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Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

A Citation

Professor YÜ Ying-shih, Dip. (New Asia), Ph.D. (Harvard)

Professor YÜ Ying-shih is a scholar and teacher of rare distinction. A graduate of New Asia College of this University, Professor YÜ went on to pursue further studies in the United States and obtained his doctorate from Harvard University in 1962. Seven years later, he was made Professor of Chinese History by the same University. He was then only thirty-nine years of age. In 1973, on leave from Harvard, Professor YÜ returned to his *alma mater* to serve as President of New Asia College and was concurrently Pro-Vice-Chancellor of our University until 1975 when he resumed his teaching at Harvard. Earlier this year Professor YÜ was further honoured by another appointment. He was invited to serve as Charles Seymour Professor of History at Yale University.

Although his field is Chinese History, Professor YÜ is a scholar whose interests extend far and wide. Aside from being the author of the widely-acclaimed *Trade and Expansion in Han China*, he has also published numerous treatises on Chinese philosophy and Chinese literature. One of his favourite subjects is *The Dream of the Red Chamber*. As Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University between 1973 and 1975, Professor YÜ was instrumental in starting numerous projects in the broad field of Chinese studies. He himself provided the living link between the various academic disciplines. As Chairman of the 1974 Working Party on Educational Policy and University Structure, he helped formulate a number of the recommendations which were subsequently taken by the Fulton Commission of 1976 as major points of reference.

In recognition of his outstanding academic achievements and his invaluable contribution to the development of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, I now ask you, Mr. Chancellor, to confer on Professor YÜ Ying-shih the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

November 3, 1977.