By Eva Moy

Two MIT groups, the Hong Kong Student Society and the Society for Hong Kong and China Affairs, joined with clubs from Harvard and Boston universities to plan Hong Kong Week, as an effort to "try to promote the awareness of Hong Kong to the American public," said Jerome C. Lo '94, a co-organizer of Hong Kong Week and a member of the HKSS.

Hong Kong week commenced with the Hong Kong in Transition conference at Harvard's Yenching Auditorium last Saturday and will continue with other activities throughout the week.

The conference addressed two issues -- "Is There a Place for Hong Kong in the New World Order?" and "In Search of Hong Kong Culture and Identity." Speakers included professors from both Hong Kong and the Boston area, a Hong Kong legislator, a U.S. consul general in Hong Kong, and several authors who have written on issues facing Hong Kong also spoke at the conference.

The panel addressed changes that may occur when Hong Kong is returned to China on July 1, 1997, after 99 years of British rule. They also discussed the effects of the Joint Declaration of 1984 between China and Great Britain, which will provide Hong Kong with democracy and autonomy over all but its foreign affairs.

Other events of Hong Kong week included a concert featuring Hong Kong pop singer Anthony Wong last Tuesday and a week-long display in Lobby 7 called "Hong Kong in Transition." Movies about history, comedy, and contemporary Hong Kong life will be shown in Common with English subtitles for the first time, said Christina S. Ng '94, who is responsible for the film festival.

The week's sponsors included several Hong Kong companies and the Boston University Alumni Association of Hong Kong.

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