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A Seminar* by

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on

Port, Trade and Development in a Regional Setting: A Case Study of China

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, 13th February, 2009

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 and Fellow of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (HK) (CILTHK). 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* published by Ashgate in 2007.

Seminar Abstract

This presentation discusses the port development in the context of overall international trade in China. Ports in China are regarded by the state as a means to enhance competitiveness of individual region/city. This has led to various kinds of port-city interplay such as setting up port-based trade zones to attract value added logistics and production lines. The presentation will illustrate with cases of Tianjin, Shanghai and other major port cities how port development has been shaping the regional prospect of development, and enlarging the social and economic gaps between these cities and the rest of China in the process of globalization.

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