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Introduction to the Centre of Asian Studies

The aims and functions of the Centre of Asian Studies are to provide a focal point for the University of Hong Kong in the fields of Contemporary and Traditional Chinese Studies, Hong Kong Studies and East and South-east Asian Studies. The Centre is therefore designed to provide research assistance to Hong Kong University and overseas scholars in these fields; administrative facilities for research, seminars and conferences relating to these aspects of Asian Studies; a forum for postgraduate students to partake in multi-disciplinary and other seminars; publishing facilities for the Journal of Oriental Studies and the results of research in Asian Studies; and the promotion of East and South-east Asian Studies.

The Centre of Asian Studies is an integral part of the University of Hong Kong. Management of the Centre is the responsibility of a Committee of the University Senate. Basic support is provided from the University's budget, through funding of staff positions, maintenance of the Centre's Library, other collections and equipment, and the provision of offices and other services. Additional funds for specific projects and activities are received from various foundations and private sources while 'contract operations', directly financed, are also undertaken.

Acknowledgements for major grants for Centre activities beyond the scope provided by the University budget for the academic year 1980-81 are made to:

- The Harvard-Yenching Institute
- The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
- The Japan Institute of Labour
- The Lee Foundation
- The Lee Hysan Foundation

Several multinational corporations operating in Hong Kong and Hong Kong industrial concerns have assisted with finance and co-operation on business-oriented projects, and fees for contract research and seminars have provided further financial assistance to research activities.

The Centre is, therefore, a facility for the use of (i) members of the University concerned with Asian Studies, (ii) members of the Hong Kong community undertaking university-level research in relevant topics, and (iii) scholars who are visiting the Centre of Asian Studies. Formal affiliation of those using the Centre is granted by the Committee of Management under various designations approved by the University Senate.
The Committee of Management

The Centre of Asian Studies Committee of Management determines and keeps under review the programmes and activities of the Centre. As a committee of the University's Senate, it advises and reports annually to the Senate on all matters regarding the Centre.

Members of the Committee for 1980-81 were Dr. R.L. Huang (Vice-Chancellor), Professor P.S. Willoughby (Law), Professor L.K. Young (Pro-Vice-Chancellor), Professor P.P. Linnowski (Anatomy), Dr. E.K.Y. Chen (Director of the Centre), Dr. L.Y. Chiu (Chinese), Dr. C.K. Leung (Geography and Geology) and Dr. L.R. Wright (History).

Staff

The permanent staff of the Centre comprises a full-time Director, two Research Officers, one Assistant Research Officer, one Administrative Assistant and eight secretarial/clerical staff. One additional Research Officer post has been established as from 1982. In addition to conducting independent research within the Centre's prescribed fields of interest, the Centre's permanent staff work in support of and in cooperation with 'Centre Fellows'.

The research staff at the Centre and their project titles for 1980-81 are as follows:

Director: Edward K.Y. Chen, "Multinationals from Developing Countries"

Senior Research Fellow: Frank N.H. King, "History of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation"


Assistant Research Officer: Patrick M.C. Fung, "Economic Growth Experience of Hong Kong and Singapore"

Temporary staff are employed in connection with research activities and are usually financed from the related research grant.

Temporary Research Staff and their projects during 1980-81 were:

Evelyn Andre (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Georgina P.C.C. Au (Institutional and Social History of Canton: 1905-1925)

Margaret Y.H. Au (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Mary-Elizabeth Campbell (Female Expatriate Adjustment in Hong Kong)
Carolyn Duncan (Female Expatriate Adjustment in Hong Kong)
Claude M.J. Flivel-Demorest (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Anissa Ip (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History — Spatial Analysis)
Sarah Joynes (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
David J.S. King (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Roger J.H. King (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Carmen Kar Wo Lee (The Chinese Military in the Last Two Decades)
Lei Tak Chiu (Hong Kong and Macau Genealogical Collection)
Josiah Hon-Biu Mak (Industrial Relations in Southeast Asia)
Elizabeth Wai-yee Ng (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
N.S. Ramaswami (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Gabriele Rausaerts (Female Expatriate Adjustment in Hong Kong)
Jean Shaw (Female Expatriate Adjustment in Hong Kong)
Shen Huai Yu (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Siu Kwok-kin (Early Hong Kong History)
Siu Kwok-kwan (Hong Kong and Macau Genealogical Collection)
Sung Chi Wan (Hong Kong and Macau Genealogical Collection)
Sarlysa Taip (The Hong Government's role in the economic and social development of Hong Kong: 1945-50)
Tsang Tat-man (Early Hong Kong History)
Rakesh Kumar Verma (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Wang Ke-wen (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Gary Watson (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Helen Wickins (Female Expatriate Adjustment in Hong Kong)
Wong Wing Kit (Institutional and Social History of Canton: 1905-25)
Christopher Lee Yip (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank History)
Charles Chi-fai Yum (Tsuen Wan: a study in new town development in Hong Kong)

Centre Fellows

Centre Fellows are staff members of the University who have declared their intention to undertake their research as 'Centre Fellows', and who have been so approved by the Centre's Committee of Management. Some Centre Fellows' projects may be supported by Centre funds; for larger projects the Director will advise researchers on how to obtain outside funding.

Research grants of Centre Fellows are administered by the Centre, and Centre Fellows are provided research facilities, limited office space and secretarial services.
At present there are 37 Centre Fellows. Their names and projects are listed below.

1. Dr. Alan Birch (History) The HK Government's Role in the economic and social development of the economy, 1945-80
2. Dr. J.P. Burns (Political Science) The Impact of Economic Development upon Commune Organization in China
3. Mr. T.W. Casey (Extra-mural Studies) The Effects of Culture on Managerial Behaviour
4. Mrs. Mimi Chan (English Studies) The Influence of English on Cantonese in Hong Kong
5. Dr. K.S. Chern (History) The United States and East Asia since the Vietnam War
6. Mr. Chuang Shen (Fine Arts) Chinese Temples in Hong Kong; Shekwan Pottery
7. Dr. L.Y. Chiu (Chinese) Bitter Smile
8. Dr. S.C. Fan (Statistics) A Comparative Study of price movements in Hong Kong and Singapore
9. Dr. R.D. Hill (Geography) Bilingual Index to Revue Indo Chinoises
10. Dr. David Y.P. Ho (Psychology) The Study of personality formation and social processes in the context of Chinese culture through the application of psychological research techniques
11. Prof. P. Hodge (Social Work) Social Policy in the ASEAN Countries
12. Dr. Raymond Hau (English Studies) Study of Lu Haun; A Study of the problem of normalization of Chinese Cultural, Environmental, and Familial Background of Female Lung Cancer Patients in Hong Kong
13. Dr. Linda Koo (Community Medicine) The Influence of English on Cantonese in Hong Kong
14. Mrs. Helen Kwok (English Studies) The Chinese Military in the last two decades
15. Dr. Lee Ngok (History) Taun Wan: A Study of New Town Development in Hong Kong; Chinese Railway Transport
16. Dr. C.K. Leung (Geography) Taun Wan: A Study of New Town Development in Hong Kong
17. Ms. W.T. Leung (Geography) Taun Wan: A Study of New Town Development in Hong Kong
18. Mr. David A. Levin (Sociology) A Comparative Study of Industrial Relations in Asia
19. Mr. T.W. Lin (Chinese) An Analysis of the Inhabitants and Their Activities in the Early History of Hong Kong (618-1642)
20. Mr. C.C. Liu (Registry) The History of the New Music Movement in China
21. Dr. A.C.Y. Lui (History) Corruption under the Early Ch'ing
22. Mr. Michael Luk (History) Trends of political thought in China, 1927-49, with special reference to the university intelligentsia and the minor political parties and associations
23. Mr. A.R. Marsh (Education) The Development of population and birth control education, both in Hong Kong and in the S.E. Asian/West Pacific region
24. Dr. Mildred McCoy (Psychology) Psychological Aspects of Female Ex-patriate Adjustment in Hong Kong
25. Dr. N.J. Miners (Political Science) Detailed research into some aspects of the Hong Kong Administration
26. Dr. V. Ooi (English Studies) Aesthetics of the films of King Hu
27. Dr. R. Quested (History) The Russians in Manchuria 1895-1917
28. Dr. S.G. Redding (Extra-mural Studies) Paradigm Research: managerial behaviour in Southeast Asia
29. Prof. W.A. Reynolds (Industrial Engineering) Organisational Structure and Adaptation of Technology in Factories in China
30. Mr. R.A. Rydings (University Library) Union catalogue of Hong Kong materials; Sessional Papers Index
31. Dr. Victor Sit (Geography) Tsuen Wan: A Study of New Town Development; Comparative Urban Studies of the Asian Pacific Region
32. Dr. C.H. Turnbull (History) A Study of the Career of Sir Cecil Clementi
33. Mr. Barry Will (Architecture) Southeast Asian low cost housing study
34. Dr. S.K. Wong (Chinese) Chinese Literary Criticism
Entrepreneurship in Chinese Society; Hong Kong Textile Industrialists
An index to collections of learned writings on Chinese Studies by modern Chinese scholars published since 1911; Hong Kong Newspapers: International Holdings, Directory and Bibliography
Sir Robert Ho Tung (1862-1956) and the Rise of Modern China

Affiliated Members/Honorary Appointments

In addition to research undertaken by Centre staff and Centre fellows, the Centre sponsors research of qualified members of the Hong Kong community and, where funds are provided, administers their projects to the same extent as for staff members of the University.

The Honorary Research Fellows based in Hong Kong who are associated with the Centre of Asian Studies and their fields of interest are listed below:

Leo Goodstadt, "Hong Kong and FRC Economy"
James Hayes, "Guangdong Archival Collection"
Margorie Topley, "Hong Kong Anthropology"

Other Hong Kong scholars designated Associates-in-Research for 1980-81 are:

William Nechman, "Nature and role of religion in early Chinese"
Iris Minor, "Hong Kong Magistrates: 1840's-1970's"

Visitors

The Centre of Asian Studies welcomes academic visitors who wish, during their professional visit to Hong Kong, to have an operating base or, perhaps, simply a convenient address. For temporary visits not involving a significant use of Centre resources, formalities are minimal and the scholar is merely designated "Visiting Scholar".

Those wishing more formal association with the University should apply in advance, stating the details of their project and requirements - both for research and for formal association - for the consideration of the Committee of Management and the Senate. Visitors can be designated "Associates-in-Research" or "Honorary Research Fellows".

Visitors and their research projects during 1980-81 were:

Honorary Research Fellows:

Winston Lo (Florida State University), "Tibetan Materials in the Ming and Qing Records"
Y. Nihei (Keio University), "Industrial Labour Relations in Southeast Asia"
Daniel Tretiak (York University), "Analysis of Chinese Foreign Ministry Personnel"
Edgar Wickberg (University of British Columbia), "Land Tenure under the Qing Dynasty"

Associates-in-Research:

Hiromi Yamamoto (Japan Institute of Developing Economies), "China's Resource-Allocation System in the economic plan"

Visiting Scholars:

Mr. Robert Bauer (University of California, Berkeley), "Cantonesse Sound Change"
Dr. Charles Emmons (University of Gettysburg), "Belief in super-natural phenomenon in Hong Kong"
Dr. Martin Fransman (University of Edinburgh), "Technological Change in machine-producing firms in Hong Kong"
Prof. Winston Hsieh (University of Missouri), "The Silk Industry in the Canton Delta"
Ms. Allyn Nathanson (SOAS, University of London), "Qing Policies in Outer Mongolia, 1685-1760"
Ms. Connie Ng (Notary Scholar), "Attitudes Towards education of the handicapped in Hong Kong"
Mr. Dušan Stanko (University of Basel), "Consumption and supply — urban renewal in Kowloon"
Ms. Janice Stockard (Stanford University), "Chinese Customary Law — the case of female adoption"
Dr. C.T. Wu (University of Sydney), "Urban-rural relations in China"
Mr. S.Y. Yim (Oxford University), "Famine Relief in early Qing China"

Visitors are expected to participate in relevant Centre activities and are asked to make their expertise available through informal discussions or otherwise with members of the University and senior students.

Studentship

Under this programme the Centre receives applications from postgraduate students studying for higher degrees at the University of Hong Kong in fields pertaining to the Centre’s prescribed areas of interest.
The studentship is awarded to a meritorious candidate, who receives a monthly stipend, and who is enabled to undertake his studies in the Centre, and undertake a certain amount of teaching or work in lieu thereof. The studentship holder's degree work is undertaken as usual in a department and approved by the Faculty, but supervision by a Centre Fellow and activities within the Centre are arranged. This award is normally made only to residents of Hong Kong.

The studentship 1980–81 was awarded to:

Ms. Susan B. Rifkin (Department of Social Work) — "Community Health in Southeast Asia"

Research

The Centre's current research projects as undertaken by its Research staff, Centre Fellows, Studentship holder and visitors have already been listed.

The Centre does some research on a contract basis. For instance the history of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank is being conducted under agreement with the said Bank, and the collection of Clan Genealogies in Hong Kong and Macau under agreement with the Genealogical Society of Utah. Research on business-related projects are sometimes sponsored by Hong Kong and multinational companies.

In the past, the Centre has also acted as a research base for activities of research groups from overseas. In such cases, the visiting group states its requirements and a formal agreement is drawn up by which the University receives the funds from the sponsoring organisation and administers them, employing the necessary support staff (research assistants, translators, clerks) who become members of the Centre staff for the duration of the project. Members of the visiting team are associated with the Centre in the usual ways.

The Centre is also a member of the Association of Development Research and Training Institutes of Asia and the Pacific (ADIPA). In addition, the Centre maintains contact with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Regional research activities have been conducted in cooperation with these organisations. During 1980–81 the project on "Hong Kong's Small Scale Industry" was completed as part of a larger project on small scale industry in Southeast Asia, in cooperation with IDRC.

Seminar Programmes

The three recently-established seminar programmes got well underway during 1980–81. The seminar programmes are essential to the primary function of the Centre as an inter-disciplinary unit bringing together the staff and post-graduate students of the University. They aim to provide the necessary means to encourage group research; to attract an increasing number of scholars to Centre activities; to form a valuable link with the teaching function by enriching the courses offered; and to provide a continuing focus of interest for Centre Fellows. The three programmes are each headed by a Chairman as follows:

Contemporary Chinese Studies (Chairman: Dr. C.K. Leung, Department of Geography and Geology)
Traditional Chinese Studies (Chairman: Dr. L.Y. Chiu, Department of Chinese)
Southeast Asian Studies (Chairman: Dr. L.R. Wright, Department of History)

During 1980–81, the need for a fourth programme on Hong Kong Studies was recognised. This programme will be established in the coming academic year.

The activities of the seminar programmes are conducted through seminars, workshops, and lectures by participants and visitors. These activities are also meant to augment the Masters' programmes in the University. In 1980–81, several lectures were given by well-known authorities. Seminar series and workshops were also organised on specific topics in the academic year 1980–81.

Under the auspices of the Contemporary Chinese Studies Seminar Programme the following activities were held:

'Growing Old in a Modernizing China'
Seminar by Dr. Y.F. Woon, Centre for Pacific and Oriental Studies, University of Victoria, Canada.

'Impressions of Inner Mongolia Northern Shanxi Province'
Slide presentation by Professor F.P. Lisowski, Department of Anatomy, University of Hong Kong.

'Fieldwork on Urban Planning in Shandong Province'
Informal colloquium by Dr. C.T. Wu, Department of Town Planning, University of Sydney.

'Emigration and the sending society of Taishan'
A report of on-going field research by Professor Liu Yuzan, Associate Director, Southeast Asia History Research Institute Zhongshan University and Professor Linda Cheng Birke, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.
'Paleoanthropological Research and its Organisation in China' Seminar by Professor Wu Ru-kang, Deputy Director and Research Professor, Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology, Academia Sinica, Beijing.

Seven papers were presented at the seminar on "China's Foreign Policy", co-ordinated by Dr. K.S. Chern. The papers were:

'Some reflections on the Sino-Soviet Split' by Professor P.B. Harris, Department of Political Science, University of Hong Kong.

'Some Aspects of Sino-Russian Relations on the Chinese Eastern Railway' by Dr. R.K.I. Quested, Department of History, University of Hong Kong.

'Recent Sino-Vietnamese Relations' by Dr. B.C.J. Shaw, Department of Political Science, University of Hong Kong.

'China's approach to Parliamentary Diplomacy at the General Assembly: 1971-79' by Dr. B.S.J. Weng, Department of Government, and Public Administration, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

'Theory and Practice in China's Foreign Policy: "Theory of Differentiation of Three Worlds" and ambassadorial appointments' by Prof. Daniel Tretiak, Department of Political Science, York University and Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong.

'The Agony of Chinese-American Relations: a historical interpretation of the Cold War in Asia' by Dr. K.S. Chern, Department of History, University of Hong Kong.

'British Policy towards China Under the Thatcher Government' by Mr. E.V. Roberts, Department of Political Science, University of Hong Kong.

'A Hong Kong Barrister's Role in China's early 20th Century Legal Reform' by Dr. Bernard Luk, School of Education, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

'Chinese Church, Labour and Elites, and the Mal-Tai Question of the 1920's' by Mr. Cari Smith, School of Theology, Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

'Hong Kong and China in the Village World' by Dr. David Faure, Department of History, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

'Perspectives on the Chinese Labour Movement: The Hong Kong Connection' by Dr. Ming K. Chan, Department of History, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

'China's Role in Two Hong Kong Disturbances: A Scenario for the Future?' by Dr. J.D. Young, Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Hong Kong.

'Publications on Hong Kong Studies from China' by Mr. Peter K.H. Young, Library, University of Hong Kong.

'Hong Kong in the Balance: August-September 1945' by Dr. Alan Birch, Department of History, University of Hong Kong.

'A Chinese Consul for Hong Kong?' by Dr. Peter Wesley-Smith, School of Law, University of Hong Kong.

'The Development of Non-trade Economic Relations between China and Hong Kong' by Ms. F.K. Lau, Department of Business and Management Studies, HK Polytechnic.

'Trade between Hong Kong and China: Issues and Prospects' by Dr. T.T. Haueh, Department of Economics, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Mr. T.C. Woo, Department of Economics, HK Baptist College.

Before the end of the academic year, Mr. Michael Luk coordinated a seminar on "Ideology in Politics and Literature in China". Six papers were presented at this forum, which are listed below:

'People's War in the Melting Pot' by Dr. N. Lee, Department of History, University of Hong Kong.

'New Democracy or Socialism — the examination of the Thought of Mao Tse-tung' by Mr. Steve Chiu, Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong.
'Literature and Ideology: theoretical considerations with reference to Mao Tse-Tung's Short Stories'

by Mr. M.A. Abbas and Dr. T.W. Wong,
Department of English Studies and Comparative Literature, University of Hong Kong.

'The "National Defence Literature" Debate and Later Appraisals'

by Dr. P.L. Chan, Department of Chinese, University of Hong Kong.

'Lu Hsun Studies in China after 1949'

by Mr. W.T. Lai, Department of Chinese, University of Hong Kong.

'From Bandit to Hero: Li Ta-ch'eng in Yao Hau-she-yin's eyes'

by Dr. L.Y. Chiu, Department of Chinese, University of Hong Kong.

The Traditional Chinese Studies Seminar Programmes also had several overseas scholars present talks and seminars. These were as follows:

'Dream of the Red Chamber'

Group discussion by Mr. Chou Yu-chang, Mr. Feng Chi-yung and Mr. Chen Yu-pa (Beijing).

'A re-valuation of Grand Secretary Yan Song (1480-1566)?'

Seminar by Professor So Kwan-wai,
Department of History, Michigan State University.

'Japanese Perspectives of Some Issues Related to the Study of Economic History of the Ming-Qing period'

Seminar by Saeki Yuichi, Director,
Institute of Oriental Culture, Tokyo University.

'The Rank System of Imperial Chinese Civil Service: personal rank or position clarification rank?'

Seminar by Dr. Winston Lo, Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong and Department of History, Florida State University.

'The Study of the Tung-Hwang Scrolls in the last thirty years'

Seminar by Dr. Chi-yu Wu, National Centre of Scientific Research, France.

'Reform and Self-Strengthening in China, 1947-1879: the great policy debate and its aftermath'

Seminar by Dr. David Pong, Department of Far Eastern History, Australian National University.

'Chinese Modern Arts'

Seminar by Professor Liu Hai-Su,
Nanking Art Institute.

'The Images of the Yellow Emperor: recent research and its problems'

Seminar by Professor Yun-hua Jan,
Department of Religion, McMaster University, Canada.

'Qing Tenure in South China: evidence from Hui-chow, Taiwan, and the New Territories'

Seminar by Professor E. Wickberg,
Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong and Department of History, University of British Columbia, Canada.

'An Introduction to Qing Archival materials in Beijing'

Seminar by Dr. Beatrice Bartlett,
Department of History, Yale University.

The Southeast Asian Studies group organized several seminars as listed below:

'Community Health in Southeast Asia: attitudes about Community Participation in Community Health Programmes'

Seminar by Ms. Susan B. Ritskin,
Institute of Asian Research, University of Hong Kong.

'Research and Prospects in Urban Studies in Asia'

Seminar by Professor T.C. McGee,
Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia.

'Development and under-development in the Third World'

Seminar by Professor Andre Guster Franke, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom.

'Kampuchea: Is the Crisis Over?'

Seminar by Dr. Milton Gaborne, Australian National University.

'Some comments on the problem of corruption in Southeast Asia with special reference to Indonesia'

Seminar by Professor Leslie Palmer,
School of Humanities and Social Science, University of Bath, and I.U.C. visitor, Department of Political Science, University of Hong Kong.

This programme also held a symposium on "Rural-Urban Migration in Southeast Asia". This symposium was coordinated by Dr. Alan Stretton and Dr. S.F. Richards. The participants and their topics are listed below:

'Migration --- some questions of definition, measurement and semantics'

by Dr. S.F. Richards, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Hong Kong.

'Circular Migration in Southeast Asia: some theoretical explanations'

by Dr. A. Stretton, Department of Economics, University of Hong Kong.
'Migration in pre-nineteenth century South-east Asia' by Dr. L.R. Wright, Department of History, University of Hong Kong.

'Transmigration in Indonesia' by Dr. R.D. Hill, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Hong Kong.

'Psychological process in adapting to new environments' by Dr. M. McCoy, Department of Psychology, University of Hong Kong.

Other Activities

Seminars of general interest in Asian Studies were also held in 1980-81. These are listed below:

'Recent Developments in Social Sciences and Southeast Asian Studies'
Informal colloquium by Professor He Shaofa, Deputy Director of the Institute of Southeast Asian History and Director of Population Studies Centre, Zhongshan University.

'The Hong Kong Population Census of 1981'
Seminar by Mr. Joseph Lee Man-kong, Assistant Commissioner (Social), Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong.

'Evolution of Land Values in the Context of Rapid Urban Growth'
Joint Seminar with the Centre of the Urban Studies and Urban Planning by Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Urban and Regional Economics Division, World Bank.

'Mortality in South and East Asia: some issues for development strategy'
Seminar by Dr. H. Kanelukwa, Chief Statistician, Dissemination of Statistical Information, World Health Organization.

'The Translation of Chinese Poetry: Theory and Practice'
by Professor Donald Holzman, College de France.

'Urban Planning Education in the Middle East'
by Mr. George Dudley, Former Dean, School of Architecture, University of California, Los Angeles (jointly sponsored with the Centre of Urban Planning and Urban Studies).

'Biological Research in China'
Seminar by Professor Yan Shao-yi, Institute of Developmental Biology, The Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing.

From time to time the Centre also arranges for addresses to students on study tours from overseas universities. In the past year two groups came to visit:

(1) The Oakland University Study Tour, which heard lectures from Mr. Leo Goodstadt on "Economic Relations of China with Asia and the West" and Dr. K.S. Churn on "China's Foreign Policy with particular reference to Asia", and

(2) The Amhuris School of Business Administration, Denmark, which saw a slide show presented by the Hong Kong Tourist Bureau, and heard a lecture by Dr. Y.C. Jao on "Hong Kong's role as a financial centre in the region and its relation with the PRC."

Contract seminars are also undertaken. In November 1980 a seminar on "Prospects of Politics, Economy and Society of China" was held for a group of businessmen from Japan, sponsored by Tokyo Broadcasting Service, Inc. Expertise for this seminar was drawn from both the Hong Kong community and the University.

In co-operation with the Goethe Institute, the Hong Kong Comparative Literature Association, the Comparative Literature Association, CUHK, and the British Council, the Centre presented a seminar on "Brecht in East Asia: Theory and Pratice" in March 1981. A number of scholars from Asia, Europe and North America came to participate in this seminar.

The Centre is collecting materials of importance in the cultural history of Guangdong. This archival collection consists mainly of folk literature and other popular materials. The Centre has so far acquired 'Wooden fish books', 'nam yam', ballad, song and puppet theatre, Chinese medicine, mediumship and Fung-shui books. Several books in these categories were added to the collection during 1980-81.

In collaboration with the Genealogical Society of Utah, the Centre has also acquired several clan genealogies of Hong Kong and Macau. This collection is a valuable supplement to the Guangdong archives.

The Centre also has collections of slides on the Lingnan School of Painting and on Guangdong paintings, films of anthropological interest in Hong Kong, and tapes of Nan-yin Cantonese Narrative Songs. These are available on loan for educational purposes. It is hoped that the Centre will be able to expand these audio-visual collections in the forthcoming years.

A small library consisting mainly of materials on Contemporary China is operated by the Centre. This library is open for consultation by University staff and students, and accredited visitors. The collection housed in this library supplements other such collections in Hong Kong, such as that at the Universities Service Center and the University of Hong Kong Main Library.
A data-base on various aspects of China is being prepared in the Centre. The database aims to provide a guide to both primary and secondary sources on Chinese politics, ideology, education, economy, agriculture, industry and health care. It will be available to all accredited scholars.

Publications

A. Occasional papers and Monograph series (ISSN: 0378-2689)

This series is designed primarily to enable the results of Centre-sponsored research and seminars to be more widely disseminated in an immediate way as possible. It attempts to ensure that the scholarly community overseas are aware of the important work being done in the University of Hong Kong in the field of Asian Studies.

B. Bibliographies and Research Guides (ISSN: HK041-1900)

There is no 'national' system of bibliographical control of Hong Kong materials, and the Centre is attempting, in a modest way, to fill this gap. The series of research guides and bibliographies is designed to facilitate research, make known research materials available in Hong Kong, and generally to provide tools for scholars in the broader area of Asian Studies. The work of collection, collation, design, editing, etc. is undertaken in the Centre of Asian Studies as a service to the scholarly community. In many cases Centre Fellows are involved, and the work may arise initially from their research interests.

The following books were published by the Centre of Asian Studies during 1980-81:

*China and the Origins of Immunology*, by Joseph Needham, iv+34 pp. October 1980. HK$12.00


C. Journal of Oriental Studies (ISSN: 0022-331X)

In 1980-81 it was decided that the Centre assume the responsibility of publishing the *Journal of Oriental Studies* instead of the Hong Kong University Press which did so for many years past. The scope of the Journal has been revised as follows:

"The area of coverage of the *Journal* includes China, Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia; the subject matter includes both traditional and contemporary issues in history, geography, fine arts, language, literature, philosophy, law, architecture, archaeology, economics, political science, sociology and anthropology."

The *Journal* is published biannually. Contributions from overseas and Hong Kong are welcomed. Commencing with the 1981 volume, one issue of the *Journal* will be exclusively in Chinese and the other exclusively in English.

A complete list of the Centre of Asian Studies publications is appended. Standing orders are accepted.
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A. Occasional Papers and Monographs (ISSN 0378-2689)

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