



“International Relations Post-9/11”

M. Hubert Védrine
French Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1997-2002

Date: 15th April 2004 (Thursday)
Time: 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
Venue: Multi-media Conference Room
4/F Cheng Yick Chi Building (Lift 12)
City University of Hong Kong
83 Tat Chee Avenue
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In his presentation, former French Foreign Minister M. Hubert Védrine will explore the current structure of the international system. He will pay particular attention to the role of the United States, France and other European Union member states in forging a response to the threat of international terrorism in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He will also discuss current policy towards the reconstruction of Iraq. Drawing on his long experience at the pinnacle of the international system, M. Védrine is perfectly placed to analyze the leading contemporary challenges that the world now faces.

M. Hubert Védrine graduated from the Paris-based Ecole Nationale d'Administration, and started his career as a senior civil servant at the Ministry of Culture, where he was in charge of the office responsible for town conservation (1974-1978). Subsequently, M. Védrine became the Spokesman for French President François Mitterand (1988-1991), followed by serving as Secretary-General for the Presidency of the Republic (1991-1995). Between June 1997 and May 2002, M. Védrine was France's Minister for Foreign Affairs. In January 2003, M. Védrine established a consulting company, “Hubert Védrine Conseil”, dealing with economic, foreign affairs and geo-political issues.

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