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Press Invitation

Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences Professor James J. Heckman to speak on “Investing in Early Childhood - Creating Opportunity and Promoting Social Mobility by Investing in Skills: A Lifecycle Perspective”

Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences **Professor James J. Heckman** has devoted his professional life to understanding the origins of major social and economic problems related to inequality, social mobility, discrimination, skill formation and regulation, and to devising and evaluating alternative strategies for addressing those problems. While his work is rooted in economics, he collaborates across disciplines to get to the heart of major problems. Professor Heckman shared the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences with Daniel McFadden in 2000 and is the Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago.

During the lecture entitled **“Investing in Early Childhood: A Conversation with Professor James J. Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences”**, co-organised by the Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong; Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong; and Chicago Economics Society. Professor Heckman will share his views on early childhood education and exchange ideas with the audiences. Members of the media are welcome to cover the event. Details and programme are as below:

Date: March 30, 2015, Monday

Time: 9:45 am - 11:30 am

Venue: The Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

Programme

- Introduction of the Speaker by Dr Kevin Cheng
- Public Lecture on Creating Opportunity and Promoting Social Mobility by Investing in Skills: A Lifecycle Perspective
- Panel Discussion and Q&A session (moderated by Professor Richard Wong)

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