

## ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FIRST HONG KONG CONFERENCE  
ON LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY

Sociolinguistics today: Eastern &amp; Western perspectives

The first Hong Kong conference on Language and Society will be held at the University of Hong Kong from April 25 to 28, 1988. There will be plenary sessions on a variety of sociolinguistic topics. Papers in the following areas are welcome: regional and urban dialectology, linguistic variation and change, the ethnography of communication, anthropological linguistics, discourse analysis, language planning and language policies, bilingualism and multilingualism, language and social psychology, sociolinguistic theory, research design and methodology in sociolinguistic surveys.

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## Chinese/English Typewriter Model 9250

Through the collaboration of the International Quartz Limited (Yau Tong, Kowloon) and the China Shen Zhen Software Technique Limited (Shenzhen), an Intelligent Chinese/English Typewriter Model 9250 has been developed. While there are now several word processors on the market, these require the use of a computer for their operation. The Model 9250 is one of the first "stand-alones" to become available. It is a pioneer product in the field of information processing involving Chinese writing.

Model 9250 is based on a 24-pin dot matrix printing technology. The Chinese characters are 24 by 24, while the English letters are 24 by 12. The Chinese characters may be accessed by several methods, including pinyin and Cangjie. It has a serial port (RS-232) and a parallel port (Centronics) for communication with other machines.

JCL acknowledges the generosity of Mr. Wu Zi-hao, president of International Quartz Limited, for his donation of a Model 9250 in September 1987.