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## Academic dons another hat

ONE of Hongkong's highest-ranking academics, Professor Edward Chen, has been appointed vice-chairman of the Consumer Council, the Government announced yesterday.

Together with three new members and two incumbent members, Prof Chen will serve on the council until the end of next year.

Prof Chen has been a member of the council for the past two years.

A supporter of a free economy, he will work

with prominent liberal heavyweight Mr. Martin Lee Chu-ming, council chairman.

Prof Chen, director of the Hongkong University Centre of Asian Studies, is also a member of the Government's newly-established, high-profile "think tank".

He was educated at Hongkong University in the 1960s and received a Doctorate in Economics from Oxford University in 1976.

He was elected Out-

standing Young Person in Hongkong in 1980.

Prof Chen has served as a lecturer at Hongkong University and visiting fellow to many renowned academic institutions in the world, including Yale University, the University of California and Oxford University.

It is believed he was invited to join the Government's "think tank", an advisory body on policy, because of his outstanding academic achievements.