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The Better Hong Kong Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit organization and has no political affiliations. It was formed by influential Hong Kong business and community leaders in 1995 to build greater international understanding by facilitating communications between Hong Kong, China and the global community. The Foundation's principal objective is to help build a better Hong Kong.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The world has returned to normalcy after three years of pandemic. Borders are open. People are traveling. And businesses in different sectors are exerting effort to recover. However, the looming geopolitical tensions pose a challenge to speedy economic recovery. The Russo-Ukrainian War has disrupted not only Europe, but also the whole world. Energy and food crises, hyperinflation and ever changing monetary policy have an impact on every economy and people's livelihoods worldwide. Hopefully the recent agreement between Saudi Arabia and Iran to restore diplomatic relations will lead to a more peaceful Middle East region. Improvement in people's livelihoods is only possible when there is peace. Recoupling is better than decoupling. The global community should take a step back and rethink the way forward. Now is the time to change and give peace a chance. Acknowledge differences, embrace diversity, build understanding and trust for mankind.

In October 2022, the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party ("CCP") was concluded successfully in which strategic plans were advanced to set out major goals and tasks for China's future development. On the one hand, common prosperity and the vital role of the government are necessary. The government has confirmed once again that it will continue encouraging and bolstering the development of the private economy and supporting the decisive role



The 14th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest

of the market in the allocation of resources. In President Xi Jinping's remarks at the opening ceremony of the 5th China International Import Expo in November 2022, he promised to expand China's market open-up further and to turn the vast market into enormous opportunities for the world. China has strived to create new opportunities for the world with its own development. Therefore, it will further open up its market to foreign investment in the manufacturing sector as well as in high-tech industries, so as to attract more global stakeholders to invest in and develop their operations in China. A win-win situation can be achieved in which the country better aligns its domestic economic agenda with the concerns and interests of foreign investors.

Leveraging the advantage of "One-Country, Two-Systems" and guided by the Outline of the 14th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development

approved in 2021, Hong Kong is to reinforce and enhance its competitive edges and advance the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ("GBA"). Hong Kong will become a proactive "participant" in the domestic circulation and a proactive "facilitator" for the international circulation in the "dual circulation" development strategy. Eight areas and designations have been identified for further enhancement and growth: International Financial Center; International Transportation Center; International Trade Center; Center for International Legal and Dispute Resolution Services in Asia-Pacific; International Aviation Hub; International I&T Hub; East-meets-West Center for International Cultural Exchange; and Regional Intellectual Properties (IP) Trading Center. Furthermore, as an international financial center, Hong Kong will play a more proactive role in the country's strategic plan, including strengthening its position as the key offshore Renminbi ("RMB") center.



Meeting with Mr. John Lee, Chief Executive of the HKSAR



Meeting with Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Former Chief Executive of the HKSAR

Speed Up and Grasp Every Opportunity

Despite the disruption caused by the pandemic, the Better Hong Kong Foundation ("the Foundation") has continued its momentum and spared no efforts in facilitating communication and collaborations locally and internationally. In 2022, we invited prominent speakers to exchange and share their views on various topics, either in-person or virtually. In August, we were honored to invite Mr. John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR"), to meet and exchange views with our members. In December, Mr. Lee gave a speech at our annual speaking luncheon attended by the heads of Consulate Generals and international chambers of commerce. In November, Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference ("CPPCC") and Former Chief Executive of the HKSAR, shared his insight on the role of Hong Kong after the 20th National Congress of the CCP. On the economic and financial front, in April Mr. Edward Yau, then Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR, and in January Dr. Hu Yifan, Regional Chief Investment Officer and Head of Macroeconomics APAC of UBS, shared their views on Hong Kong's role as an international business center. In June, Mr. Chandran Nair, Founder & CEO of Global Institute for Tomorrow, shared his thoughts on geopolitics and the future of Hong Kong.

To keep abreast of the latest developments in Mainland China, in October, we invited two

scholars, Prof. Xu Xianglin, Director of the Institute of National Governance Studies, Peking University, and Prof. Shi Weimin, Researcher of the Institute of Political Science of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to discuss the formulation and execution of national policies. In August, Dr. Lee Kai-fu, Chairman and CEO of Sinovation Ventures, shared his view on the deep tech development in China. In March and November, Mr. Wang Xiangwei, former Editor-in-chief of the South China Morning Post, and Dr. Joe Fang, Research Director of the One Country Two Systems Research Institute, both knowledgeable about China's political system and governance structure, gave separate talks to our members. Under the theme of building a global innovation center, the annual Shanghai-Hong Kong Cooperation and Development Forum, was held successfully in a hybrid format in November. We were honoured to invite Mr. Paul Chan, the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR to deliver the keynote speech at the Forum.

Building a better Hong Kong is our mission. In August, the Foundation's members gathered to deliberate on our work plans, including the future direction and strategy. Three key subjects were raised: civil diplomacy, financial development and talent retention. We have engaged the media to raise public awareness and encourage the discussions on these topics. As for youth development, we believe our younger generation should equip themselves with better knowledge and understanding of the Mainland as well as with a global view.

Against this background, the Foundation, together with the Commissioner Office of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR and the Education Bureau of the HKSAR, co-organized the "Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest". In its 14th edition, the contest attracted over 48,000 students from 233 primary and secondary schools in the city, setting the record since the contest's launch in 2007.

Be Confident and Faithful

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our staunch supporters, including our Trustees, members, partners and friends like you. This year, we are pleased to welcome three new Council Members: Mr. Ronald Chan, Chief Investment Officer of Chartwell Capital Ltd; Mr. K C Kung, Managing Partner of Nexus Point Advisors (HK) Ltd; and Mr. Arnold Leung, Founder & CEO of Appnovation Technologies Ltd. Without your unflinching support, our work and mission could not be fulfilled successfully. We are faithful and confident that together we could create a brighter and better world!

Karen TANG

Executive Director
The Better Hong Kong Foundation

SPEAKING EVENTS

The Foundation hosts and participates in various speaking events where old and new friends, local and overseas, meet, exchange views and share ideas. We also work with different organizations to invite prominent speakers from the Mainland and overseas to address the Hong Kong community from time to time.

Annual Speaking Luncheon for Consuls General & Chairmen of International Chambers of Commerce in Hong Kong

The Foundation has a long tradition of organizing annual speaking luncheon for the Foundation's members, Consuls General and chairmen of international chambers of commerce in Hong Kong. The Foundation takes this opportunity to share our perspectives on developments in Hong Kong, the Mainland China as well as our region. On 7 December 2022, the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan together with Trustees Dr. Peter Lam, Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu and Mr. Adam Kwok as well as 30 Foundation's members hosted the luncheon for over 50 guests. The Foundation was deeply honored to have invited the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Mr. John Lee to address us at the luncheon.



The Chief Executive Mr. John Lee (sitting, 6th left) and members of the Foundation



Speech by the Chief Executive Mr. John Lee (4th left)



[L to R] Ms. Clara Chan, Dr. Peter Lam, Ms. Karen Tang, Mr. Baek Yongchun and Mr. Chan Yim-kwong



[L to R] Ms. Karen Tang, Mr. Mircea Gabriel Ciulu, Mr. David Costello, Ms. Winnie Chiu, Mr. Mojalefa Mogono, Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu, Mr. Aleksander Danda and Dr. Roy Chung

[L to R] Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Mojalefa Mogono, Ms. Winnie Ng, Mr. Pablo Macedo Riba, Mr. Joseph Yu and Mr. Luis Fernando Orozco Barrera



[L to R] Mr. Bryant Lu, Mr. Baek Yongchun, Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Rafael Aharoni, Mr. Stanley Sun and Mr. Andrew Yao



[L to R] Dr. Eden Woon, Ms. Karen Tang, Ms. Clara Chan, Mrs. Betty Yuen, Mr. Thomas Woo, Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Raymond Leung and Ms. Rosana Wong



[L to R] H.E. Naser S Alghanim, Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. Ali Saad M H Al-Hajri, Ms. Clara Chan, Mr. Wilhelm Brauner, Mr. David Whitwam, Mr. Thomas Woo and Ms. Maria Veronica Grygianiec



[L to R] Mr. Dario Pong, Mr. Timo Kantola, Mr. David Costello, Ms. Juliana Lam, Mr. Mircea Gabriel Ciulu, Mr. Michael Benz and Mr. Oscar Chow



[L to R] Mr. Dominic Pang, Mr. David Graham, Mr. Ronald Chan, Mr. Johannes Hack and Ms. Karen Tang



SPEAKING EVENTS

With Local and Overseas Community and Thoughts Leaders

The Foundation always invites local and overseas community and thoughts leaders to share and exchange views on current social affairs.

The Chief Executive Mr. John Lee (3rd left) shared and exchanged views with the Foundation's members in August 2022



Mr. Christopher Tang (middle), Commissioner of Police of Hong Kong Police Force met and exchanged views with the Foundation's members in May 2021



The Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam (3rd Left) shared and exchanged views with the Foundation's members in February 2018



Mr. Tung Chee-hwa (front row, 5th left), Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and first Chief Executive of the HKSAR shared his views on future developments of China and Hong Kong as well as the Sino-U.S. relationship in June 2019





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SPEAKING EVENTS

Commissioner of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR Mr. Xie Feng (front row, 6th right) hosted a luncheon for the Foundation's members at his office where he shared his views on the developments of the international environment, and the impact on China in June 2018



Mr. Nicolas Aguzin (left), Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd shared his thoughts on Hong Kong's financial development at a dinner in August 2021

Former Editor-in-Chief of the South China Morning Post Mr. Wang Xiangwei shared his insights on the geopolitics from the perspective of Beijing at a virtual meeting in March 2022



Mr. Zhang Xiaoming (front row, 4th left), Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR discussed and exchanged views with the Foundation's members in May 2017



Dr. Joe Fang (2nd left), Research Director of the One Country Two Systems Research Institute shared his views on the country's future development after the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in November 2022



Dr. Hu Yifan (left), Regional Chief Investment Officer and Head Macroeconomics APAC of UBS Global Wealth Management talked about the impact of China concept stocks' delisting and regulatory policies on markets in January 2022



Mr. Chandran Nair, Founder & CEO of the Global Institute For Tomorrow shared his thoughts on foreigners' confidence and views over the future of Hong Kong, and how we could do a better job of telling Hong Kong story at a virtual meeting in June 2022



Mr. Fred Teng (3rd left), President of the America China Public Affairs Institute shared his views on China-U.S. relations in December 2022



DELEGATIONS & EXCHANGES

The Foundation spares no effort in promoting dialogue and understanding between Hong Kong, China and the global community. We believe that through mutual discussion and first-hand experience, we can build better international understanding between the East and the West.

DELEGATIONS



United States

The Foundation organizes delegation to the United States regularly. The goal is to provide first-hand updates about Hong Kong's present situation, share our perspectives on developments in China, exchange views with interlocutors in the U.S. and gauge the temperature in the Beltway, as well as better understand their views on developments in Hong Kong, Mainland China, the U.S. and the China-U.S. relationship.

Chinese Ambassador to the U.S. Cui Tiankai (middle) hosted a luncheon for the delegation at the Chinese Embassy in Washington D.C. in 2017



Former U.S. Ambassadors and thoughts leaders attended the speaking luncheon by the delegation's leader Mr. Ronnie Chan in Washington D.C. in 2017



Meeting with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in 2018



Meeting with Jewish community leaders in New York in 2017



Meeting with Ambassador Ma Chaoxu (3rd left), Chinese Permanent Representative to the UN in 2018



Exchanging views with editors of POLITICO in 2018

Meeting with President Dr. Edwin Feulner and senior fellows of the Heritage Foundation in 2017



Chinese Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Liu Jieyi (6th left) and Chinese Consul General in New York Ambassador Zhang Qiyue (7th left) jointly hosted a dinner for the delegation in New York in 2017



Meeting with the U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao (middle) in 2017



Meeting with Dr. Kurt Campbell (right), Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian & Pacific Affairs in 2010





Israel

The Foundation organized two delegations to Israel in 2011 and 2014, in partnership with the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council respectively. The delegations met with local government officials and companies in high-tech industries to learn more about investment opportunities in Israel as well as to explore collaboration opportunities with Hong Kong

Meeting with Mr. Saul Singer (7th left), co-author of "Start-Up Nation" in 2014



Chinese Ambassador to Israel Madam Gao Yanping (middle) hosted a dinner for the delegation in 2014



Visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2011

Visited Western Wall in 2014



Meeting with President of Weizmann Institute of Science Prof. Daniel Zajfman (front row, middle) in 2014



Russian Federation



In September 2018, the Foundation organized its first delegation to the Russian Federation, visiting Moscow and St. Petersburg. The delegation was able to meet with senior government officials and local business leaders to understand more about the investment opportunities and economic development in Russia as well as to explore collaboration opportunities with Hong Kong.

Dinner hosted by the Foundation for Mr. Anton Kobyakov, Adviser to the President (3rd left) and Roscongress Foundation in appreciation of their great support and hospitality



Plenipotentiary Minister Fan Xianrong (2nd left) received the delegation at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow



Visited Kremlin Palace



Meeting with Mr. Sergei Sobyenin (middle), Mayor of Moscow



At Red Square



Meeting with Mr. Georgy Pottavchenko (6th right), Governor of St. Petersburg





Turkey

The Foundation organized its first delegation to Turkey in September 2019, visiting Istanbul and Ankara. The delegation was able to meet with senior government officials and local business leaders to understand more about the investment opportunities and economic development in Turkey as well as to explore collaboration opportunities with Hong Kong.

Conference on Turkey's history, investment environment and opportunities was organized for the delegation



The delegation's leader Mr. Ronnie Chan gave a speech at the Seminar on China-Turkey Economic and Cultural Cooperation organized by the Consulate General of the PRC in Istanbul



Meeting with Mr. Rıza Tuna Turagay (middle), Deputy Minister of Trade



Visited Anıtkabir



Ambassador Deng Li received the delegation at the Chinese Embassy in Ankara

Beijing



In August 2019, the Foundation organized its first delegation to Beijing. The delegation met with senior Central Government officials and thoughts leaders to understand more about the nation's recent policy on Hong Kong.

Mr. Huang Liuquan (front row, middle), Deputy Director-General, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council hosted a dinner for the delegation



Dr. Zhu Min (middle), former Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund and Chairman of National Institute of Financial Research at Tsinghua University shared his views with the delegation



Dr. Lee Kai-fu (front row, middle), Chairman and CEO of SinoVation Ventures introduced the high-tech products of his company and hosted a dinner for the delegation



Exchanged views with Vice Minister of Finance Ms. Cheng Lihua (8th right)



Meeting with Ms. Chen Wenling, Chief Economist of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges



Taiwan

The Foundation organized its first delegation to Taiwan in April 2013, visiting Taipei and Taichung. The delegation was able to meet with senior government officials and local business leaders to understand more about the economic and cultural developments in Taiwan as well as its investment environment and opportunities.

Visited Xue Xue Institute



Honorary Chairman of Kuomintang Mr. Lien Chan (right) met and hosted a dinner for the delegation



Visited Sanlih E-Television



Meeting with Mr. Jason Hu (7th left), Mayor of Taichung City



Meeting with Mr. Hau Lung-Bin (front row, 4th right), Mayor of Taipei City



Exchanges

China-U.S. Journalist Exchange

Since 1996, in an effort to enhance the understanding of Mainland China and Hong Kong by the American media, the Foundation together with the East-West Center invite six to eight American journalists each year to visit Mainland China and Hong Kong. The Foundation sponsors and organizes their trips. With the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC, the program enables the journalists to meet with senior government officials in Beijing as well as local municipal officials of some cities in the Mainland. To broaden participants' network, the Foundation also organizes meetings with local key industry and business players, academic and research institutions, and media practitioners. In 2010, the Foundation in collaboration with the All-China Journalists Association enriched the program by adding the visit of Chinese journalists to the U.S.



In 2008, Mr. Qin Gang (4th right), Spokesman and Deputy Director-General of the Information Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a luncheon for the delegation in Beijing



Meeting with Mr. Tung Chee-hwa (4th right), Vice Chairman of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and first Chief Executive of the HKSAR in Hong Kong in 2017



Visited Xinhuanet office in Beijing in 2015



Meeting with Vice Minister of Finance Mr. Zhu Guangyao (4th left) in Beijing in 2016



Meeting with the Chief Executive Mr. Leung Chun-ying in Hong Kong in 2016



Chatted with monks in Shangri-la, Yunnan Province in 2008



Exchanged views with Mr. Hu Xijin (5th right), Editor-in-Chief of Global Times in Beijing in 2018



Visited a local family in Ningxia in 2014



Meeting with Mr. Shen Danyang (3rd right), Spokesman of Ministry of Commerce in Beijing in 2013



Visited Shaolin Kung Fu training center in Zhengzhou in 2016



Exchanging views with experts at China Institute of International Studies in Beijing in 2015



Visited the Giant Panda Protection Zone in Ya'an, Sichuan Province in 2010



Visited China Spallation Neutron Source in Dongguan in 2018



Chinese and U.S. journalists met in Washington D.C. for exchange and dialogues in 2015

CONFERENCES & FORUMS

To foster discussion and exchange of views, the Foundation partners with prominent institutions to organize various conferences and forums where experts from Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas can be engaged through direct communication and deliberation.

Annual Forum in Shanghai

Since 2005, the Foundation together with the Shanghai Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) jointly organize a forum in Shanghai annually. Experts, scholars, government officials and entrepreneurs from Hong Kong and the Mainland participate in the forum where ideas on further collaboration between the two cities are exchanged and discussed.

Group photo with Vice Chairman of CPPCC Mr. Leung Chun-ying (front row, 6th left), Executive Committee Chairman of the Foundation Mr. Ronnie Chan (front row, 3rd right), Chairman of Shanghai CPPCC Mr. Dong Yunhu (front row, 6th right), President of the SASS Dr. Zhang Daogen (front row, 3rd left), members of the Foundation, speakers and other guests in 2019



In 2022, a physical forum was held in Shanghai while speakers and participants from Hong Kong joined virtually



In 2022, the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Mr. Paul Chan gave a keynote speech



In 2021, Vice Chairman of CPPCC Mr. Leung Chun-ying (left) and the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan gave the opening remarks in Hong Kong

In 2013, a visit to Shanghai Maritime Museum was organized for the forum participants



The Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan (front row, middle), Vice Chairman of the Shanghai CCPC Mr. Zhang Endi (front row, 4th right) and President of the SASS Prof. Wang Zhan (front row, 3rd right) officiated the conference; Mrs. Regina Yip (front row, 5th left) was one of the keynote speakers in 2017



In 2021, four Hong Kong young people who were either working or studying in Shanghai shared their personal experiences at the forum



World Policy Conference



The Foundation initiated and organized a plenary session at the World Policy Conference (WPC) in 2018 and 2019 respectively. Invited by the Foundation, social and business leaders with extensive knowledge and experience on China participated in the plenary session to share and exchange ideas with conference participants from more than 50 countries.

Moderated by the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan (1st left), (starting from 2nd left) Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Mr. Shiv Vikram Khemka and Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi shared their views on the Belt and Road Initiative in 2018



Moderated by the Foundation's Executive Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan (left), Mr. Leung Chun-ying (middle) and Dr. Eric Li shared their views on China's position on sustaining globalization in 2019

Conference participants from more than 50 countries attended the plenary session in 2019



(L to R) Ms. Karen Tang, Mr. Ronnie Chan, Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Prof. Thierry de Montbrial (founder of the WPC), Mr. Shiv Vikram Khemka and Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi at the WPC 2018



Conferences and Forums in Hong Kong

In collaboration with various organizations, the Foundation co-organizes and supports conferences and forums to facilitate exchange of ideas and knowledge sharing.

In 2011, Vice Foreign Minister of the PRC Ms. Fu Ying (3rd right) spoke at an evening presentation jointly organized by the Foundation and the Asia Society Hong Kong Center



Jointly organized by the Foundation, the Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR Government and the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Hong Kong Business Community Forum on the Pearl River Delta Development Plan was successfully held at the City University of Hong Kong in 2009



In 2008, Mr. David McCormick (2nd right), Under Secretary for International Affairs of the U.S. Treasury Department spoke at a luncheon presentation jointly organized by the Foundation and the Asia Society Hong Kong Center



Jointly organized by the Foundation and the Office of Commissioner of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR, the conference on "China's 40 Years of Reform and Opening up: Implications for the World and Role of Hong Kong" gathered international political leaders, senior government officials, prominent scholars and business leaders to share their experiences and insights in 2018



In 2011, the Foundation, together with the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, Hong Kong Chiu Chow Chamber of Commerce's Young Executives Committee, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce's China Committee and the Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business, invited the Convenor of the Executive Council Mr. Leung Chun-ying (6th left) to share views on Hong Kong's future position under the national plan



In 2014, Vice Foreign Minister of the PRC Mr. Zhang Yesui was invited to speak at the China-United States Exchange Foundation's annual conference. The Foundation was one of the co-organizers



Jointly organized by the HKSAR Government and the Office of Commissioner of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR, and supported by the Foundation, the International Forum on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area was successfully held in 2019



Organized by the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute and supported by the Foundation, the World Chinese Economic Summit was held in 2017. The Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan (middle) moderated the first session of the Summit



The Foundation's Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang (front row, 5th right) attended the Belt & Road International Youth Summit which was organized by the JCI Hong Kong and sponsored by the Foundation in 2018



DIALOGUES WITH LEADERS

The Foundation endeavors to establish and strengthen its alliances with leading political, academic, media and business leaders. We keep close connections and engage in frequent dialogue with our counterparts around the world to keep them posted on the latest developments in Hong Kong and Mainland China; and to learn of the updates in their respective countries.

From Mainland China

With Mr. Qin Gang (middle), Director-General of the Information Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2013



With Mr. Zhai Dongsheng (front row, middle), Deputy Director of the Western Development Department of National Development and Reform Commission in 2016



With Chinese Ambassador to Austria Li Xiaosi (front row, 2nd left) in 2018

With Chinese Ambassador to Japan Cheng Yonghua (2nd left) in 2015





With Mr. Ma Zhaoxu (front row, middle), Director-General of the Information Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2010



With Mr. Xu Hong (front row, right), Director-General of Department of Treaty and Law of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2016



With Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Liu Jianchao (4th left) in 2011



With Chinese Ambassador to India Luo Zhaohui (middle) in 2017



With Mr. Lu Kang (front row, middle), Director-General of the Information Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2016

DIALOGUES WITH LEADERS

From Overseas



With the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Delegation in 2015



With Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska (middle), President of Centre for International Relations from Poland in 2019



With the Delegation of U.S. Congressional Staffers in 2019



With Miss Emma McClarkin (UK) and Mr. Jens Gieseke (Germany), Members of European Parliament (MEPs) of EU in 2018



With the U.S. Congressional Delegation in 2014





With Mr. Benjamin Krasna (4th left), Bureau Head of Economic and Asian Affairs of Centre for Policy Research at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel in 2017



With Ir. Nurhaida (3rd right), Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Indonesia Financial Services Authority (OJK) in 2018



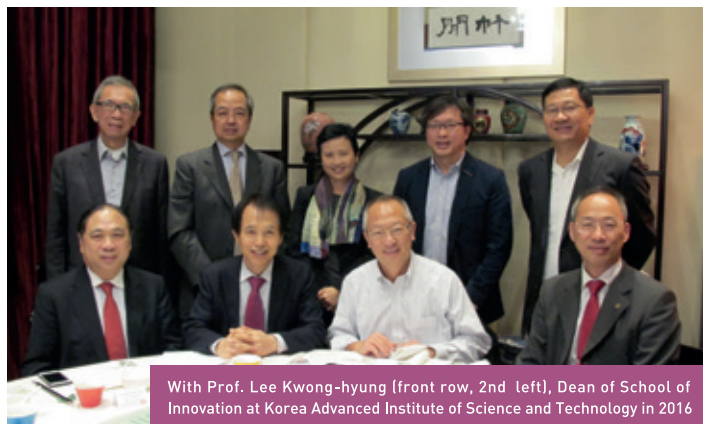
With the Delegation of All Party Parliamentary China Group from the UK in 2014



With Mr. Masahiko Komura (3rd right), Chairman of Japan-Hong Kong Parliamentarians League from Japan in 2015



With Prof. Arturo Bris, Director of the IMD World Competitiveness Centre from Switzerland in 2016



With Prof. Lee Kwong-hyung (front row, 2nd left), Dean of School of Innovation at Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in 2016

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG

With globalization, rapid change and worldwide competition, we cannot be complacent regarding the current state of affairs. The Foundation, in collaboration with renowned research institutes, conducts studies on the competitiveness of urban cities in China as well as benchmarking world cities in the pursuit of excellence. We also recognize the importance of Hong Kong's youth development and endeavor to broaden our young people's horizon for the betterment and sustainable development of Hong Kong.

China's Urban Competitiveness Report

Since 2003, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences publishes the China's Urban Competitiveness Report ("the Report") annually. Leading by Prof. Ni Pengfei, the Report analyses the overall competitiveness of over 290 cities in China and cities are ranked by different indices on economic, sustainable and liveability competitiveness. The Report provides useful analysis and insightful advice on cities' strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. After the release of the Report in Beijing, the Foundation organises luncheon discussion and press conference in Hong Kong where Prof. Ni presents the results of the Report, particularly on findings about Hong Kong, and exchanges ideas with the Foundation's members as well as local academic and experts on Hong Kong's future positioning.



The Foundation's Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang together with Prof. Ni Pengfei (left) from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Prof. Shen Jianfa from Chinese University of Hong Kong presented the report to media in Hong Kong in 2018



Prof. Ni Pengfei (3rd left) gave a presentation at the luncheon discussion in 2019



A luncheon discussion chaired by the Foundation's Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan (front row, 4th right) in 2017

Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest

In 2022, the Foundation jointly organized the 14th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest with the Office of Commissioner of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR ("Commissioner's Office") and the Education Bureau of the HKSAR Government. Launched in 2007, the contest aimed to raise students' interest in international affairs and knowledge of the nation's foreign policy. In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, the theme of this year's contest was "Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Return and Starting a New Chapter in China's Major-country Diplomacy". Nearly 48,000 students from 233 primary and secondary schools enrolled in the contest which set the highest record since its launch. On 29 July 2022, the prize presentation ceremony of the contest was successfully held at the Commissioner's Office.



[L to R] Mr. Dario Pong, Ms. Maria Tam, Ms. Elsie Leung, Dr. Margaret Chan, Ms. Karen Tang and Mr. Ronnie Chan attended the prize presentation ceremony



The prize presentation ceremony of the 14th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest was successfully held at the Commissioner's Office



The Chief Executive Mr. John Lee gave a speech at the prize presentation ceremony



The Chief Executive Mr. John Lee (3rd right) together with Commissioner Liu Guangyuan (3rd left) presented the Champion Award of the Secondary School Category to Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School



The Foundation's Council Member Dr. Roy Chung (3rd left) together with the Member of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee Dr. Margaret Chan presented (middle) presented the Best Performing School Award of the Secondary School Category to Diocesan Girls' School

Study tours to Beijing and other Mainland cities such as Shanghai, Harbin, Hohhot, Nanjing, Xi'an, Guiyang and more, have been organized for the winning teams of the contest. Through the contest, it is hoped that young people and the general public in Hong Kong will become more interested in learning about the development of China in the context of world diplomacy.



Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (6th right) received the winning teams in 2008



Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui (right) received the winning teams in 2014



Visited the site of the Military Government of the Wuchang Uprising in Wuhan in 2011



Mr. Geng Shuang, Spokesperson and Deputy Director-General of the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs met with the winning teams at the Blue Hall in Beijing in 2018

Sharing by Ms. Hua Chunying, Spokesperson and Deputy Director-General of the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing in 2015



Visited the Inner Mongolia Museum and dressed in styles of Song and Yuan Dynasty in 2012

Enjoyed the performance by local students in Guizhou in 2014



Visited "Nanjing Treaty" Historical Gallery in Nanjing in 2015



Visited the FAST in Guizhou in 2019



Visited Shanghai World Expo in 2010



THE FOUNDATION MATTERS

The Foundation's members gathered and exchanged views on the Foundation's future working plan in August 2022



Before the official launch of the Hong Kong Palace Museum, Museum Director Dr. Louis Ng (front row, middle) arranged a guided tour for the Foundation's members in June 2022

