

# NEWSLETTER



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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

## 30 Years of Vision. A Future of Possibility

As the Better Hong Kong Foundation marked its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025, it offered a meaningful moment to reflect on the journey that has shaped our mission. Since 1995, the Foundation has remained committed to strengthening Hong Kong's international ties, deepening understanding of the Chinese Mainland, and fostering constructive dialogue across borders. Our anniversary dinner in September brought together Trustees, Corporate Sponsors, Council Members, and long-standing partners.

A rendering of the calligraphy script “香港明天更好” (A Better Hong Kong Tomorrow) - gifted to the

Foundation by President Jiang Zemin in 1997 - formed the main setup of the photo station, a reminder of the purpose that has guided our work for three decades.

The debut of our corporate video, “30 Years of Vision. A Future of Possibility”, captured the evolution of the Foundation's mission and reaffirmed our commitment to people-to-people diplomacy. As we enter our fourth decade, our founding principles continue to anchor our work: promoting understanding between Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland, and the international community, and supporting Hong Kong's role under the “One Country, Two Systems” framework.



The Foundation's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in September: (L to R) Executive Committee Chairman Ronnie Chan, our long-time supporter Leung Chun-ying, and Executive Director Karen Tang

## Highlights of 2025

### Strengthening Global Networks and Chinese Mainland Ties

In 2025, the Foundation continued its international outreach through delegations to Europe and the Chinese Mainland, reinforcing Hong Kong's role as a superconnector and enabling exchanges with government officials, business leaders, academics, and think tanks.

## Paris and Zurich

Our October delegation to Paris and Zurich reflected a more pragmatic European approach toward China and Hong Kong. In Paris, meetings with Chinese Ambassador Deng Li, financial institutions, and business associations reaffirmed Hong Kong's position as a key gateway for French companies operating in China. The BHKF-HKTDC Business Roundtable brought together major French business groups, and a subsequent visit to Hong Kong by a group of family

offices and investment funds demonstrated the value of sustained engagement.

On our debut visit to Zurich, discussions with UBS, Julius Baer, and Glencore leadership underscored Hong Kong's strengths in finance, fintech, and commodities trading. Stakeholders noted renewed interest in Hong Kong as a potential commodities centre, and insights from our commodities market study concluded in January 2025 proved particularly valuable in these exchanges.



The Foundation organised its third consecutive delegation to France in October

## Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai

Our annual visit to Beijing in May provided updates on national developments and first hand insights into China's economic outlook, foreign policy considerations, and long term planning.



The Foundation co-organised the 19<sup>th</sup> Shanghai-Hong Kong Cooperation and Development Forum in November

In November, visits to Hangzhou and Shanghai focused on innovation, capital market collaboration, and Mainland enterprises' global expansion. In our first visit to Hangzhou, discussions with technology companies and investors - including a visit to Alibaba's headquarters - centered on China's innovation landscape and opportunities for collaboration, with Hong Kong's capital markets and international standards viewed as complementary strengths. In

Shanghai, we co-organized the 19<sup>th</sup> Shanghai-Hong Kong Cooperation and Development Forum with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, which explored how Hong Kong can support Mainland enterprises and deepen cooperation in trade, finance, and supply chains.

Across Europe and the Chinese Mainland, the 2025 missions reaffirmed Hong Kong's continued relevance as a bridge between China and the world.

The Foundation organised its first visit to Hangzhou in November



## Chinese Mainland and Diplomatic Engagement

Throughout the year, the Foundation expanded exchanges with Mainland officials and institutions, gaining insights into national developments and policy directions. Engagement with Chinese overseas ambassadors further strengthened our understanding of international perspectives on China and Hong Kong. Such first-hand knowledge remains essential for aligning with national priorities and preparing for future opportunities.

The Foundation hosted its annual luncheon for Consuls General and leaders of international chambers of commerce in Hong Kong, providing a platform to exchange views on global developments, Hong Kong's economic outlook, and areas for future cooperation.

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## Economic and Technology Insights

To broaden our insight into global and Mainland developments, the Foundation engaged with leading experts and policymakers. We hosted a luncheon with Eddie Yue, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, who shared insights on the HKMA's strategic priorities amid ongoing geopolitical tension and rapidly evolving global financial conditions.

At a separate luncheon, Zhu Min, former Deputy Managing Director of the IMF and a member of the Senior Expert Advisory Committee of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges, discussed global economic and financial trends and China's response through the lens of China-US relations, offering timely context as Hong Kong navigates a complex external environment.

As part of this broader effort to understand forces shaping the global economy, we invited Lee Kai-fu,

Chairman and CEO of Sinovation Ventures, to deliver a talk on "The Future of AI & China's Opportunity: From DeepSeek and Beyond". He outlined the rapid evolution of generative AI and the opportunities it presents for China and Hong Kong, highlighting how smarter models, lower cost inference, and AI teaching AI will accelerate future development.

## Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest

The 17<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest recorded its highest participation since inception. This year's study tour to Shandong, the birthplace of Confucius, deepened the winning teams' understanding of China's history, culture, and philosophical traditions—an experience that continues to nurture the next generation's global perspective and national identity.



Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Guo Jiakun met with the winners of the 17<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest in Beijing in July

## A Message to Our Supporters

As we look back on our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we are sincerely thankful for the steadfast support of our members, partners, stakeholders, and friends. Guided by the spirit of "30 Years of Vision. A Future of Possibility", we remain dedicated to connecting, engaging, and collaborating with the international community to contribute to Hong Kong's long term development and prosperity.

On a personal note, 2026 marks my 20<sup>th</sup> year with the Foundation. Serving this organization has been a true privilege, and I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me. As we look ahead, I remain energized by the opportunities before us and committed to walking this path together as we continue building a better Hong Kong.

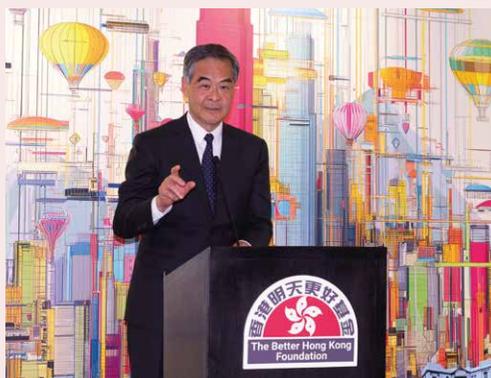
**Karen Tang**  
Executive Director

# CELEBRATING OUR 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Foundation celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 19 at the Rosewood Hong Kong, bringing together Trustees, Corporate Sponsors, Council Members, and long-standing partners to mark “30 Years of Vision. A Future of Possibility”. The evening featured the debut of our new corporate video and a symbolic paper-plane moment expressing hopes for Hong Kong’s future, reaffirming our commitment to “connect”, “engage” and “collaborate” as we enter the next chapter.



A toast in celebration of to the Foundation's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Leung Chun-ying, a long-time supporter of the Foundation, shared his insights



(L to R) Roy Chung, John Lee, Daniel Fung, Andrew Yao, Philip Ma, and Sebastian Man

Executive Committee Chairman Ronnie Chan shared the Foundation's story





Celebrating our long-standing partnership: (L to R) Yeung Kin-man, Ronnie Chan, Leonie Ki, Roy Chung, Douglas Woo, Karen Tang, and Bosco Law



Executive Director Karen Tang gave a heartfelt welcome to all guests

Say cheese! (L to R) John Lee, Sonia Cheng, and Paulo Pong shared a joyful moment with a selfie at the dinner



(L to R) Aron Harilela, Andy Tung, Douglas Woo, Rosana Wong, Clara Chan, Catherine Leung, Bryant Lu, and Sebastian Man



Members flying paper planes inscribed with personal messages of hope and aspiration



# DELEGATION & CONFERENCE

The Foundation organizes and participates in delegations and conferences across the Chinese Mainland and around the world, creating opportunities to connect with leaders, exchange knowledge, and spark new collaboration. Through these platforms, we contribute actively to international dialogue and strengthen Hong Kong's voice on the global stage.



## France & Switzerland

From October 6 to 10, 2025, the Foundation led its third consecutive high-level delegation visit to Paris and made its inaugural visit to Zurich. As a non-official bridge between Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland, and Europe, we met with local business leaders, senior diplomats, academics, and think tanks to drive mutual understanding, advance shared interests, and ignite new collaboration. Discussions zeroed in on China-Europe relations, China's evolving global role, emerging opportunities and key concerns in the Mainland and Hong Kong, and the potential to strengthen business cooperation across the three markets.



Inspiring dinner with esteemed intellectuals in Paris: Ambassador Maurice Gourdault-Montagne, former French Ambassador to China (4<sup>th</sup> left); Arancha González, Dean of Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po (6<sup>th</sup> left); Yves Perrier, Chairman of Rothschild Bank (6<sup>th</sup> right); and Thierry de Montbrial, Executive Chairman of French Institute of International Relations (4<sup>th</sup> right)



Chinese Ambassador to France Deng Li (6<sup>th</sup> right) received the delegation at the Chinese Embassy in Paris, France



BHKF-HKTD Business Roundtable Discussion - engaging dialogues with French business associations, including Mouvement des Entreprises de France, Comité France Chine, and Choose Paris Region



In-depth insights on China-Europe relations shared by Stéphanie Balme (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Director of the Center for International Studies at Sciences Po



Meeting with Luis Vassy (7<sup>th</sup> right), President of Sciences Po



A fruitful exchange with the Representative Office in France of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and the Chamber of Commerce & Industries of China in France



Fabulous luncheon discussion with senior management from Amundi and venture capital firms

PARIS, FRANCE

# DELEGATION & CONFERENCE

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND



Chen Yun (5<sup>th</sup> left), Consul General of the PRC in Zurich, received and hosted a dinner for the delegation



Dinner hosted by Julius Baer Chairman Noel Quinn (front row, 1<sup>st</sup> left), joined by Eunice Zehnder-Lai (front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> left) and Kathryn Shih (front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> right)



Entrepreneur dialogue hosted by Julius Baer for the delegation



Visited Glencore International AG, one of the world's largest globally diversified natural resource companies, and engaged in a lively exchange with CEO Gary Nagle (right)



Met with Ivan Glasenberg (right), Glencore's largest shareholder and former CEO



Mark Haefele (5<sup>th</sup> right), Group Managing Director and Global Chief Investment Officer of UBS, met with the delegation



Renowned collector Uli Sigg (left) hosted a luncheon and art viewing at his home

# DELEGATION & CONFERENCE

## Beijing

The Foundation organized its annual delegation to Beijing from May 28 to 30, 2025. Aimed at deepening connections and facilitating information exchange between the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong, we met with Central Government officials, senior diplomats, and thought leaders to explore how Hong Kong can better serve the country's needs. Discussions also covered global geopolitics, economic challenges and emerging opportunities.

Xiang Bin (front row, center), Member of the Office Leadership of Hong Kong and Macao Work Office of CPC Central Committee, met with the delegation



Lu Kang (1<sup>st</sup> right), Vice Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, exchanged views with the delegation



Inspiring dialogue with Ambassador Cui Tiankai (2<sup>nd</sup> right), former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, at the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs



BEIJING



Ambassador Lu Shaye (7<sup>th</sup> left), Special Representative of the Chinese Government on European Affairs and former Chinese Ambassador to France, shared his insights with the delegation



Vibrant discussion with Zhang Huanteng (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Director of the Department of Foreign Capital and Overseas Investment, and other representatives at the National Development and Reform Commission



Peking University's Talk: "The Wave of Deglobalization and the Restructuring of the International Order", featuring Ronnie Chan as the speaker, Justin Lin as the discussant, Rao Geping as the moderator, and Chen Duanhong as the concluding speaker



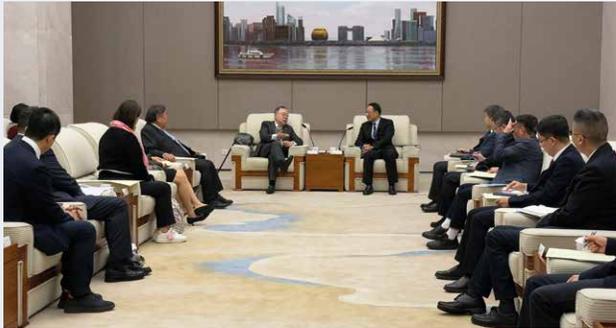
Ren Hongbin (2<sup>nd</sup> right), President of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, received the delegation

# DELEGATION & CONFERENCE

## Hangzhou

On November 17, 2025, we organized our first delegation to Hangzhou to gain deeper insight into the city's policies, technological strengths, and venture capital opportunities, as well as its role as the home of the "Six Little Dragons". The delegation visited Alibaba's headquarters and met with leaders from the Hangzhou Municipal People's Government, tech companies, start-ups, and major investors.

Meeting with Lu Xianguang (front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> right), Vice Mayor of Hangzhou, and officials from various government departments



Fruitful exchange with representatives from the Hangzhou Municipal People's Government



The delegation visited Alibaba's headquarters in Hangzhou

HANGZHOU



Alibaba's CFO, Toby Xu (2<sup>nd</sup> right), received the delegation and hosted a dinner



In-depth discussions with partners and senior executives from leading tech companies and venture capital firms



Sharing by Nyx He (middle), Partner at BrainCo



Welcome dinner hosted by Ruan Zhiyi (4<sup>th</sup> left), Executive Vice Chairman of the Hangzhou Entrepreneurship & Venture Association



# DELEGATION & CONFERENCE

## Shanghai-Hong Kong Cooperation and Development Forum

On November 18, 2025, we co-organized the 19th Shanghai-Hong Kong Cooperation and Development Forum with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences to further strength collaboration between the two cities. This year's theme, "Cooperation and Breakthroughs between Shanghai and Hong Kong in the New Global Trade Landscape", featured two sessions: one on optimizing the commodity supply chain ecosystem, and another on how Hong Kong, as a unique international trade center, can support Chinese enterprises in expanding globally. With more than one hundred attendees – including high-level government officials, entrepreneurs, experts, and scholars from both cities – the forum fostered vibrant discussions on how Shanghai and Hong Kong can better leverage our respective strengths in a rapidly evolving global environment.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Shanghai-Hong Kong Cooperation and Development Forum was successfully held in Shanghai



Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, delivered a keynote speech



Invited by the Foundation, Fang Gang, Chief Expert of the China (Shenzhen) Development Institute, delivered a keynote speech

The Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman, Ronnie Chan, delivered the opening remarks

The Foundation's Executive Director, Karen Tang, chaired the Forum's opening



The Foundation's Working Group Co-convenor and Corporate Sponsor, Dario Pong, shared his insights during the session on "Optimizing the Commodity Supply Chain Ecosystem and Service Capabilities"

The Foundation's Council Member, Clara Chan (left), spoke at the session on "Optimizing the Commodity Supply Chain Ecosystem and Service Capabilities"



Experts from the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong exchanged views during the session on "The Integration Challenge: Chinese Companies Going Global and Unifying Domestic and International Trade"



The Foundation hosted a dinner for Leung Chun-ying (front row, middle), Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, in appreciation of his support for the Forum



# DELEGATION & CONFERENCE

## Industrial Development and Hong Kong Commodity Market Seminar

The Foundation commissioned the China (Shenzhen) Institute for Development (CDI) to conduct a landmark study, "Strategies and Recommendations for Developing Hong Kong's Commodity Market Based on Industrial Demand". After nine months of rigorous research, the report was completed and, in January 2025, presented to the Chief Executive's Policy Unit, the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau of the HKSAR Government, the Hong Kong Airport Authority, and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR. Building on the momentum of this work, the Foundation and the CDI co-hosted the "Industrial Development and Hong Kong Commodity Market Seminar" in Shenzhen on March 7, 2025. The seminar brought together experts and industry leaders for energetic discussions on the opportunities and challenges shaping Hong Kong's commodity market – and on how deeper alignment between industrial development and market evolution can unlock new pathways for growth.

SHENZHEN



The Foundation's Executive Director Karen Tang (middle), together with Working Group Co-convenor and Corporate Sponsor Dario Pong (6<sup>th</sup> left), and Council Members Clara Chan (5<sup>th</sup> left), Catherine Leung (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and Zhong Xiaofeng (2<sup>nd</sup> left), attended and spoke at the seminar



Over 50 prominent experts and representatives from government departments, the business and financial sectors, and academia across Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Jiangmen, and Xinjiang attended the seminar



The Foundation's Executive Director, Karen Tang, delivered the opening remarks

Invited by the Foundation, Ba Shusong, Managing Director and Chief China Economist at Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd, delivered a keynote speech



The Foundation's Working Group Co-convenor and Corporate Sponsor, Dario Pong, shared his experiences at the panel discussion



The Foundation's Council Member, Clara Chan, shared her thoughts on green metals development

The Foundation's Council Member, Catherine Leung, shared her views from the financial perspective



The Foundation's Council Member, Zhong Xiaofeng, talked about his thoughts on building a cross-border commodity market

# DIALOGUE WITH LEADER

The Foundation continues to strengthen its networks with leaders across politics, academia, media, and business in Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland, and globally. Through sustained dialogue, we share updates on developments in Hong Kong and the Mainland, while gaining timely insights on their priorities and progress.

## Hong Kong Engagement

We remain deeply engaged with the local community. Regular exchanges with government officials and industry leaders provide valuable perspectives on emerging issues and opportunities shaping Hong Kong's development.



On March 21, Leung Chun-ying (front row, middle), Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and former Chief Executive of the HKSAR, shared his insights on the "Two Sessions" and their implications for Hong Kong



On October 2, Eddie Yue (middle), Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, outlined his vision for the HKMA's strategic plan



On April 25, Shiu Sin-por (left), former Head of the Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR Government and Executive Director of the New Paradigm Foundation, shared his insights and interpretations on China-US relations



On December 16, Joe Fang, Research Director of the One Country Two Systems Research Institute, provided an in-depth interpretation of the latest policy directions and development priorities outlined in the "15<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan" recommendations

# DIALOGUE WITH LEADER

## Chinese Mainland Engagement

Through meetings with Mainland government officials, ambassadors, academics and media experts, we stay abreast of developments and emerging perspectives in the Chinese Mainland and beyond. These exchanges deepen mutual understanding and strengthen our collaborative efforts.



On July 24, Cui Jianchun, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in the HKSAR, shared his views on the country's foreign policy and the international environment



On July 8, Zhu Min, former Deputy Managing Director of the IMF and member of the Senior Expert Advisory Committee of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges, shared his insights on global economic and financial developments and China's response through the lens of China-US relations



On March 28, Lee Kai-fu, Chairman and CEO of Sinovation Ventures, gave a talk entitled "The Future of AI & China's Opportunity: From DeepSeek and Beyond"



On November 20, Yao Jing (2<sup>nd</sup> right), Chinese Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, shared his perspectives with the Foundation

On November 27, Chang Hua (front row, 3<sup>rd</sup> left), Chinese Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, met with the Foundation for an exchange of views



Luncheon with Gong Tao (front row, 3<sup>rd</sup> left), Chinese Ambassador to Hungary, on December 15

# DIALOGUE WITH LEADER



Exchange with Ou Boqian (4<sup>th</sup> right), Consulate-General of the PRC in Dubai, on December 16



Exchange with Li Wentang (middle), Vice President of the Party School of the Central Committee of CPC (National Academy of Governance), on March 20



Dinner with Lu Pengqi (front row, middle), Deputy Commissioner of the China National Intellectual Property Administration, on February 17



Exchange with Song Youchun (3<sup>rd</sup> left), Director-General of the Department of Finance Planning and Foreign Affairs of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, on March 6

Dinner with Guo Fang (front row, middle), Vice Minister of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the PRC, on January 8



Sharing with Feng Pengzhi (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Committee Member and Director General of the Department of Education Affairs of the Party School of the Central Committee of CPC, on February 18



# DIALOGUE WITH LEADER

## International Engagement

Through convivial luncheons and dinners with Consuls General, representatives of international Chambers of Commerce, ambassadors, and other dignitaries, we stay attuned to global developments. These engagements help us to cultivate and strengthen valuable international relationships.

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



Weijian Shan (standing), Executive Chairman and Co-Founder of PAG, gave a speech entitled "How will China achieve its growth target this year" at the luncheon on March 26



Nearly 60 guests attended the luncheon



(L to R) John Lee, Ronnie Chan, and Kerim Sercan Evcin



(L to R) Weijian Shan, Roxie Houge, Karen Tang, and Sebastian Man



(L to R) Eugene Cheung, Irene Lee, and Bryant Lu



Carmelo Ficarra and Dario Pong



(L to R) Nathan Lee, Jeremy Sheldon, Eduardo Pelagio Alvarez Hernandez, and Karen Tang



(L to R) Calvin Chan, Philip Ma, and Oscar Chow



(L to R) Joseph Yu, Eden Woon, Karen Tang, and Enrique Morales



Vibrant exchanges among members and guests



(L to R) Eugene Cheung, Tony Ho, Clara Chan, and Tommy Hui

# DIALOGUE WITH LEADER



On September 3, Christile Drulhe (7<sup>th</sup> left), Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau, hosted a luncheon at her residence where she shared her insights on China-France relations



On November 7, Ambassador Maurice Gourdault-Montagne (left), former French Ambassador to China, engaged in a dialogue with Ronnie Chan (right) entitled "Sino-European Relations in a Volatile World Order", followed by a dinner



On December 12, a luncheon discussion entitled "The Future of the US-China Economic Relationship" was held with a delegation of experts on the US and Chinese economies who were attending the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual GW China Conference in Hong Kong



On November 5, the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Ronnie Chan (left) and Council Member Ronald Chan (right) shared their views with the IPEM Asia 2025 delegation - composed of General Partners and Limited Partners from Europe and the Middle East - on the outlook and opportunities in Hong Kong



Meeting with Ahmet Burak Daglioglu (5<sup>th</sup> left), President of the Investment Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkiye, and his team on January 13



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation is committed to nurturing future leaders and informed young people. Through the Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest and Study Tour, students gain valuable exposure to the Chinese Mainland's development. We also sponsor the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cup English Speaking Competition and the National Conditions Knowledge Contest, enabling students to showcase their public-speaking skills and deepen their understanding of Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland.

## Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest

Since 2007, we have jointly organized the Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest with the Office of the Commissioner of the PRC's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the HKSAR and the HKSAR Government's Education Bureau. The contest has strengthened students' interest in international affairs and deepened their understanding of the nation's foreign policy. The 17<sup>th</sup> edition, themed "Love Diplomacy, Love the World", set a new record with nearly 78,000 students from 289 primary and secondary schools participating. The final was successfully held on May 17.



The Chief Executive John Lee (3<sup>rd</sup> right) together with Commissioner Cui Jianchun (3<sup>rd</sup> left), presented the Gold Award of the Elite Group to Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation Secondary School



The Foundation's Trustee David Chiu (4<sup>th</sup> right) together with Acting Secretary for Education Jeff Sze (5<sup>th</sup> left) and Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government Luo Yonggang (middle) presented the Silver Awards to Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School and Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School



The Final was successfully held on May 17



The Foundation's Corporate Sponsor Roy Chung (middle) was one of the judges



The Foundation's members, (L to R) Karen Tang, Chan Yim-kwong, Allen Shi, David Chiu, Clara Chan, Samson Chan and Thomas Woo - showed their support for the contest, together with Commissioner Cui Jianchun (4<sup>th</sup> left)



The Foundation's Executive Director Karen Tang congratulated students of Po Leung Kuk Tin Ka Ping Primary School, Champion of the Primary School Category



The students delivered a presentation to persuade the judges with their analysis and viewpoints

The Foundation's Executive Director Karen Tang (2<sup>nd</sup> right), joined by Huang Jingrui (1<sup>st</sup> right), Director-General of the Department of Media and Public Relations of the Commissioner's Office, visited Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School, accompanied by Principal Man Ka-yin (1<sup>st</sup> left), to observe the first-round online competition in March



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest Study Tour

From July 26 to August 3, 2025, winners of the 17<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Cup Diplomatic Knowledge Contest embarked on an enriching study tour to Beijing and Shandong Province. In Beijing, they observed a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, met Spokesperson Guo Jiakun and young diplomats, and explored landmarks such as the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse and the Xiaomi Automobile Super Factory.

In Shandong, the group visited the Confucius Temple and climbed Mount Tai, gaining a deeper appreciation of the region's cultural and natural heritage. They also visited the Weixian Internment Camp Site Museum and the Museum of the Sino-Japanese War (1894–1895), deepening their understanding of the history of resistance against Japanese aggression.



Students had an invaluable opportunity to observe a regular press conference hosted by Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Guo Jiakun and to exchange views with him at the Blue Hall in Beijing



Sharing session with young diplomats at the Foreign Ministry in Beijing



Students climbed Mount Tai in Tai'an



Visit to the Xiaomi Automobile Super Factory in Beijing

Students paid tribute to Confucius in Qufu



Visited the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing

Students learned about history at the Museum of the Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895) in Weihai



The Foundation's Executive Director Karen Tang (1<sup>st</sup> left) together with Zhou Li (1<sup>st</sup> right), Publisher & Editor-in-Chief of China Daily Hong Kong, presented awards to the Chinese Mainland students who participated in the 2025 "21<sup>st</sup> Century Cup" English Speaking Competition Invitational Contest (Hong Kong)

The Foundation's Executive Director Karen Tang attended and presented awards to the winners of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cup National English Speaking Competition, Hong Kong Region, on May 10



# LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Our Foundation strengthened community engagement this year through a diverse series of activities. Highlights included a luncheon and visit to LegCo, a day trip to Lai Chi Wo, a luncheon with senior media representatives and heads of corporate and public affairs, and a luncheon cum briefing on our newly released commodities study. We also arranged a guided tour of the Hong Kong Museum of History for the Hong Kong Press Council, and welcomed members at our Spring Luncheon to celebrate the season together.



On February 17, Andrew Leung (front row, center), President of the Legislative Council (LegCo), hosted a luncheon and a tour of the LegCo Complex for the Foundation's members



On June 16, the Foundation held a luncheon with local senior media representatives and heads of corporate and public affairs to strengthen mutual understanding and communication





On January 15, the Foundation hosted a luncheon-cum-briefing for media representatives on "Strategies and Recommendations for Developing Hong Kong's Commodity Market Based on Industrial Demand", a newly released report initiated by the Foundation

With the support of Sonia Ng (center), curator of the exhibition "Sojourning in Gold Mountain – Hong Kong and the Lives of Overseas Chinese in California", the Foundation hosted a guided tour for the Hong Kong Press Council at the Hong Kong Museum of History



With the support of the Countryside Conservation Office, the Foundation organized a day trip to Lai Chi Wo, the enchanting historic Hakka village, to deepen understanding of countryside revitalization and ecological conservation



On January 27, the Foundation's members gathered to celebrate Chinese New Year, sending their best wishes to the people of Hong Kong and our friends overseas



At the spring lunch, the Foundation's Executive Committee Chairman Ronnie Chan (1<sup>st</sup> right), together with Trustees Victor Cha (1<sup>st</sup> left) and Irene Lee, offered a toast to a prosperous Year of the Snake





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, Chinese Mainland and the global community. The Foundation's principal objective is to help build a better Hong Kong.



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