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HKUST TO ORGANIZE CYBER CAMP FOR F.6 STUDENTS

Outstanding Form six students will embark on a journey on the information technology (IT) super-highway at a summer camp to be held on the campus of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) from 15 to 19 July 1999.

The 138 campers, selected from some 520 applicants, are among the top students in Hong Kong with very high scores in the HKCEE. During their stay at HKUST, they will be competing for IT excellence in a design project that includes: Web search, multimedia production and an electronic quiz. To win the IT contest, they need to surf on the World Wide Web for clues. They will also have to produce a one-minute video on love, competitions in life or impressions about HKUST using digitized video clips placed on the network.

Entitled 'Engineering Challenges for the New Millennium', the camp promises to give participants an exciting learning experience in a hi-tech environment. Computing support will be given by the temporary installation of PCs in their hall rooms, all connected to the University's high-speed network. Hands-on workshops on Internet tools and softwares have already been conducted on campus on 10 July.

In addition to Web search and multimedia production, the campers will be quizzed electronically on a wide range of issues using a new classroom learning tool developed by HKUST—the Personal Response System. Through this system, their responses to questions will be tabulated and projected on a large screen within a few seconds. This interactive system has been implemented throughout the University to enhance students' participation in class.

Now in its fifth year, the summer camp has proudly achieved its main objective in attracting more women students to join engineering, traditionally a male playground. Nearly half of this year's participants are female students, the highest turnout since 1995. They will attend a special banquet where Ms Betty Lin, Manager of IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd., speaks on the role of women in engineering.

Other highlights of the camp include a parents' banquet, laboratory tours and an informal gathering with faculty members from the School of Engineering, organizer of the camp.

Note to Editors:

You are welcome to visit HKUST and cover the summer camp. Attached is a program schedule for your information. Direct your enquiries to Ms Jacky Tsang of the Office of University Development and Public Affairs at 2358-6306, or email pamedia@ust.hk.