



Linguistic Society of Hong Kong

## THE 5<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP ON CANTONESE

### **Sociolinguistic Perspectives on Recent Changes in Cantonese**

Call for papers (First Announcement)

We are pleased to announce that the Fifth Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-5) organized by the Linguistic Society of Hong Kong will be held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on April 29, 2006 (Saturday). The theme of the Workshop is: "Sociolinguistic Perspectives on Recent Changes in Cantonese". Possible topics can address but are not limited to the following:

- Will tone change in Cantonese still convey a sense of familiarity among language users?
- How can contraction forms used by university students reflect youth culture?
- How can the choice of diction in multimedia be explained in terms of social class?
- In what ways does syntactic influence on Cantonese by Mandarin reveal the roles of the two languages in our daily life?
- Is there a need to change the criteria of language acquisition in view of the dynamics of changes in adult Cantonese?

We welcome abstracts of papers for presentation. Each presentation is tentatively allotted 20 minutes with 30 minutes for discussion. Languages used at the Workshop can be either Cantonese, Mandarin, or English. Abstracts written in Chinese or English should be limited to one A4 page with the author's name, affiliation and e-mail address on it. Please send the abstract in DOC, RTF or TXT format to: [benjamin@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:benjamin@cuhk.edu.hk).

Please note the following important dates and information:

Deadline for submissions: March 20, 2006.

Notification of acceptance: Via e-mail by April 1, 2006.

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