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ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW JOINT RESEARCH CENTER ESTABLISHED TO STUDY LANGUAGE AND HUMAN COMPLEXITY

On December 8, 2013, the inauguration signing ceremony of The Joint Research Centre for Language and Human Complexity (JRCLHC) was held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, officiated by the presidents of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Prof. Joseph Sung (沈祖堯), of Peking University (PU), Prof. Wang Enge (王恩哥), and of the University System of Taiwan (UST), Prof. Ovid Tzeng (曾志朗), along with their inauguration addresses to this new Joint Research Centre across the greater China region for interdisciplinary linguistics studies. They were joined by Prof. Kenneth Pugh, Director of Haskins Laboratory, USA, along with his ceremony address; Prof. Jou Jing-Yang (周景揚), President of Taiwan Central University; Prof. Wu Yan-Hwa (吳研華), President of Taiwan Chiao Tung University; Prof. Liang Kung-Yee (梁廣義), President of Taiwan Yang Ming University; Prof. Leung Yuen Sang (梁元生), Dean of Faculty of Art, CUHK; and Prof. William S-Y. Wang (王士元), Director of The Joint Research Centre for Language and Human Complexity, CUHK at the plaque-unveiling ceremony. Dozens of guests from Hong Kong, mainland China and Taiwan witnessed the historic moment. The establishment of the Joint Research Centre will strengthen ties between scholars of CUHK, Peking University and UST toward long and sustainable collaboration, and help bring the research development to new heights of excellence. (see CPRO 2013)

The directors of the three centers for cross-institution joint research are respectively: William S-Y. Wang (王士元), Chen Baoya (陳保亞), and Ovid J. L. Tzeng (曾志朗). A preliminary discussion of the Joint Research Centre by W. S-Y. Wang appears on pp.38-43 in the December 2013 issue of 《科學中國人》 (Scientific Chinese). Prof. Wang's speech in Chinese at the inauguration signing ceremony for the Joint Research Centre (Wang 2013: 250-252) and the "Mission Statement" of the Joint Centre in English (JRCLHC 2013: <http://clhc.cuhk.edu.hk/mission.html>) further envisioned its research direction and strategies. A shared vision for the three partners is to

understand human complexity through multidisciplinary research on language, using the complementary methods of linguistic fieldwork (especially minority languages), and laboratory experiments (especially in cognitive neuroscience).

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