

Hong Kong Association Christmas Lunch

Guest Speaker: Hugo Swire MP, Minister of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Date: Tuesday 18th December 2012

Venue: Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, 66 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LA



The guest of honour at this lunch will be Hogo Swire MP, Minister of State at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

Hong Kong Association Membership Lunch

Guest Speaker: Carrie Lam - Chief Secretary for Administration of HKG

Date: Monday 12 November 2012

Venue: Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, 66 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LA



The guest of honour at this lunch will be Ms Carrie Lam who just been appointed as Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Government. This will be a good opportunity for her to tell members about the policies and the perspectives of the new administration. She will speak for about 15 minutes and there will be a good opportunity for questions and discussions.

Carrie joined the Administrative Service in 1980, and was selected as the Secretary for Development of Hong Kong Government before she was chosen as the Chief Secretary for Administration by the new Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying. She has served in various bureaux and departments, including as Director of Social Welfare Department (2000-2003), Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands) (2003-2004), Director-General of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London (2004-2006), and Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs (2006-2007).

Association Membership Lunch

Guest Speaker - Sebastian Wood, CMG, His Excellency The Ambassador in Beijing

Date: Monday 15 October 2012

Venue: Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, 66 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7LA



The guest of honour at this lunch will be Mr Sebastian Wood, Her Majesty's Ambassador to China. He will speak for about 15 minutes and there will be a good opportunity for questions and discussions.

Sebastian Wood, became Ambassador in Beijing in 2010. He had held a succession of other senior appointments with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, some with a strong China focus. He learnt Mandarin at the beginning of the 90s, before serving in the joint Liaison Group in the run-up to the handover of Hong Kong. Other China-related appointments have included a position in Washington, covering US foreign policy in Asia, and, most recently he was the FCO's Asia-Pacific Director.

This event is sponsored by Hutchison Whampoa Europe



The Future of The Offshore RMB and the effects for Hong Kong and London

Date: Monday 17 September 2012

Venue: Mayer Brown International LLP, 201 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3AF

Chairman

Sam Fleming (Economics Editor, The Times)

Panel

Dr Kerry Brown (Executive Director of the China Studies Centre, University of Sydney)

John Greenwood (Chief Economist, Invesco Perpetual Fund Management Ltd)

Dr Gerard Lyons (Chief Economist and Group Head of Global Research, Standard Chartered Bank)



China's economy is growing in importance. So too is its currency. With political change imminent in China, what lies ahead for the offshore RMB? Can it become a freely traded international currency, or will it remain constrained by capital controls maintained by the Chinese Administration? And what does this mean for the two global centres which hope to play important parts in this offshore RMB market: Hong Kong and London. Will they compete or compliment one another?

This interactive forum, kindly hosted by prominent member, Mayer Brown, will address all these key issues. A short, introductory presentation will be followed by a vigorous panel debate and questions from the participants.

Dr Kerry Brown, Executive Director of the China Studies Centre at University of Sydney, former Head of the Asia Programme at Chatham House, will describe the current thinking and planning in Beijing and also provide a regional analysis of the likely effects on this question of the forthcoming change in leadership there.

Two well-known economists, John Greenwood and Dr Gerard Lyons will then each provide their perspectives. Differing view points will be discussed fully and there will be a good chance for views and questions from the floor. The panel will also be joined by an expert from Mayer Brown and will be chaired by Sam Fleming (Economics Editor of The Times).

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A Seminar and Celebration Lunch - A Celebration of The Centenary of Hong Kong University



THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
CENTENARY
香港大學百周年

Date: Tuesday 15 May 2012

Time: 11.00am Seminar (doors open 10.30am), 12.45 for 1.00pm Lunch

Venue: Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2DQ

Speakers:

Seminar – Professors Lap Chee Tsui (Vice Chancellor, HKU)

Johannes Chan (Dean, Faculty of Law)

Richard Y C Wong (Philip Wong Kennedy Wong Professor in Political Economy, HKU)

Lunch - The Lord Wilson of Tillyorn (President, Hong Kong Association)

The Baroness Dunn (Chairman, The Hong Kong Association)

Professor Lap Chee Tsui (The Vice Chancellor)

The University of Hong Kong ("HKU") is celebrating its centenary this year. A seminar, on the interplay between China and the West, a subject which is familiar at HKU with its long history of collaborations with UK institutions, will be followed by a celebratory lunch organised with the Hong Kong Association.

Two short talks, on the latest constitutional and economic developments in China, will be led by distinguished academics from HKU. The lunch will follow in the Livery Hall itself and will be addressed by Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice Chancellor & President of HKU, and by The Baroness Dunn, the Chairman of Hong Kong Association.

The lunch is being supported by John Swire & Sons and Li & Fung Group.



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Association Membership Forum – The Euro and its relevance to Asia

Speaker: The Lord Leach of Fairford, Director of Jardine Matheson & Co and of Rothschild and Deputy Chairman of Jardine Lloyd Thompson

Chairman: Stephen King (Chief Economist, HSBC)

Date: Monday 23 April 2012

Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm

Venue: Deloitte LLP, 2 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BZ



In this forum, Lord Leach, founder of 'Business for Sterling', the organisation primarily credited with keeping Britain out of the Euro, Chairman of the think tank 'Open Europe' and author of 'A Concise Encyclopaedia of The European Union', will speak on the above title and then lead discussion. The session will be chaired by the Chief Economist of HSBC, Stephen King. The forum, which will finish by 2.00 pm, will be of great interest and, of course, very topical.

Lord Leach of Fairford became a partner in N.M. Rothschild in 1968. As Head of its international division, he was identified with the creation and growth of the Eurodollar and Eurocapital Market. Between 1976 and 1983 he was responsible for the European operations of The Republic National Bank of New York; he then joined Jardine Matheson Group as Director for financial and business strategy. He became a life peer in 2006 and served on the EU Constitutional and Legal Committee of the House of Lords.

Deloitte is a very active and supportive member of the Hong Kong Association; we are most grateful to them for hosting the event. Members will be welcomed by Steve Almond, Global Chairman who is also the Deloitte UK Managing Director, International Markets.

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(Guest Speaker: Laura May-Lun Cha, GBS, JP, Member of the Hong Kong Executive Council)

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2012

Venue: Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PX

Time: 12.30pm Reception 1.00pm Lunch



Laura Cha, who is a member of the Hong Kong Executive Council, was Vice Chairman of The China Securities Regulatory Commission from 2001 – 2004 and, as such, was the first person outside mainland China to join the PRC Government. She will talk about her experience as a Vice Minister in the mainland government and is also likely to be prepared to discuss any current issues from Hong Kong. Hers is a unique experience, particularly in the context of the political and official interface between the PRC and Hong Kong and this will be a very interesting talk; there will be ample time for questions and answers after Ms Cha's speech.

Laura Cha gained arts and law degrees in the United States and practised law in San Francisco in the 1980s. She served on the Hong Kong Securities Commission from 1991 to early 2001, becoming its Deputy Chairman in 1998, and was appointed to the Vice Chairmanship of The China Securities Regulatory Commission by The State Council of PRC in 2001. She is a Hong Kong Delegate to the 11th National Peoples' Congress and is a Director of HSBC Holdings.