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HKUST Library Celebrates Special Collections

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Library will hold an exhibition and a series of lectures on Thursday (6 June) to celebrate the opening of its Special Collections Room.

Since its inception, the HKUST Library has focused its special collections on two areas which are of great scholastic value and unique in the region: Antique Maps of China and the History of Science and Technology.

The Antique Maps of China collection includes 230 maps, charts, pictures, and atlases mainly produced by European cartographers from the 16th to 19th centuries. The collection vividly records the growth of knowledge about the region and the long history of cross-cultural exchanges between China and the West.

The History of Science and Technology collection, with emphasis on scientific discoveries and inventions in Europe in the last 500 years, comprises approximately 530 volumes of rare books and 1,200 volumes of reference titles, offering an illuminating glimpse into some of the greatest achievements of the human intellect.

"The new Special Collections Room will provide a physical setting befitting the intrinsic value and beauty of these items, as well as appropriate environmental security. Scholars will also have adequate space to view and use the collections," said Ms Min-min Chang, HKUST University Librarian.

Members of the media are welcome to attend the opening ceremony of the Special Collections Room and the lectures before and after the ceremony. Details are as follows:

Opening Ceremony-Library Special Collections Room
Exhibition: China in Maps

Date: 6 June 2002

Time: 10:45 am - 11:30 am

Venue: HKUST Library, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon

Officiating Guest: Mr David Ting, Head, Office of the European Commission in Hong Kong, European Union

Lectures 1: China In Maps

Date: 6 June 2002

Time: 9:15 am - 10:45 am

Venue: Chow Tak Sin Lecture Theater, Academic Concourse, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon

Speakers: Prof Zhang Longxi, Chair Professor of Comparative Literature and Translation & Director of the Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies, City University of Hong Kong

Mr Roderick M Barron, Antique Map Specialist, Kent, England

Lectures 2 : History of Science and Technology

Date: 6 June 2002

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Venue: Chow Tak Sin Lecture Theater, Academic Concourse, HKUST, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon

Speakers: Prof Fung Kam Wing, Associate Professor, Department of Chinese, The University of Hong Kong; Director, The Chinese Society for the History of Science and Technology, Beijing, China

Mr Jonathan A Hill, Specialist in Rare Science Books, New York