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A Seminar* by

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on

Decoding the Geography of International Container Shipping Connections with China

Time: 7:00 p.m., Friday, 27 April, 2007

Venue: Room 222, Hui Oi Chow Science Building, HKU

About the Speaker

Dr. James J. Wang is associate professor at The University of Hong Kong. Born in Beijing, he received his Bachelor of Economics from the People's University of China, M.Phil. in Geography from the University of Hong Kong, and PhD from the University of Toronto. Visiting professorship includes Le Havre University. As a China port specialist, he has been involved in more than 12 research and planning projects on major ports in China since 1995, surveyed more than 26 Chinese port cities, and published widely in various international journals on issues of port governance, competition, and port-city relationships. He contributed chapters to recently published books such as *Global Logistics* edited by D. Waters (2006), and *Asian Container Ports* by K Cullinane, D-W Song (eds.) (2006). He is also the first and major editor of *Ports, Cities, and Global Supply Chains* to be published by Ashgate in 2007.

Seminar Abstract

At this seminar, Dr Wang is going to present his ongoing research on the calling and service patterns of all container shipping lines made to China in 2006. Since the mid-1990s when China started to have its first call of foreign shipping line, the port development has been extremely fast both in terms of the scale of individual ports and the total number of ports called. Academics and industries are concerned about the competition among ports and competitiveness of individual port in this country. However, before any serious research can be done on this direction, the first thing we need to do is to analyze this market and verify its maturity. In this presentation, Dr Wang is to share some of his analytical results about how 42 shipping lines calling 22 Chinese ports.

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