



PRESS RELEASE

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Harvard scholar gives talk on China's future development

Harvard scholar and University Grants Committee Member Professor William Kirby today (1 November) gave a talk on the topic of "The Chinese Century?" on the campus of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). The lecture by Professor Kirby has attracted a full house of more than 150 audience comprising staff, students and external guests.

Professor Kirby is warmly welcomed by PolyU President Professor Timothy W. Tong and staff and students of the University. In his welcoming address, Professor Tong said, "Globally, eyes are on Asia and the Chinese mainland and perception has it that the next century belongs to the Chinese mainland. I am sure our audience will be enlightened by Professor Kirby's sharing of his views on the trends in entrepreneurship, education and values of the Chinese mainland."

A historian of modern China, Professor Kirby is the Spangler Family Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School and T. M. Chang Professor of China Studies at Harvard University. He is a Harvard University Distinguished Service Professor. He serves as Director of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and Chairman of the Harvard China Fund. Professor Kirby will be conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities by PolyU at its 16th Congregation to be held on 3 November.

Professor Kirby is no stranger to Hong Kong and he has been serving as a Member of UGC since August 2009. His work examines China's business, economic, and political development in an international context. His current projects include case studies of contemporary Chinese businesses and a comparative study of higher education in China and the United States. He is Honorary Visiting Professor at Peking University, Nanjing University, Chongqing University, and Fudan University.

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新聞稿

哈佛學者主講中國的未來發展

哈佛學者兼大學教育資助委員會成員柯偉林教授今天(十一月一日)以「中國世紀？」為題，在香港理工大學(理大)發表演講。柯教授的演講吸引了超過一百五十位理大師生及嘉賓出席，場面熱鬧。

理大校長唐偉章教授與師生熱烈歡迎柯偉林教授到訪。唐教授致辭時表示：「全球都注視亞洲及中國的發展，認為下一個世紀將會是中國的世紀，相信在座各位會透過柯偉林教授探討中國在企業、教育及價值觀的真知灼見獲得啟發。」

柯偉林教授是研究現代中國的歷史學家，他是史賓勒家族工商管理學教授、哈佛大學 T.M. Chang 中國研究教授。他亦是哈佛大學資深傑出成就講座教授、哈佛大學費正清中國研究中心主任，及哈佛中國基金會主席。柯教授將於本月三日獲理大頒授榮譽人文學博士學位。

柯偉林教授對香港並不陌生，他自二零零九年八月起出任大學教育資助委員會成員。他的研究主要探討在國際背景下中國商業、經濟和政治發展。他目前則從事當代中國商業的專題研究，及進行中國與美國高等教育的比較研究。柯偉林教授同時擔任北京大學、南京大學、重慶大學和復旦大學的榮譽客席教授。

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