemical Engineering
3:50	Air Pollution and Control	Dr. Ming Fang, Research Centre Dr. See Chun Kot, Acting Head Dept. of Mechanical Engineering Dr. Terence S.M. Wan, Dept. of Chemistry
4:00	Legislative Perspective	The Hon. Peter H.Y. Wong, OBE, JP, Member of Legislative Council and Partner, Kwan, Wong, Tan and Fong (Advisory Board Member of IES)
4:05	Closing Remarks	Prof. Shain-Dow Kung, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs)
4:10	Question Period Reception	