

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

In 1978, China adopted the policy to reform and open up herself to the world, an important and historical decision that shaped the nation today. After 40 years, China has lifted almost 800 million people out of poverty and is now the world's second largest economy with a GDP that has grown from US\$218 billion to over US\$12 trillion. This path of continuous reform and opening up is ascertained by President Xi Jinping. Hong Kong has played a significant role since the beginning of the opening up and is continuing to leverage its strengths in offering the country's need such as capital, talent, management expertise and international connections. The opening up of our country not only benefits our own development but also becomes an important driving force for the growth of the world economy. Despite rising protectionism, the first China International Import Expo held in November demonstrated the country's commitment to continue promoting free trade and share prosperity with counterparts.



The Foundation's Delegation to the United States



Conference on "China's 40 Years of Reform and Opening up: Implications for the World and Role of Hong Kong"

The recent trade conflict between the world's two largest economies clouds the global economic outlook. It is foreseen that the disputes will continue for an as yet uncertain period of time. Brexit, immigration issue and budget debate in Europe, the rise of populism and technology disruption also cause uncertainty. Hong Kong is cautious of its exposure to international volatility, and will take measures to tackle challenges and uncertainties ahead. Despite the unstable international environment, the launch of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge in September and

October respectively offered us better connection with Mainland cities and thus provides greater opportunities for companies and people in Hong Kong and in the region to explore and develop their businesses and careers beyond the border. With a population of 68 million and GDP amounting to US\$1,400 billion, the Greater Bay Area (GBA) is expected to create business opportunities across all sectors, particularly in finance, high-tech, innovation,

and high-end services industries. Under the Arrangement with the National Development & Reform Commission last year, Hong Kong's participation in and contribution to the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI), covering six key areas such as financial and investment, infrastructure and maritime services, economic and trade facilitation, dispute resolution services would definitely be advanced.

The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. It is a time to celebrate the achievements and stability that China has made through these years and from a history of chaos. We hope that Hong Kong could serve the role of telling the story of Hong Kong and the story of China, to clear up misunderstanding and to promote international collaboration. The fallacy of the "China Threat" will not stand. The Better Hong Kong Foundation ("the Foundation") has spared no effort in reaching out to the international community to share our first-hand information and observation about China and Hong Kong for more than 23 years since its inception. We believe that communications and understanding are the cornerstones to building a better world for now and in the future.

Facilitate Communications and Way Forward

The Foundation regularly visits and updates our counterparts overseas. On 6 July, the U.S. implemented the first China-specific tariffs and the second round of tariffs was under review. The Foundation led its annual delegation to the US on 9 July. It was led by the Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan, visiting Washington D.C. and New York. The Delegation not only shared our views and concerns with the U.S. interlocutors in a timely manner but was also able to gauge their thoughts and the local ambiance over the trade conflict. In late September, the Foundation organized the first delegation to Russia, a prime BRI investment destination. Also led by Mr. Ronnie Chan, Trustee Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu and Ms Pansy Ho and fourteen Council members participated in the delegation. The Delegation visited Moscow and St. Petersburg. Besides meeting local senior government officials and business leaders exploring investment opportunities and understanding economic development, the delegates were able to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the country. Friendships were forged and collaborations are in the pipeline.



The China-U.S. Journalists Exchange

In September, the Foundation organized the 9th China-U.S. Journalists Exchange program together with All-China Journalists Association and the East-West Centre. American journalists met with economists and experts from national research institutes and government officials in Beijing amidst the heating up of trade relations between the two countries. They also visited four Mainland cities in the GBA for a glimpse of developments in the region especially on innovation and technology. Hopefully, the exchange program could help the journalists have some idea about today's China.

Initiated and organized by the Foundation, a plenary session entitled "One Belt, One Road" was held at the World Policy Conference in Rabat, Morocco in October. The Foundation invited three prominent speakers including Mr. C Y Leung, Vice Chairman of CPPCC and former Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr. Shiv Vikram Khemka, Vice Chairman of SUN Group, and Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi, former Vice Minister of Trade of Indonesia, to explain what the BRI is about and to clarify some people's concerns, in the hope that BRI could really achieve the goal of win-win for everyone participating. The session was moderated by Mr. Ronnie Chan.



Throughout the year, the Foundation hosted luncheons, inviting Chinese Ambassadors from overseas to speak, such as Ambassador to France and Monaco Mr. Zhai Jun, Ambassador to Austria Mr. Li Xiaosi and Consul General of Dusseldorf in Germany Mr. Feng Haiyang. We were also honored to host Mrs. Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr. Wang Zhimin, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, and Mr. Xie Feng, Commissioner of the China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR etc. On the international front, we had the chance to hold discussion sessions with a financial policy maker from Indonesia, staffers from U.S. Congress, parliament members from EU and France as well as founder of a French think tank. The discussions were enlightening and inspiring.

The Foundation's Delegation to the Russian Federation

Reform and Opening Up To a New Era

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the country's reform and opening-up, the Foundation in collaboration with the Commissioner Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of PRC in HKSAR ("the Commissioner Office") organized an international conference in Hong Kong in October featuring prominent political and opinion leaders from the Mainland, Hong Kong and abroad. The Former Prime Minister of France, former Prime Minister of Japan, former Foreign Minister of China and former U.S. Trade Representative shared their insights regarding the implications of China's reform and opening up for the world. Over 300 audience members were in attendance at the conference. Local government officials, renowned scholars and business leaders also shared their vision over the future. The Foundation also organized another conference on the same subject with Shanghai Academy of Social Science and Shanghai CPPCC in Shanghai in November, which reviewed the path of Shanghai and China to success during the reform, the role of Hong Kong during the period and the way forward.

To keep abreast of the fast developing world, no one can be spared the effort in upgrading itself. Hong Kong will take the advantage of its unique position of "one Country, two systems" and will actively participate, contribute and excel under



The 12th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest

the visionary national strategic plan of the development of GBA. It is also what was suggested in this year's China Urban Competitiveness Report published annually by the Chinese Academy of Social Science with the support of the Foundation. Additionally, Hong Kong should embrace the BRI and to strive to be the strategic node and hub in the region. Hong Kong people, especially the younger generation, should equip themselves with better knowledge and understanding on the Mainland. The Education Bureau co-organized the Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest for the 12 consecutive years. Primary and secondary students were invited to participate in the contest and were encouraged to understand our country and the world by learning through their foreign policies. Students who won the contest joined a study tour to Beijing and Tianjin in July. The visit to Xiongan New Area was

an eye-opening experience to the students who were impressed by the new town planning concept with green, innovative and hi-tech elements.

Continue Our Endeavor

We are very grateful to our staunch supporters, including our Trustees, members, partners and friends like you. This year, we are pleased to have Dr. Adrian Cheng, Executive Vice Chairman and General Manager of New World Development Co Ltd joining us as our Trustee while Ms. Clara Chan, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lee Kee Holdings Ltd as our Council Member. With your advice and unflinching support, the Foundation promises to continue our endeavors and to grow from strength to strength together with our city!



Meeting with Mr. Wang Zhimin, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR

Karen TANG

Executive Director
The Better Hong Kong Foundation

DELEGATIONS & EXCHANGE

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.

Annual Delegation to the United States

Each year, the Foundation organizes a delegation to the United States. The goal is to provide an annual update 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, China, the U.S. and the China-U.S. relationship. Led by the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan, the delegation visited Washington D.C. and New York from 9 to 12 July 2018.



The Delegation (L to R): Mr. John Lee, Mr. Ronnie Chan, Ms. Winnie Ng and Ms. Karen Tang, with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (middle)



Meeting with Mr. Eddie Mak (2nd right, front row), Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs, U.S.A. at the HKETO office in Washington D.C.

List of Delegates:

- **Mr. Ronnie CHAN (Leader)**
Executive Committee Chairman,
The Better Hong Kong Foundation /
Chairman, Hang Lung Properties Ltd
- **Ms. Winnie NG**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Director, The Kowloon
Motor Bus Co Ltd
- **Mr. John LEE**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Vice Chairman and Co-
Head of Greater China, Asia Corporate
Client Solutions, UBS AG
- **Mr. Song TENG**
Corporate Sponsor's Representative,
The Better Hong Kong Foundation /
CEO, Haitong International Securities
(USA) Inc
- **Ms. Karen TANG**
Executive Director, The Better Hong
Kong Foundation
- **Ms. Tammy TAM (Invited Guest)**
Editor-in-Chief, South China Morning
Post Publishers Ltd
- **Mr. Fred TENG (Invited Guest)**
President, AmericaChina Public Affairs
Institute



Ambassador Cui Tiankai (4th left) hosted a luncheon for the delegation at his residence

Organizations and People Visited:

Washington D.C.

- Ambassador Cui Tiankai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the PRC in the U.S.A.
- Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- The Brookings Institution
- Heritage Foundation
- The U.S.-Asia Institute
- POLITICO



Meeting with Mr. Alan Turley (4th right), Deputy Assistant Secretary for China at the U.S. Department of Commerce



Meeting with Mr. Charles Freeman (4th left), Senior Vice President for Asia of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce



Exchanged views with editors of POLITICO



Meeting with Mr. David Dollar (1st right) and Dr. Richard Bush at the Brookings Institution

New York

- Ambassador Ma Zhaoxu, Permanent Representative of the PRC to the United Nations
- Consulate-General of the PRC in New York
- New York Stock Exchange
- China General Chamber of Commerce – U.S.A.
- Bloomberg
- The Economist



Ambassador Ma Zhaoxu (3rd left) met with the delegation at the Permanent Mission of the PRC to the United Nations



Dr. Zhao Yumin (middle), Acting Consul General of the Consulate-General of the PRC in New York hosted a dinner for the delegation



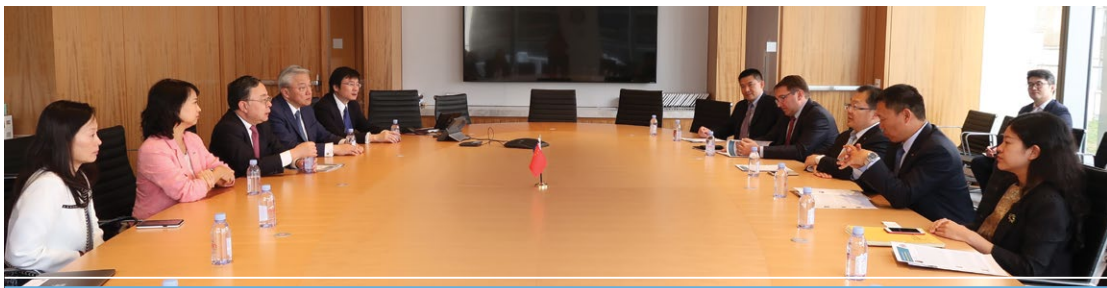
Meeting at The Economist



Ms. Betty Liu (4th left), Executive Vice Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange hosted a luncheon for the delegation



Visited Bloomberg



Delegation shared views with Chairman and members of China General Chamber of Commerce – U.S.A.

Delegation to the Russian Federation

The Foundation organized its first delegation to the Russian Federation from 22 to 28 September 2018, visiting Moscow and St. Petersburg. Led by the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan, 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.



The Delegation visited the mayor's office of Moscow

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Executive Committee Chairman,
The Better Hong Kong Foundation /
Chairman, Hang Lung Properties Ltd
- **Tan Sri Dato' David CHIU**
Trustee, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chairman, Fast East
Consortium International Ltd
- **Ms. Pansy HO**
Trustee, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Group Executive Chairman
& Managing Director, Shun Tak
Holdings Ltd
- **Mr. Thomas WOO**
Council Member, The Better Hong
Kong Foundation / Executive Managing
Director & General Manager,
Hsin Kuang Restaurant (Holdings) Ltd
- **Ms. Winnie NG**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Director, The Kowloon
Motor Bus Co Ltd
- **Mr. Philip MA**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chairman & CEO,
The Sincere Co Ltd
- **Ms. Diana CHOU**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chairman, Dragon General
Aviation Group
- **Mr. Sebastian MAN**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chairman & CEO, Chung
Mei International Holdings Ltd
- **Ms. Juliana LAM**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Managing Director, Julius
Industries Ltd
- **Mr. Samson CHAN**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chairman & CEO, Genesis
Industries Ltd
- **Dr. Frankie YEUNG**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Senior District Director,
AIA International Ltd
- **Mr. John LEE**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Vice Chairman & Co-Head
of Greater China, Asia Corporate Client
Solutions, UBS AG
- **Mr. Anson CHAN**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chairman & CEO, Bonds
Group of Companies
- **Mr. Bryant LU**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Vice Chairman, Ronald Lu
& Partners (Hong Kong) Ltd
- **Ms. Rosana WONG**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Executive Director, Yau Lee
Holdings Ltd
- **Mr. Allen SHI**
Council Member, The Better Hong
Kong Foundation / Chairman, Brilliant
International Group Ltd
- **Dr. ZHONG Xiaofeng**
Council Member, The Better Hong Kong
Foundation / Chief Executive Officer,
North Asia, Amundi Hong Kong Ltd
- **Mr. Andrew CHIU**
Assistant to Chairman, Fast East
Consortium International Ltd
- **Ms. Karen TANG**
Executive Director, The Better Hong
Kong Foundation

Organizations and Places Visited:

Moscow

- Mr. Anton KOPYAKOV, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation
- Mr. Maxim ORESHKIN, Minister of Economic Development
- Mr. Dmitriy KOSTENNIKOV, Deputy Minister of Healthcare
- Mr. Sergei SOBYANIN, Mayor of Moscow
- Mr. FAN Xianrong, Plenipotentiary Minister of the Embassy of the PRC in Russia
- Roscongress Foundation
- Kremlin Palace
- Red Square
- The State Historical Museum of Russia
- The State Tretyakov Gallery
- Victory Museum
- Armoury Chamber
- Bunker-42 (Museum of Cold War)
- Moscow Metro Subway
- Sparrow Hills



The Foundation's Trustees (L to R) Tri Sri Dato' David Chiu, Ms. Pansy Ho and Mr. Ronnie Chan shared their views at the meeting with Minister of Economic Development



Meeting with Mr. Dmitriy Kostennikov, Deputy Minister of Healthcare



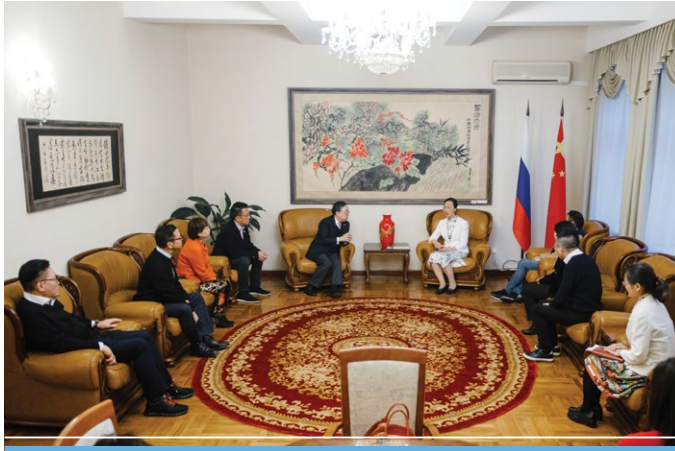
Plenipotentiary Minister FAN Xianrong (front row, 8th right) received the delegation at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow



Business dinner hosted by Roscongress Foundation with local business community leaders and chaired by Mr. Anton Kobyakov, Adviser to the President



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



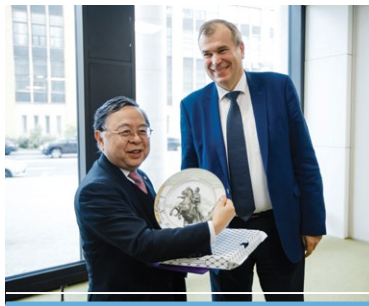
Consul-General Guo Min hosted a dinner for the delegation at the Chinese Consulate-General in St. Petersburg



Lunch meeting with Mr. Andrey Nikitin (2nd right), Governor of Novgorod Region and Mr. Dmitry Yalov (middle), Vice-Governor of Leningrad Region

St. Petersburg

- Mr. Georgy POLTAVCHENKO, Governor of St. Petersburg
- Mr. Andrey NIKITIN, Governor of Novgorod Region
- Mr. Dmitry YALOV, Vice-Governor of Leningrad Region
- Ms. GUO Min, Consul-General of the Consulate-General of the PRC in St. Petersburg
- Mr. Andrey Stanislavovich MAKSIMOV, Committee Chairman, Committee for Science and Higher Education of the Government of St. Petersburg
- Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University
- Imperial Palace of Peterhof
- Hermitage Museum
- Military Historical Museum
- Vodka Museum
- Church of Savior on the Spilled Blood
- St. Issac's Cathedral
- The Mariinsky Theatre



Meeting with Mr. Andrey Stanislavovich Maksimov, Committee Chairman, Committee for Science and Higher Education of the Government of St. Petersburg



Visited Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University



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

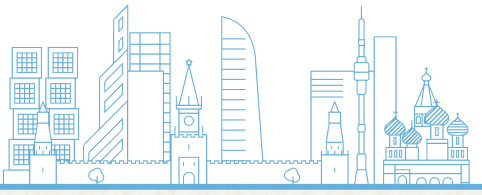


PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

► MOSCOW



At the GUM Department Store



At the State Historical Museum of Russia



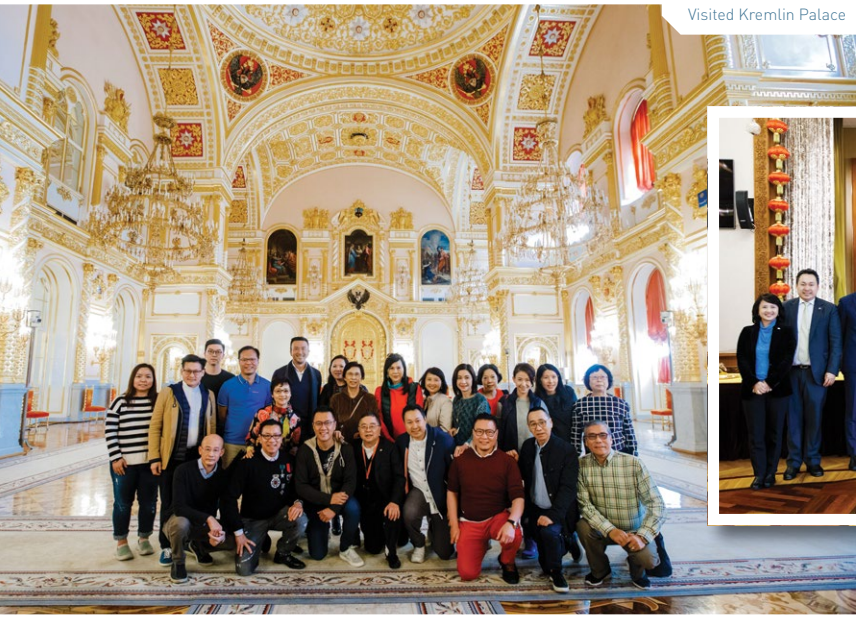
Enjoyed delicious lunch at White Rabbit, the world's best 50 restaurants



Celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival



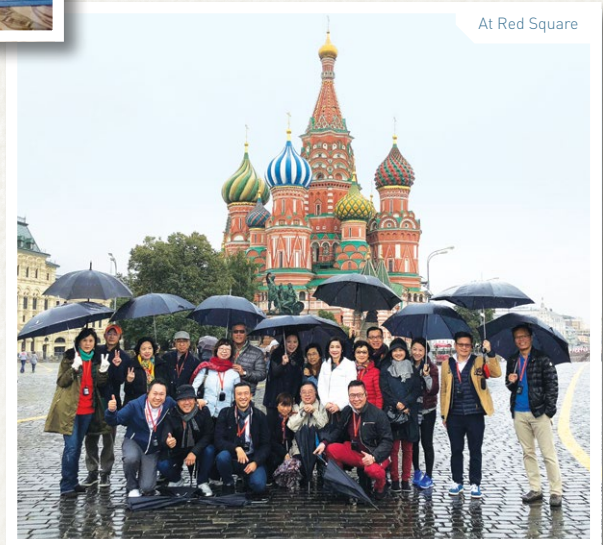
Moscow Metro Subway tour



Visited Kremlin Palace



At the Chinese Embassy in Moscow



At Red Square



Mr. Anton Kobayakov [3rd left], Adviser to the President congratulated the delegation for its success in Moscow and wished the journey in St. Petersburg a fruitful one



At the Bunker-42 (Museum of Cold War)



At the State Tretyakov Gallery



▶ ST. PETERSBURG



Attended the National Day Reception hosted by Chinese Consulate-General in St. Petersburg, with Consul-General Guo Min (6th right)



At the Imperial Palace of Peterhof



At the Church of Savior on the Spilled Blood

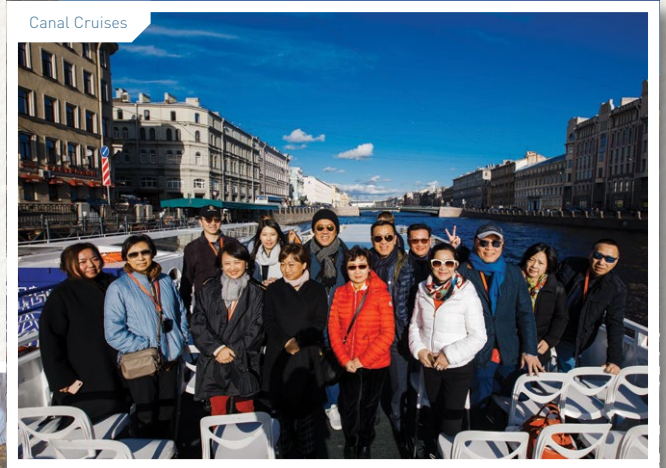


Enjoyed great weather in St. Petersburg





At the Military Historical Museum



Canal Cruises



Visited the Hermitage Museum



Enjoyed swan lake ballet show at the Mariinsky Theatre



Caviar Tasting

2018 China-U.S. Journalist Exchange

In an effort to enhance the understanding of China and Hong Kong by the American media, since 1996 the Foundation has invited six to eight American journalists each year to visit the Mainland China and Hong Kong. The Foundation sponsored and organized their trip. 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 and local municipal officials in one of the second or third tier cities in China. The Foundation also organizes meetings with key industry and business players, academic and research institutions and media practitioners to broaden the participants' network other than providing them an overview of the cities they visited. This year, the Foundation, in association with the All-China Journalists Association (ACJA) and the East-West Center, organized the 9th China-U.S. Journalists Exchange program, as an expansion of the original Hong Kong Journalism Fellows program by adding the visit of the Chinese journalists to the U.S. The theme of this year's program is "Business and Trade: Opportunities and Challenges".

A delegation of six senior U.S. journalists visited Beijing, Guangzhou, Zhuhai, Dongguan, Shenzhen and Hong Kong from 8 - 19 September 2018 while three Chinese journalists visited New York and Washington D.C. in the U.S. during the period. After their respective study tours, all Chinese and American journalists met in Washington D.C. to report on their experiences and to exchange opinions on how media coverage of each country can be improved. Through direct dialogue with local authorities and communities in different areas and seeing the developments for themselves, the U.S. journalists gain a better understanding of the current situation and future development of Hong Kong and Mainland China.



Meeting with Mr. Yu Dunhai (middle), Deputy Director-General of Information Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

List of U.S. Journalists:

- **Mr. Benjamin BARTENSTEIN**, Emerging Markets Reporter, Bloomberg News, New York, NY
- **Mr. Adam BEHSUDI**, Trade Reporter, *POLITICO*, Arlington, VA
- **Ms. Mary CHILDS**, Senior Reporter, *Barron's*, New York, NY
- **Mr. Alexander KAUFMAN**, Reporter, *HuffPost*, New York, NY
- **Mr. William LUCKIE**, News Anchor/Reporter, KLTU, Tyler, TX
- **Ms. Mariana KELLER**, Senior Video Producer, NBC News, New York, NY

Organizations and People Visited:

Beijing

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- HKSAR Government Office in Beijing
- China Institute of International Studies
- China Center for International Economic Exchanges
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- *Global Times*
- All China Journalists Association



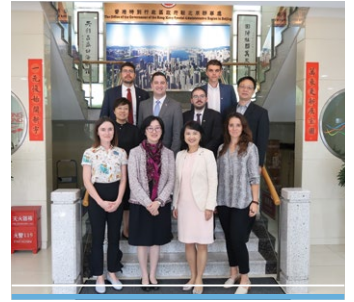
Meeting with Ms. Chen Wenling (7th left), Chief Economist of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges and her research team



Mr. Zhang Yannong (2nd left), Chairman of All China Journalists Association hosted a dinner for the delegation



Dr. Teng Jianqun (right), Director of Department for American Studies met with the journalists at the China Institute of International Studies



Visited the HKSAR Government Office in Beijing



Meeting at Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank



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

Guangzhou, Zhuhai, Dongguan & Shenzhen

- Guangdong Foreign Affairs Office
- Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Bureau
- Dongguan Foreign Affairs Bureau
- Hengqin Free Trade Zone
- Hongkong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge
- iFLYTEK Co Ltd
- Royole Co
- China Spallation Neutron Source
- Guangdong Radio and Television Station
- Wonderful Ceramics Museum
- Canton Tower
- Shenzhen Museum



Visited iFLYTEK Co Ltd in Guangzhou



Visited Hongkong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge



Visited China Spallation Neutron Source in Dongguan



Visited Royole Co in Shenzhen

Hong Kong

- Mr. TUNG Chee-hwa, Vice Chairman of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and first Chief Executive of the HKSAR
- Mr. LEUNG Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and Former Chief Executive of HKSAR
- Deputy Commissioner SONG Ru’an, Office of Commissioner of the PRC’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR
- Mr. Kurt TONG, Consul General of American Consulate General
- Mr. Wesley WONG, Solicitor General of Department of Justice
- American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- Vision 2047 Foundation



Meeting with Mr. Tung Chee-hwa (4th left), Vice Chairman of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and first Chief Executive of the HKSAR



The Foundation’s Trustee Tan Sri Dato’ David Chiu (front row, middle) chaired a luncheon where members of the Foundation and guests exchanged views with the journalists on various issues



Meeting with Mr. Leung Chun-ying (2nd right), Vice Chairman of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and former Chief Executive of the HKSAR



Deputy Commissioner Song Ru’an (right), Office of Commissioner of the PRC’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR received the delegation



Meeting with Mr. Wesley Wong (right), Solicitor General of Department of Justice

List of Chinese Journalists:

- **Mr. LIU Cheng’an**, Editor-in-Chief, Sichuan Radio and Television, Chengdu
- **Ms. YU Jiaxin**, Reporter, Xinhua News Agency, Beijing
- **Mr. XU Meng**, Chief Reporter, JieFang Daily, Shanghai

During their visit in the U.S., the Chinese journalists met with government officials, think tanks, community and business leaders, educators, local journalists, and others to gain insight on diverse issues and to understand more about the general views from the U.S. interlocutors on the relationship between China and the U.S.

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 overseas speakers to address the Hong Kong community from time to time.

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

To celebrate and share our good wishes for the new year, the Foundation organizes a Spring Luncheon for the Foundation's members, Consuls General and chairmen of international chambers of commerce in Hong Kong at the beginning of each Chinese New Year. On 1 March 2018, the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan together with Trustee Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu as well as the Foundation's members hosted the luncheon for around 50 guests. The Foundation was deeply honored to have invited Commissioner Xie Feng to give a speech entitled "China's Major-Country Diplomacy under the Guidance of Xi Jinping's Diplomatic Thought" at the luncheon.

The Foundation members attending the luncheon included Corporate Sponsor's representative Mr. Ben Zhang; Council Members Ms. Winnie Chiu, Mr. Oscar Chow, Mr. Thomas Woo, Mr. Joseph Yu,

Mr. Philip Ma, Mr. Sebastian Man, Ms. Juliana Lam, Dr. Raymond Leung, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. Anson Chan, Mr. Allen Shi and Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang.



Commissioner Xie Feng (7th left) and members of the Foundation

Guests Included:

Commissioner's Office of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR

- **Mr. ZHENG Zhenhua**
Director-General, Policy Research Department
- **Mr. SUN Zhen**
Spokesman & Director-General, Department of Media & Public Relations
- **Mr. FENG Qiang**
First Secretary, Department of Media & Public Relations

Consulate General in Hong Kong

- **Ms. Michaela BROWNING**
Consul General, Consulate General of Australia
- **Mrs. Monika MUELLER-FEMBECK**
Consul General, Consulate General of Austria
- **Mr. Mohammad Sarwar MAHMOOD**
Consul General, Consulate General of Bangladesh
- **Ms. Michèle DENEFFE**
Consul General, Consulate General of Belgium

- **Ms. Sarah DOCHERTY**
Head of Political & Communications Section, British Consulate-General
- **Mr. Jeff NANKIVELL**
Consul General, Consulate General of Canada
- **Mr. Yobani VELÁSQUEZ QUINTERO**
Consul General, Consulate General of Colombia
- **Mr. JANG Song Chol**
Consul General, Consulate General of Democratic People's Republic of Korea

- **Ms. Carmen CANO DE LASLA**
Head of Office, European Union
- **Ms. Paule IGNATIO**
Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of France
- **Mr. Puneet AGRAWAL**
Consul General, Consulate General of India
- **Mr. Natan KAMBUNO**
Consul, Consulate General of Indonesia
- **Dr. Mehdi FAKHERI**
Consul General, Consulate General of Iran
- **Mr. Antonello DE RIU**
Consul General, Consulate General of Italy
- **Mr. Kuninori MATSUDA**
Consul General, Consulate General of Japan
- **Mr. KIM Weon-jin**
Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea
- **Mr. TENGKU Sirajuzzaman**
Consul General, Consulate General of Malaysia
- **Mr. Kyaw Zay Yar Lin**
Deputy Chief, Consulate General of Myanmar



Speech by Commissioner Xie Feng

- **Mr. Kamal Prasad BHATTARAI**
Consul General, Consulate General of Nepal
- **Mr. Shannon TAU**
Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of New Zealand
- **Mrs. Inex JAHO-HERBERT**
Consul, Consulate General of Nigeria
- **Mr. Gonzalo Talavera ALVAREZ**
Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Peru
- **Ms. Antonio A. MORALES**
Consul General, Consulate General of the Philippines
- **Mr. Omar B. AL BUNAYAN**
Consul General, Consulate General of Saudi Arabia
- **Ms. FOO Teow Lee**
Consul General, Consulate General of Singapore
- **Mr. Leon NAIDOO**
Acting Consul General, Consulate General of South Africa
- **Mrs. Helena STORM**
Consul General, Consulate General of Sweden



[L to R] Mr. Oscar Chow, Mr. Jang Song Chol, Commissioner Xie Feng, Mr. Natan Kambuno and Ms. Karen Tang



[L to R] Mr. Reto Renggli, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. Tengku Sirajuzzaman and Mr. Korhan Kemik

- **Mr. Reto RENGGLI**
Consul General, Consulate General of Switzerland
- **Mr. Korhan KEMIK**
Consul General, Consulate General of Turkey
- **Mr. Kurt TONG**
Consul General, U.S. Consulate General
- **Mr. TRAN Thanh Huan**
Consul General, Consulate General of Vietnam
- **Mr. Victor MACHAMBA**
Consul, Consulate General of Zimbabwe



[L to R] Mr. Allen Shi, Mr. Jimmy Kwok, Commissioner Xie Feng, Ms. Winnie Chiu, Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu, Mr. Ronnie Chan and Dr. Rafael Aharoni



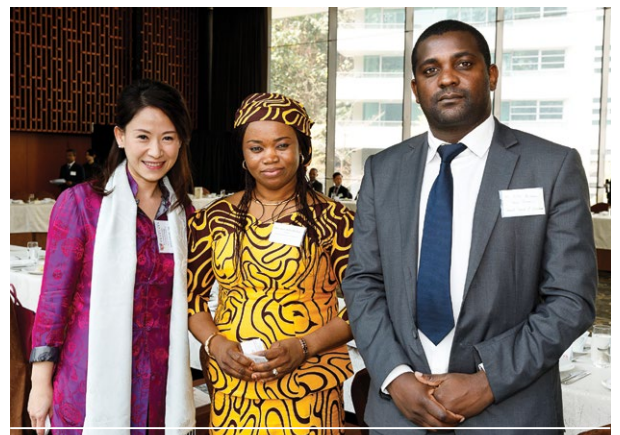
[L to R] Ms. Michaela Browning, Mr. Kurt Tong and Ms. Karen Tang

International Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

- **Ms. Tara JOSEPH**
President, American Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Wilhelm BRAUNER**
Chairman, Austrian Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Andrew SEATON**
Executive Director, British Chamber of Commerce



[L to R] Mr. Wilhelm Brauner, Mr. Oscar Chow, Ms. Tara Joseph, Mr. Philip Ma and Mr. David Whitwam



[L to R] Ms. Juliana Lam, Mrs. Inex Jaho-Herbert and Mr. Victor Machamba

- **Ms. Vanessa POON**
Executive Committee – Secretary,
Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Claudio de BEDIN**
Vice Chairman, European Chamber of
Commerce
- **Ms. Delphine COLSON**
Executive Director, French Chamber of
Commerce & Industry
- **Mr. Wolfgang NIEDERMARK**
Chief Representative, German Chamber
of Commerce
- **Dr. Rafael AHARONI**
Chairman, Israeli Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. David WHITWAM**
Chairman, New Zealand Chamber of
Commerce
- **Mr. S G LIM**
Ex-co Member, Singapore Chamber of
Commerce
- **Mr. Kristian ODEBIER**
Chairman, Swedish Chamber of Commerce

Local Chamber of Commerce

- **Mr. Jimmy KWOK**
Chairman, Federation of Hong Kong
Industries



[L to R] Mr. S G Lim, Mr. Shannon Tau, Mr. David Whitwam, Ms. Michaela Browning, Mr. Ben Zhang, Mr. Thomas Woo, Mr. Jeff Nankivell and Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng



[L to R] Mr. Ronnie Chan, Dr. Mehdi Fakheri, Mr. Antonello De Riu, Mr. Tran Thanh Huan, Mr. Yobani Velásquez Quintero and Mr. Gonzalo Talavera Alvarez



Mr. Jang Song Choi (left) and Mr. Oscar Chow



[L to R] Ms. Michaela Browning, Mr. Kuninori Matsuda and Mr. Thomas Woo



Ms. Foo Teow Lee and Dr. Frankie Yeung

With the Chief Executive of the HKSAR

On 12 February 2018, the Foundation was honored to have invited Mrs. Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR to attend a luncheon where she discussed and exchanged views with members of the Foundation. Chaired by the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan, Trustee Tan Sri Dato' David

Chiu, Dr. Yeung Kin-man and Dr. Sumet Jiaravanon's representative Ms. Li Xuhua; Corporate Sponsors Mr. Andrew Yao and Dr. Lin Yong; Council Members Ms. Winnie Chiu, Mr. Oscar Chow, Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Thomas Woo, Ms. Winnie Ng, Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Philip Ma, Ms. Diana Chou, Ms. Juliana Lam, Dr. Raymond Leung,

Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. Chan Yim-kwong, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Bryant Lu, Mr. Dominic Pang, Mr. Andrew Yu, Mr. Dario Pong, Mr. Alex Yip, Mr. Adam Kwok, Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng, Mr. Andrew Fan and Ms. Clara Chan; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang joined the luncheon.



The Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam (front row, 5th left) shared her views with the Foundation members

With the Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR

Chaired by Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan, the Foundation was honored to have invited Mr. Wang Zhimin, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (the Liaison Office) to attend the dinner on 12 June 2018, discussed and exchanged views with members of the Foundation. Members joining the dinner included Trustees Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu, Ms. Pansy Ho, Dr. Sumet

Jiaravanon's representative Ms. Li Xuhua and Dr. Yeung Kin-man's representative Ms. Angela Yeung; Corporate Sponsor Dr. Lin Yong; Council Members Ms. Winnie Chiu, Mr. Thomas Woo, Ms. Winnie Ng, Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Philip Ma, Ms. Diana Chou, Mr. Sebastian Man, Dr. Raymond Leung, Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. Chan Yim-kwong, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Andrew Yu, Ms. Alice Au, Ms. Rosana

Wong, Mr. Adam Kwok, Mr. Allen Shi and Mr. Andrew Fan; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang. Mr. Yang Jian, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office, Ms. Wang Jun, Deputy Director-General of Research Department, Mr. Xiao Ming, Secretary of Director, Mr. Chen Jipeng, Secretary of Deputy Director and Mr. Lin Yikai of Research Department also joined the dinner.



Mr. Wang Zhimin (front row, 4th left) exchanged views with the Foundation's members

With the Commissioner of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR

To strengthen communication and enhance friendship, the Commissioner of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR Mr. Xie Feng hosted a luncheon for members of the Foundation at his office on 12 May 2018. At the luncheon, Commissioner Xie shared his analysis of the recent changes and developments of the international

environment, and the impact on China and its foreign policy. Participants of the luncheon included the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan; Trustees Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu and Dr. Sumet Jiaravanon's representative Ms. Li Xuhua; Corporate Sponsor Dr. Lin Yong; Council Members Mr. Matthew Lam, Ms.

Winnie Chiu, Mr. Thomas Woo, Ms. Winnie Ng, Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Philip Ma, Ms. Diana Chou, Mr. Sebastian Man, Dr. Raymond Leung, Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Andrew Yu, Mr. Dario Pong, Ms. Rosana Wong, Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng and Mr. Andrew Fan; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang.



Commissioner Xie Feng (front row, 6th right) hosted a luncheon for the Foundation's members at his office

With Students from the HKU-USC Master of Global Public Policy Degree

Jointly offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong and the Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of South California, the Master of Global Public Policy degree is designed for mid-career professionals in public, private and social sectors around the world who have substantial experience in relevant professions and are eager to understand and creatively solve complex policy problems. On 16 March 2018, the Foundation hosted a luncheon where Council Members Dr. Roy Chung and Mr. Sebastian Man and the invited guest Mr. Stephen Wong attended and shared their views and comments on the projects presented by the students.



Dr. Roy Chung (standing) shared his views with the students

With the Chief Executive on Policy Address

Mrs. Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR, delivered her policy address to the Legislative Council in October 2018. On 14 November 2018, Mrs. Lam attended the Joint Business Community Luncheon where she talked about the philosophy behind her policy address. The Foundation's Trustee Dr. Sumet Jiaravanon's representative Ms. Li Xuhua; Council Members Ms. Winnie Chiu, Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Thomas Woo, Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Philip Ma, Ms. Diana Chou, Mr. Sebastian Man, Dr. Raymond Leung, Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. Chan Yim-kwong, Dr. Frankie Yeung and Mr. Allen Shi; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang attended the luncheon.



[Sitting, L to R] Ms. Li Xuhua, Ms. Diana Chou, Mr. Joseph Yu, Ms. Winnie Chiu and Mr. Sebastian Man; [Standing, L to R] Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Philip Ma, Ms. Karen Tang, Mr. Chan Yim-kwong and Mr. Thomas Woo



[Front row, L to R] Ms. Phyllis Chan, Ms. Clara Chan, Ms. Karen Tang, Mr. Joseph Yu, Ms. Miranda Lou and Mr. Alex Yip; [Back row, L to R] Ms. Naomi Chan, Ms. Annora Ng, Mr. Kevin Lim, Ms. Rita Yip, Ms. Li Xuhua, Mr. Cheung Wai-lam, Mr. Lee Yuen-hong, Mr. Gordon Kee, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. Vincent Woo, Mr. Albert Yip, Mr. Sebastian Man, Mr. Kenneth Chan and Ms. Yvonne Mak

With the Financial Secretary on Budget Speech

The Financial Secretary Mr. Paul Chan delivered his 2018-2019 Budget Speech to the Legislative Council on 28 February 2018. On 28 March 2018, Mr. Chan attended the Joint Business Community Luncheon where he talked to the Hong Kong business community about his thoughts behind the Budget. The Foundation's Trustee Dr. Sumet Jiaravanon's representative Ms. Li Xuhua; Council Members Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Sebastian Man, Dr. Raymond Leung, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. Lee Yuen-hong, Mr. Alex Yip and Ms. Clara Chan; Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang; and guests Mr. Kenneth Chan, Mr. Ivan Wong, Mr. Albert Ip, Ms. Rita Yip, Dr. Miranda Lou, Ms. Yvonne Mak, Mr. Vincent Woo, Mr. Cheung Wai-lam, Ms. Phyllis Chan, Ms. Naomi Chan, Mr. Gordon Kee, Mr. Kevin Lim, Ms. Annora Ng joined the luncheon.

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 engage through direct communication and deliberation.

Conference on “China’s 40 Years of Reform and Opening up: Implications for the World and Role of Hong Kong”



(Front row, L to R) Prof. Lawrence Lau, Dr. Jusuf Wanandi, Prof. Martin Jacques, Commissioner Xie Feng, Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Mr. Dominique De Villepin, Mrs. Carrie Lam, Mr. Yukio Hatoyama, Ms. Charlene Barshefsky, Mr. Ronnie Chan, Mr. Tan Tieniu and Prof. Harry Harding; (Back row, L to R) Dr. Peter Qiu, Deputy Commissioner Yang Yirui, Mr. Patrick Nip, Mr. Edward Yau, Mr. Merlin Swire, Mr. Joseph Yam, Dr. Yuan Peng, Mr. Gao Yingxi, Ms. Teresa Cheng, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Feng Tie, Deputy Commissioner Song Ru'an and Ms. Karen Tang

Over the past four decades, China’s reform and opening up has not only profoundly changed the country, but also greatly influenced the whole world. And Hong Kong has played a significant and unique role and made historic contribution in the national reform and opening up endeavor. On 29 October 2018, the Better Hong Kong Foundation and the Office of Commissioner of the PRC’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR jointly organized a conference entitled “China’s 40 Years of Reform and Opening up: Implications for the World and Role of Hong Kong”, in celebration of the 40th anniversary of China’s reform and opening up. At the conference, international political leaders, senior officials of both the central government and the HKSAR government, prominent scholars across the world and business leaders who have witnessed and participated in the journey of

reform and opening up shared their insights on the global implications of China’s reform and opening up, Hong Kong’s role and contribution, and visions for the future.



The Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam shared her views at the conference



Mr. Tung Chee-hwa spoke at the luncheon after the conference



Former Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Li Zhaoxing



Former Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Yukio Hatoyama

The conference was officiated by Commissioner Xie Feng, the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan, and the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Mrs. Carrie Lam. The former French Prime Minister Mr. Dominique De Villepin, former Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Yukio Hatoyama, former Chinese Foreign Minister Mr. Li Zhaoxing and former U.S. trade representative Ms. Charlene Barshefsky delivered keynote addresses at the conference. Other prominent speakers from overseas and Mainland China included Prof. Martin Jacques from University of Cambridge, Prof. Harry Harding from University Virginia, Dr. Jusuf Wanandi from Center for Strategic and International Studies, Dr. Yuan Peng from China Institute of Contemporary International Relations and Dr. Peter Qiu from Phoenix TV. From Hong Kong, the Chief Secretary for Administration Mr. Matthew Cheung, former Chief Executive of Hong Kong Monetary Authority Mr. Joseph Yam, Chairman of John Swire & Sons Mr. Merlin Swire, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of Bank of China Mr. Gao Yingxi and notable economist former Vice-Chancellor & President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong Prof. Lawrence Lau also shared their thoughts. At the luncheon, we were honoured to have invited Mr. Tung Chee-hwa, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and first Chief Executive of the HKSAR to address the audiences.



The Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan gave an opening remark



Former U.S. trade representative Ms. Charlene Barshefsky



Commissioner Xie Feng met with media



(L to R) Prof. Martin Jacques, Prof. Harry Harding, Dr. Jusuf Wanandi, Dr. Yuan Peng and Dr. Peter Qiu

Over 300 participants including senior government officials, foreign consuls in Hong Kong, business leaders from international chambers of commerce as well as representatives from local business, academic, youth and media attended the conference. The Foundation's Trustee Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu; Council Members Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Thomas Woo, Mr. Joseph Yu, Dr. Raymond Leung, Mr. Chan Yim-kwong, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Ms. Alice Au, Mr. Alex Yip and Ms. Rosana Wong; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang participated in the conference.



(L to R) Mr. Matthew Cheung, Mr. Joseph Yam, Mr. Merlin Swire, Mr. Gao Yingxi and Prof. Lawrence Lau



(L to R) Ms. Karen Tang, Mr. Ronnie Chan, Mr. Li Zhaoxing and Ms. Qin Xiaomei



Former French Prime Minister Mr. Dominique De Villepin



Over three hundreds guests participated in the conference

Annual Forum in Shanghai – “40th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-Up: Shanghai and Hong Kong to Launch a New Chapter Together”

The Foundation, together with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and Shanghai Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), organized the forum on “40th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-Up: Shanghai and Hong Kong to Launch a New Chapter Together” on 13 November 2018 in Shanghai. It was the 13th annual forum that was jointly organized by the three organizations. The forum was supported by Shanghai International Economic Exchange Foundation, Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the

Shanghai Municipal People’s Government, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai of the HKSAR Government and Shanghai Office of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

More than one hundred experts, scholars, government officials and entrepreneurs from Hong Kong and the Mainland attended the forum. The Chairman of the Shanghai CPPCC Mr. Dong Yunhu, President of the SASS Dr. Zhang Daogen together with the Foundation’s Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan officiated at

the opening ceremony. Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of CPPCC and former Chief Executive of HKSAR gave a keynote speech sharing his early involvement in the opening-up of the country as well as his aspiration about the future.

The Foundation’s Trustee Dr. Adrian Cheng’s representative Ms. Jenny Tam; Council Members Mr. Oscar Chow, Mr. Philip Ma and Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng; Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang; and invited guests Ms. Sophia Kao and Ms. Grace Yu participated in the forum.



Group photo with Vice Chairman of CPPCC Mr. Leung Chun-ying (front row, middle), Executive Committee Chairman of the Foundation Mr. Ronnie Chan (front row, 2nd right), Chairman of the Shanghai CPPCC Mr. Dong Yunhu (front row, 5th left), President of the SASS Dr. Zhang Daogen (front row, 3rd left) and the Foundation’s members Ms. Karen Tang (2nd row, 5th right), Mr. Philip Ma (2nd row, 4th right), Mr. Oscar Chow (3rd row, 3rd right), Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng (3rd row, 2nd right) and Ms. Jenny Tam (3rd row, 1st right)



The Foundation’s Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan gave an opening remark



Mr. Leung Chun-ying delivered a keynote speech

The 11th World Policy Conference



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

Founded in 2008 by Prof. Thierry de Montbrial, Chairman of the French Institute of Foreign Relations (Ifri), the World Policy Conference (WPC) held its eleventh edition from 26 to 28 October 2018 in Rabat, Morocco. The WPC's mission is to reflect upon and to come up with solutions to the constant upheavals of today's world and to create lasting bonds between the participants. This international conference gave a voice to political, economic, academic and media players from over 40 countries.

Initiated and organized by the Foundation, a plenary session entitled "One Belt, One Road" was held in this year's conference. The Foundation invited Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and former Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Mr. Shiv Vikram Khemka, Vice Chairman of SUN Group, and Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi, former Vice Minister of Trade of Indonesia to speak and share their insights in the session. The session was moderated by

the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan. The Foundation's Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang participated in the conference.



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

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.



With Ambassador Zhai Jun (front row, 3rd left)

Mainland China

2 February 2018

Ambassador ZHAI Jun

Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary
of the PRC to France and Monaco

28 February 2018

Ambassador LI Xiaosi

Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the PRC to the Republic
of Austria



With Ambassador Li Xiaosi (front row, 2nd left)

2 March 2018

Mr. FENG Haiyang

Consul General of the PRC in Düsseldorf,
Germany



With Mr. Feng Haiyang (middle)



With Commissioner Xie Feng (3rd right)

12 June 2018

Commissioner XIE Feng

Commissioner's Office of Ministry of
Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR

Mr. WANG Zhimin

Director of the Liaison Office of the
Central People's Government in the
HKSAR



With Mr. Wang Zhimin (4th left)

Overseas

17 January 2018

Ir. Nurhaida

Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Indonesia Financial Services Authority (OJK), Indonesia

23 January 2018

Prof. Thierry de MONTBRIAL

Founder and Executive Chairman of French Institute of International Relations, France



With Ir. Nurhaida (3rd right)



With Miss Emma McClarkin and Mr. Jens Gieseke

14 February 2018

Miss Emma MCCLARKIN (UK) and Mr. Jens GIESEKE (Germany)

Members of European Parliament (MEPs), EU

26 March 2018

Delegation of U.S. Congressional Staffers

21 November 2018

Mrs. Marie LEBEC

Member of French National Assembly,
France

28 November 2018

Mr. Alexandre MISSOFFE

Executive Director of Greater Paris
Investment Agency, France



With the Delegation of U.S. Congressional Staffers

Hong Kong

12 February 2018

Mrs. Carrie LAM

Chief Executive of the HKSAR



With Mrs. Carrie Lam (middle)

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 bench marking world cities in the pursuit of excellence. We also recognize the importance of Hong Kong's youth development and the cultivation of a green environment and corporate social responsibility for the betterment and sustainable development of Hong Kong.

2018 China Urban Competitiveness Report

The 2018 China Urban Competitiveness Report (Hong Kong) press conference was held in Hong Kong on 29 June 2018. It was organized by the Better Hong Kong Foundation and co-organized by Center for City and Competitiveness of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Led by Prof. Ni Pengfei of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the theme of the 2018 Report is "40 Years: Formation of Cities Across the Country", revealing the contributions of cities in China's opening-up and reforms. It also revealed the mechanism of successful development of Chinese cities in the past four decades. The press conference was chaired by the Foundation's Executive Director Ms. Karen Tan. Prof. Ni gave a presentation on the report and explained the overall competitiveness of Hong Kong. Prof. Shen Jianfa from the Chinese University of Hong Kong commented on the findings about Hong Kong.

According to the Comprehensive Economic Competitiveness Index in 2017, the top ten cities are Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taipei, Guangzhou, Beijing, Tianjin, Suzhou, Nanjing and Wuhan. They are all located in the Pearl River Delta (PRD),

Yangtze River Delta (YRD), Bohai Rim; and Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan area, except Wuhan, which is in central China. This reflects the advantages of coastal areas in development. Hong Kong tops the Livability Competitiveness Index. Hong Kong ranks high in quality education, good medical environment, green and ecological environment, and active economic environment. These contribute to the top ranking of the city. Hong Kong leads in Sustainable Competitiveness Index. Hong Kong's economy maintains a good momentum of development in recent years. However, from a structural point of view, Hong Kong still faces major challenges in

terms of technology innovation, industrial diversification and upgrading. In terms of spatial development, Hong Kong should embrace the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) and undertake the roles of strategic node and core hub in the BRI. At the same time, Hong Kong should actively participate in the formation and development of the Guangzhou-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area (GBA). Hong Kong should make good use of its advantages and grasp opportunities arising from science & innovation, the BRI and the GBA, in order to achieve sustainable development and strengthen its urban competitiveness.



The Foundation's members and invited guests exchanged views at the discussion luncheon

Before the press conference, the Foundation's Council Member Dr. Roy Chung chaired a luncheon discussion where members of the Foundation and guests exchanged and shared their views on the report. Invited guests including Mr. Andrew Au, Government Economist, Prof. Anthony Yeh, Chair Professor of Department of Urban Planning and Design of the University of Hong Kong, Dr. Joe Fang, Chief Research Officer of the One Country Two Systems Research Institute; and Dr. Tse Kwok-leung, Head of Policy & Economic Research of the Bank of China also shared their views at the luncheon discussion.



The Foundation's Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang, Prof. Ni Pengfei (left) and Prof. Shen Jianfa presented the report to Hong Kong media

The 12th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest

Since 2007, the Foundation has jointly organized the 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. The contest aimed to raise students' interest in international affairs and knowledge

of the nation's foreign policy. The theme of the 12th Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Competition was "China and the World: 40 Years of Opening Up". More than 22,000 students from 125 primary and secondary schools enrolled in this year's contest which set the highest record since the launch of the contest.



The Final was successfully held on 19 May 2018

On 19 May 2018, ten shortlisted teams entered into the Final and competed under two groups, namely Elite Group and Pioneer Group, after the first-round competition in March. This year, the organizers were honored to have invited the Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam as the Guest of Honor of the Final and to address us at the prize presentation ceremony. In the Final, students competed for their knowledge of foreign diplomatic affairs of the PRC, Hong Kong-related foreign affairs, national and international affairs, international relationships and diplomatic etiquette. After rounds of fierce competition, the championship in Elite Group and Pioneer Group went to Ying Wa College and Sing Yin Secondary School respectively. The Final took place at the TVB studio. More than 400 audience members, comprising of students and teachers from primary and secondary schools, were amazed by the excellent performances of the finalists. A television program about the contest was produced and broadcast on 26 May 2018.



The Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam presented the Gold Award of the Elite Group to Ying Wa College



The Foundation's Council Member Dr. Roy Chung (6th right) together with the Under Secretary for Education Dr. Choi Yuk-lin presented the Bronze Awards of the Elite Group



Prof. Wong Yuk-Shan, President of the Open University of Hong Kong presented the Gold Award of the Pioneer Group to Sing Yin Secondary School



Dr. Margaret Chan, former Director-General of World Health Organization and member of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, presented the Best Spokesperson Award

From 21 – 27 July 2018, a study tour to Beijing, Xiongan and Tianjin was organized for the winning teams. In Beijing, students visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where they were able to observe the press conference hosted by Spokesman Mr. Geng Shuang at the Blue Hall. They also had a dialogue with a group of young diplomats. One of the highlights of the tour was the visit to Xiongan New Area to understand its town planning. Through the contest, we hope 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.



Group photo with the Ministry's Spokesman Mr. Geng Shuang at the Blue Hall



Sharing session with young diplomats at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Visited Beijing Yanqi Lake International Conference Centre



Visited Tianjin Planning Exhibition Hall



Visited Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank



Visited Xiongan New Area

Milestones

13 December 2017	Open for enrollment
9 February	Training Day for First-round On-line Competition
26 February – 13 March	First-round On-line Competition
23 March	Results of the 15 Winning Teams under the Primary School Category and the 10 Shortlisted Teams under Elite Group and Pioneer Group of the Secondary School Category
27 April	Training Day for Final
19 May	Final and Prize Presentation Ceremony
21 - 27 July	Study Tour to Beijing, Xiongan and Tianjin

The Winners - Secondary School Category

Elite Group

Gold	Ying Wa College
Silver	Diocesan Girls' School Po Leung Kuk Tung Yuk Tien College
Bronze	Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School
Best Spokesperson	Liu Wing Sze (Diocesan Girls' School)

Pioneer Group

Gold	Sing Yin Secondary School
Silver	Queen's College
Bronze	Kwun Tong Maryknoll College
Merits	SKH Chan Young Secondary School Shatin Pui Ying College

The Winners – Primary School Category

Champion	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club Li Ping Memorial School
1st Runner-up	Ying Wa Primary School
2nd Runner-up	YLPMS Alumni Association Ying Yip Primary School
Merits	SKH Chu Oi Primary School (Lei Muk Shue) Kwok Man School Diocesan Boys' School Primary Division HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School TWGHs Chow Yin Sum Primary School TWGHs Wong See Sum Primary School King's College Old Boys' Association Primary School No. 2 Kowloon City Baptist Church Hay Nien Primary School St. Matthew's Lutheran School (Sau Mau Ping) TWGHs Ma Kam Chan Memorial Primary School

Corporate Social Responsibility and Green Environment

The Foundation is keen to work with organizations and media in promoting and recognizing corporations that excel in supporting corporate social responsibility and a green environment.

The Prime Awards for Corporate Social Responsibility 2018

Supported by the Foundation, the awards were presented by MetroBox magazine, and aimed to honor business' contribution to society and promote corporate social responsibility to more companies.

Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit 2018

Co-organized by the HKSAR Government, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the HKSTP, and supported by the Foundation, the GIES provided a platform for all relevant parties, from experts, industry leaders and policymakers in relevant disciplines. Also included were the elderly and their families and carers who were encouraged to share their views and get stimulated, with the aim of enhancing public awareness on technology and innovation for the elderly and encouraging the development and adoption of relevant solutions in Hong Kong.

Industrialist Forum 2018

Jointly organised by Federation of Hong Kong Industries, HKSTP, Hong Kong Productivity Council and KPMG, and supported by the Foundation, the Industrialist Forum aimed to provide a platform where industrialists, investors/capital providers, academia and government officials could exchange views on the prospects of Hong Kong industries, in particular to tie in technology and innovation initiatives rolled out by the HKSAR government in the Policy Address and Budget.

Top 10 Policies of the HKSAR Election 2018

Co-organized by the Foundation, the public was encouraged to select ten HKSAR policies that it was most concerned about in 2018. This offered the government a reference with regards to public sentiment concerning public policies.

JCIHK Belt & Road International Youth Summit 2018

Organized by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong (JCIHK) and sponsored by the Foundation, the Belt & Road (B&R) International Youth Summit 2018 was held from 13 to 14 March 2018. The summit provided opportunities for participants to visit companies such as Tencent, Skyworth and Das Intellitech in Shenzhen as well as to exchange views with Chinese entrepreneurs. They then participated in a forum in Hong Kong which covered topics such as business opportunities and related policies in Mainland China, and the advantages of Hong Kong as springboard for B&R countries to enter into the China market. A press conference was held to announce the results of the Belt and Road Related Survey which was conducted amongst the B&R countries and regions. Around 400 young people from Hong Kong, the Mainland China and overseas countries participated in the summit.



The Foundation's Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang (front row, 5th right) attended the summit

THE FOUNDATION MATTERS

Spring Luncheon and Media Gathering

To celebrate the Year of the Dog with members and to strengthen our communication with media friends, the Foundation held its annual spring luncheon with members and media gathering on 13 February 2018. The luncheon was hosted by the Foundation's Advisory Council Chairman Dr. Henry Cheng and the media gathering was chaired by the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan. More than 30 editors and journalists joined the media gathering and exchanged good wishes with the Foundation's members for the new year.

Members joining the spring luncheon included Executive Committee Chairman Mr. Ronnie Chan; Trustees Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu and Dr. Sumet Jiaravanon's representative Ms. Li Xuhua; Corporate Sponsors Mr. Andrew Yao and representative Dr. Duke Du; Council Members Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Thomas Woo, Ms. Winnie Ng, Mr. Joseph Yu, Ms. Diana Chou, Ms. Juliana Lam, Dr. Raymond Leung, Mr. Samson Chan, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Lee Yuen-hong, Mr. Bryant Lu, Mr. Dominic Pang, Ms. Rosana Wong, Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng and Mr. Andrew Fan; and Executive Director Ms. Karen Tang.



(L to R) Mr. Dominic Pang, Ms. Diana Chou, Ms. Rosana Wong and Mr. Samson Chan



Members of the Foundation sent Chinese New Year greetings to people of Hong Kong: (Front row, L to R) Dr. Roy Chung, Ms. Winnie Ng, Ms. Karen Tang, Tan Sri Dato' David Chiu, Mr. Ronnie Chan, Ms. Li Xuhua, Ms. Juliana Lam, Ms. Diana Chou and Ms. Rosana Wong; (Back row, L to R) Mr. John Lee, Mr. Allen Shi, Mr. Dominic Pang, Dr. Duke Du, Mr. Andrew Fan, Dr. Raymond Leung, Dr. Frankie Yeung, Dr. Zhong Xiaofeng, Mr. Philip Ma, Mr. Samson Chan, Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Thomas Woo, Mr. Bryant Lu and Mr. Lee Yuen-hong



(L to R) Ms. Diana Chou, Mr. Ronnie Chan and Ms. Winnie Ng



(L to R) Mr. Allen Shi, Dr. Raymond Leung, Dr. Roy Chung, Mr. Andrew Fan, Dr. Duke Du and Ms. Karen Tang



(L to R) Mr. Philip Ma, Ms. Juliana Lam, Mr. John Lee and Dr. Frankie Yeung

New Members

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Dr. Adrian Cheng is the Executive Vice-chairman and General Manager of New World Development. He is also the Executive Director of Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group and Founder of Eureka Nova, K11 and K11 Art Foundation. Dr. Cheng holds a bachelor of Arts Degree (*cum laude*) from Harvard University, and was conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree by the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), and an Honorary Fellowship by Lingnan University.

In 2016, Dr. Cheng was appointed as the Justice of the Peace by the HKSAR Government. In 2012 he was honoured with the title of “Young Global Leader” by the World Economic Forum and was selected as one of the 2012 Fortune “40 Under 40” global business stars by *Fortune* magazine. In 2017, Adrian was awarded the distinction Officer in the Order of Arts and Letters (Officier dans l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres), a prestigious award and recognition of his significant contribution to, and promotion

of, French art and culture in China, as well as his role in the advancement of cultural exchange between the two countries. Uniquely positioned at the heart of a business and cultural ecosystem that is a blueprint for tomorrow’s interconnected society, Adrian’s expertise and his vision as a changemaker makes him a champion for sustainable transformation and the development of contemporary, human-centred enterprise.

Dr. Cheng is actively involved in community services. He currently serves as the Vice-chairman of All-China Youth Federation (ACYF), and Member of The Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, Tianjin Municipal Committee. He is also the Chairman of New World Group Charity Foundation, Chairman of China Young Leaders Foundation, Joint Chairman of ACYF HK Members Association, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority M+ Board Member, as well as Member of Hong Kong-Japan Business Co-operation Committee etc.

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Ms. Clara Chan is the Vice Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of Lee Kee Holdings Ltd, a leading solutions provider for metals in Greater China and ASEAN countries. With over 20 years of experience in the non-ferrous metals industry, Clara has been responsible for leading the Group in business development and providing strategic directions. She is awarded the Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government in 2018. She is a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd, a member of the Lead and Zinc Committee of the

London Metals Exchange and a member of the Board Risk Committee of LME Clear Ltd. An active participant in major trade and business associations, Clara is the Ex-officio Advisor of Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council, Chairman of Group 20 (Hong Kong Trade Services Council) of Federation of Hong Kong Industries, a member of the HKTDC Belt & Road Committee’s SMEs and Younger Generation Working Group, a member of the Hong Kong Productivity Council and an Industrial Fellow with the University of Warwick in WMG.