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### **World-renowned Marine Biologist Joins HKUST**

Marine biologist Professor Fu-Shiang Chia joined the Department of Biology at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology after having first worked as a Visiting Professor in Hong Kong for two months in 1992.

A scholar of world renown, Professor Chia says his interest in working in Hong Kong was activated by his deep-rooted desire to teach Chinese students after working overseas for about 30 years.

"I've always been an explorer, and am excited to take up the challenge of helping build HKUST. The marine biology course we teach here is basically environment-oriented. This new generation of students needs a new concept in order to deal with the biological problems facing our planet. Biology teaches them about life."

Professor Chia is an expert in the development and reproduction of marine invertebrates. His research focuses on the interaction between larvae and substrata, and the dynamics of sea bottom communities.

Professor Chia has published over 170 papers and has edited four books. Having devoted three decades to scientific research and teaching, he is now exploring new ground in prose and poetry writing. He has published two books of Chinese lyrical prose since 1991.

Before joining HKUST, Professor Chia was Professor of Zoology, Chairman of the Department of Zoology, and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Alberta, Canada.

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