

## 'Gate' and 'Forum' Unveiled

A brief ceremony was held at the University on 3rd December, 1987, when Professor Ma Lin, former Vice-Chancellor of the University, and Dr. the Hon. Szeto Wai, the former University Architect, jointly unveiled two structures recently erected on the central campus. Some 100 guests attended the ceremony.

The two, known as 'Gate' and 'Forum', cost over HK\$1.1 million. Both are gifts to the University from Dr. Szeto Wai who made a special trip to Hong Kong from New York for this occasion. Addressing the ceremony, Professor Charles K. Kao, the Vice-Chancellor, and Professor Ma both paid tribute to Dr. Szeto for his significant contribution to the development of the University and his architectural gifts.

'Gate' is a large bronze sculpture on the platform facing the University Library. It is the work of Mr. Ju Ming, renowned sculptor from Taiwan. 'Forum' is a Roman garden completed with a reflecting pool on the northern part of the University Square designed by the donor. According to Dr. Szeto, when he first designed the master plan of the University campus, he already visualized 'a sculpture of appropriate size and form executed by a renowned sculptor at the centre of the University Square' as well as 'a tall structure at the University Square's northern perimeter.' While both the originally conceived projects were dropped, the present two gifts serve to replace them in a different way.

Dr. Szeto Wai, who is the brain behind the



master development plan of the magnificent University campus, served as Architect of the University from 1963 to 1978 and Honorary University Architect from 1978 to 1987. In making the donation to the University, Dr. Szeto hopes that 'Gate' and 'Forum' would further enhance the architectural appeal of the University Square.

