

Press Release cum Press Invitation
31 October 2000

HKUST EIGHTH CONGREGATION

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will present academic degrees to 2,498 graduates during its Eighth Congregation from 8 to 10 November. This is the largest class since 1993 when the University held its first Congregation.

Of the 2,498 graduates, 1,828 are bachelor's degree recipients, 612 are master's degree recipients, while 58 will be receiving their PhDs.

On 10 November, honorary doctorates will be conferred on four distinguished persons for their outstanding academic achievements and public services. They are: Prof Cho-Yun Hsu, a Chinese historian; Prof Kun Huang, a leading physicist; The Hon Charles Lee Yeh-kwong, member of the Executive Council; and Prof Daniel I. C. Wang, a biochemical engineer.

Prof Cho-Yun Hsu, Seamen International Visiting Professor at Duke University and University Professor Emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh, will receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities. Prof Kun Huang, Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences known for pioneering research in phonon physics, will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Science.

The Hon Charles Lee Yeh-Kwong, member of the Executive Council, Chairman of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd, and Chairman of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws. Prof Daniel I. C. Wang, Institute Professor and Director of Biotechnology Process Engineering Center at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be conferred an honorary Doctor of Engineering. (photos of the four honorary degree recipients can be downloaded at http://www.ust.hk/~webopa/news/2000_News/news1031.html)

Dr Kam-ming Yip, Assistant Professor at the Division of Humanities, is the top teacher of the year. She will be awarded the Michael G. Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching.

Judy Wai Man-kwan, former President of HKUST Students' Union, will be presented the Stephen Cheong Kam-chuen Medal for Distinguished Service to the Student Body for her contribution to student services.

Media representatives are welcome to cover the Eighth Congregation, details of which are as follows:

Dates: 8-10 November 2000
Time: 3-4:30 pm
Venue: The Hong Kong Jockey Club Atrium, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon

Congregation Program

Wednesday, 8 November

- Officiated by Dr Steven K. L. Poon, Vice-Chairman of the University Council
- Degrees in the School of Engineering

Thursday, 9 November

- Officiated by Dr Vincent H. S. Lo, Chairman of the University Council
- Degrees in the School of Business and Management

Friday, 10 November

- Officiated by Dr the Hon Sze-Yuen Chung, Pro-Chancellor of the University
- Degrees in the School of Science
- Degrees in the School of Humanities and Social Science
- Honorary Degrees:
 - Prof Cho-Yun Hsu, Doctor of Humanities *honoris causa*
 - Prof Kun Huang, Doctor of Science *honoris causa*
 - The Hon Charles Lee Yeh-Kwong, Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*
 - Prof Daniel I. C. Wang, Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa*
- The Michael G. Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching
- The Stephen Cheong Kam-chuen Medal for Distinguished Service to the Student Body

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