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The Centre for China Urban and Regional Studies (CURS), Hong Kong Baptist University,

formally established on 1 July 2001, aims at conducting high quality research and cultivating academic exchange on China's urban and regional developmental issues. "Pooling researchers of various disciplines of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), CURS is established with a view to further enhancing Hong Kong's status as an academic hub for the study of China's cities and regions." Prof. Li Si-ming, Director of CURS addressed.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

■ The Second Meeting of the East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography (EARCAG), HKBU, 6-9 December 2001, organized by the Department of Geography, HKBU and sponsored by CURS;



Objective:

Provide a forum for scholars from all parts of the world to discuss the geographical issues of East Asia from a critical perspective.

The plenary session consists of three keynote speeches, namely:

- ◆ Neoliberalism and the Geography of Hegemony, by Richard PEET, Clark University, USA;
- ◆ Woman & Child Trafficking in Bangladesh: A Geographical Analysis, by Mohammad Kamal HOSSAIN, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; and
- ◆ The New Global War in Afghanistan: "Neo-liberalism" Vs "Terrorism", Who Pays its Cost? by Fujio MIZUOKA, Hitotsubashi University, Japan.

For details of the EARCAG Conference, you can visit its official website at www.hkbu.edu.hk/~earcag, or contact its organizing committee at 2339-5061 (Tel.) or earcag@hkbu.edu.hk (Email).

■ Workshop on Globalization and Urban Transformation in China, Los Angeles, March 2002



Objective:

It is a workshop to discuss the scale issues on globalization and urban transformation in China. It will also be the first meeting of the members of the working group on *"Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization"*.



Background

The working group on *"Urban Transformation in China and Reorganization of the State in an Era of Globalization"* was set up under the funding support from the Urban China Research Network of the State University of New York at Albany.

◆ Dr. Carolyn Cartier, Department of Geography, University of Southern California; and

◆ Prof. Si Ming Li, Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University

are the co-ordinators of the working group.

The three major research themes of the working group are:

(1) To theorize urban restructuring and state reorganization in China through the globalization debates and scale relations;

(2) To empirically analyze how the intersections between domestic economic restructuring and globalizing processes have affected China's urban hierarchy and urban agglomerations, and to what extent this has led to global city-regional formation in the Chinese context;

(3) To examine local conditions of urban transformation brought by economic restructuring and political and cultural globalization.

Centre's Inauguration

The CURS's Inauguration Ceremony was held on 8 November 2001 at the Lam Woo International Conference Centre, HKBU. We are so thankful for the ardent support from all participants, particularly our guests of honour Prof. Ng Ching Fai, President and Vice Chancellor of HKBU, and Hon Yeung Yiu Chung, Principal of Heung To Middle School. They respectively delivered opening addresses and officiated the ribbon cutting at the ceremony.



Ribbon cutting, officiated by (from right) Prof. Li Si Ming, Prof. Ng Ching Fai, Hon Yeung Yiu Chung, and Prof. Xu Xueqiang, benchmarks the official opening of CVRS.

Heung To Educational Fund kindly offers a generous donation of HK\$521,000 to support the research endeavours of CURS. In order to express our sincere gratitude, the Inauguration Ceremony was punctuated with a session of donation presentation.



Group photos among some of the participants attending the CVRS's Inauguration Ceremony on 8 November 2001

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The official opening of CURS was followed immediately by two **public lectures**. We are so honoured to have Sir Wu Ying Sheung, Chairman and Managing Director of Hopewell Holdings Ltd., and Prof. Xu Xueqiang, Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Zhongshan University, to be our guest speakers. They respectively spoke on the land use and transboundary transport development in Hong Kong, and the developmental issues of the China's western region.



Two public lectures at the second part of CURS's Inauguration Ceremony, by Prof. Xu Xueqiang (above) and Sir Wu Ying Sheung (below)



CENTRE'S OCCASIONAL PAPERS SERIES

In order to cultivate academic exchange, CURS's occasional papers series involves not only the publication of our research fellows' dissertations, but also the work of other scholars, from the mainland, Hong Kong and overseas, in the field of China urban and regional studies. As of December 2001, **nine occasional papers** have been published.



■ **Housing Tenure and Residential Mobility in Urban China: Analysis of Survey Data** (Si Ming Li and Doris K. W. Fung, July 2001)

■ **Urban Development and Planning in Shenzhen Special Economic Zone: Elements for an Informed Understanding** (Wing Shing Tang, August 2001)

■ **Toll Roads in the Countryside: A Road Pricing System of Chinese Characteristics?** (Him Chung, September 2001)

■ **China's WTO Accession and Its Impact on Spatial Restructuring of Financial Centers in Mainland and Hong Kong: A Geography of Finance Perspective** (Simon X. B. Zhao, October 2001)

■ **Population Migration and Urbanization in China: A Comparative Analysis of the 1990 Population Census and the 1995 National One Percent Sample Population Survey** (Si Ming Li, November 2001)

■ **Flexible Production in the Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta Region: Regionalization of Industry and Transformation of A Local Chinese Economy** (George C. S. Lin, December 2001)

■ **Doing Research About Hong Kong Petty Capitalists Doing Business in China** (Alan Smart, December 2001)

■ **The Language and Politics of Discontent in New Millennium China** (Christopher J. Smith, December 2001)

■ **廣東省珠江三角洲的城鎮化：「城鄉融合區」的啟示**
(邵一鳴、李思名，2001年12月)
Urbanization in the Pearl River Delta: Evidence of Rural-Urban Integration Zone
(Yat Ming Siu and Si Ming Li, December 2001)

The papers' abstracts are now available at CURS's webpage. Or, you can contact us for full text subscription of any issues.

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