

**Linguistic Society of Hong Kong**

**The 4th Workshop on Cantonese  
Development of Cantonese Grammar: an Interaction between  
Diachronic and Synchronic grammar**

**Call for papers**

**First Announcement**

We are pleased to announce that the Fourth Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-4) organized by the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong will be held at the City University of Hong Kong on April 10, 2005 (Sunday). The theme of this workshop is "Development of Cantonese Grammar: an interaction between diachronic and synchronic grammar". It aims to provide a platform for Cantonese grammarians to share their research on diachronic grammar, and to broaden our research horizon under a specific theme. Papers submitted must fall under all the three subjects of "Cantonese", "Grammar" and "Diachrony". "Grammar" refers to syntax, semantics and syntax-semantics interface; and "diachrony" includes all studies conducted during or after the 19th century and Cantonese data recorded or transcribed by missionaries in early periods. Issues to be discussed include the following:

- (1) syntax and semantics of various constructions appeared in early Cantonese literature and their relevant developments;
- (2) similarities and differences between diachronic grammar and synchronic grammar; and
- (3) the role of Cantonese in the overall historical development of Chinese grammar.

We welcome abstracts of papers from all theoretical perspectives. The presentations are tentatively allotted 20 minutes with 30 minutes for discussion. Presentations and discussions can be conducted in Cantonese, English, or Mandarin.

Abstracts written in Chinese or English should be printed and within one A4 page. Please provide one camera-ready abstract with your name, affiliation and e-mail address on it, and send it to us by snail mail to

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For e-mail submission, abstracts are required to be saved in DOC, RTF or TXT format.

The deadline for submissions is **March 1, 2005**. Notification of acceptance will be sent via e-mail

by March 11.

If you have further questions, please contact Kwok Bit-chee at [b776757@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:b776757@cuhk.edu.hk). For the details and updated information, please visit the website: [www.swtang.net](http://www.swtang.net).