

WEEKLY MEDIA REVIEW (NO.49/93)

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1. Celebrated author Maxine Hong Kingston gives a reading at HKUST on 25/11.  
SCMP (27/11) and Ming Pao (24, 26/11) reported this.  
(Our press release was issued on 23/11.)
2. Dinosaurs and HKUST  
Six papers (17-23/11) reported that the Urban Council was organising an exhibition at the HK Science Museum which is to feature 8 dinosaurs from the National Science Museum in Canberra, Australia. As publicity for the event, a science forum was held on 28/11. Prof H K Chang, Dean of Engineering was one of the speakers. The HK Science Museum also issued a special envelope with a set of four recently issued stamps depicting science and technology in HK. One of the stamps featured HKUST.
3. Prof Donald Chang of Biology speaks at the Public Science Lecture Series on 28/11  
Four papers (16-27/11) reported that Prof Chang would be talking about communication systems in biological organisms and how they work.  
(Our press release on this 5th lecture for the series this year was issued on 26/11)
4. Prof Jay Chen, Director of RC, comments on a minor incident involving a Dragonair airliner  
HK Today (1/12) carried a report on the incident in which the airliner made an emergency landing at Kai Tak Airport after cracks were found in one of the windows. Prof Chen was interviewed and talked about potential risks of such incidents.
5. Prof Jeffrey Wong, Director of BRI, urges the Govt. to spend more money on biotech research in HK  
SCMP (29/11) referred to Prof Wong's speech at a seminar on Biotechnology and Ethics and quoted him urging the Govt. to spend \$2 billion a year on key technologies that would help the developing world, as a way of giving foreign aid.
6. Dr Leonard Cheng of Economics comments on Chinese Govt.'s policies on foreign exchange rates  
Ta Kung Pao (25/11) carried a report on foreign exchange rates in China. Dr Cheng and two other local economists were interviewed.
7. "Mainland regulators face a taxing time"  
In a report with this title, SCMP (26/11) interviewed Dr Howard Gensler of Accounting who commented on China's Revised Individual Income Tax Law. He pointed out that there were several fundamental issues not tackled in the law.
8. "Capital markets, CEO salaries, accounting practices"  
HK Business (11/93) carried a report with this title which briefly reviewed research projects being conducted by scholars, including Prof Jevons Lee, Prof Sheridan Titman, Dr K C Wei, Dr Lewis Lu and Dr Ann Sherman, of the School of Business and Management.
9. Dr Francis Lui of Economics talks about Robert Lucas Jr.'s research on national productivity  
HK Economic Journal (17/11) carried Dr Lui's article on this

topic.

10. HK hosts Symposium on Journalism in China, Taiwan and HK  
HK Economic Journal (24/11) carried an article written by Mr King Cheng of OPA on this first symposium for Chinese news executives from these three places.
11. First Joint Colleges Video Festival '93  
Four papers (9-19/11) and City Entertainment Bi-weekly (4-17/11) reported that participants included students from the 7 tertiary institutions under UPGC.  
(This item was mentioned in review no. 43.)
12. Visitors dissatisfied about restricted areas at HKUST  
Oriental Daily (1/12) reported that two visitors complained about too many restricted areas. An OPA spokesman was quoted explaining that while visitors were welcome, security was also an important issue. He noted that assistance to visitors was available at the campus Information Centre.
13. A personal profile on Mr Danny Yung of OPA  
Eastweek (3/11) carried a 4-page interview with Mr Yung in which he talked extensively about his activities in art and culture.
14. "CLP looks at meters to reduce power use"  
In a story with this title, HK Standard (27/11) quoted Sir Sidney Gordon, Chairman of China Light & Power as revealing that CLP was considering introducing slot meters in homes in a bid to comply with Govt. pressure to cut electricity consumption in HK. He noted that the system was already working well in cutting consumption at HKUST.
15. Prof Nai-fu Chen of Finance talks about the stock market in HK  
ATV's Chinese public affairs programme, News Magazine (2/12) interviewed Prof Chen who talked about recent development in the stock market, especially after Morgan Stanley released its research report on the stock market. He also talked about whether the govt. should tighten control over securities firms to protect the interests of investors.

Note:

This review is mainly based on newspaper clippings on UST received within the week. Enquiries and suggestions can be made to Office of Public Affairs (ext. 6305 or 6306). A set of the clippings is available in the Reference Section of the Library (where items may be photocopied if desired). This review is for information only. All information recorded here is as reported in the original articles. Names and terms are translated from the Chinese as best we are able when official translations are not immediately available. The only English dailies in HK are South China Morning Post (SCMP) and Hong Kong Standard (HKS).