

Hong Kong Association Membership Lunch

Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, GBM, GBS, JP

Chief Secretary for Administration, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government

Date: Friday 28th September 2018

Venue: The Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7RL

Time: 12.30pm Drinks, 1.00pm Lunch



The Chief Secretary for Administration will be the Guest of Honour at the Hong Kong Association's Membership Lunch on 28th September

Mr Cheung has been Chief Secretary for Administration since January 2017.

He joined the Hong Kong Government as an Information Officer in July 1972. He transferred to the Administrative Service in September 1979 and was promoted to Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1 in September 2004. He had served in various policy bureaux and departments, including the former Finance Branch, the Home Affairs Department, the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Government House, the former Industry Department, the former Trade Department, the Financial Secretary's Office, the Judiciary and the Central Policy Unit. He became Commissioner for Labour in January 1999, the Director of Education in June 2000 and Permanent Secretary for Economic Development and Labour in July 2002. He was Secretary for Labour and Welfare from July 2007 to January 2017.

Speaking to the Hong Kong Association on this visit to London, as Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheung will share his thoughts on how Hong Kong can position itself in the face of growing regional challenges and fast changing geopolitical dynamics in the years ahead. What will Hong Kong need to do to maintain its competitive edge and vibrancy as an international financial and business metropolis; a transport and logistics hub; an innovation and technology node; as well as being a tourism and cultural centre? He will speak for 10-15 minutes and there will be the opportunity to ask questions.

MEMBERSHIP FORUM & RECEPTION

Hong Kong as an ideal hub for deal making in the Greater Bay Area

Date: Wednesday 13th June 2018

Venue: Clifford Chance, 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ

Time: Seminar 6.30pm – 7.30pm; Reception 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Keynote Speaker: Teresa Cheng, GBS, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice for Hong Kong

Chairman: Douglas Flint CBE, Chairman, Hong Kong Association

Panel: Huw Jenkins, Consultant to Clifford Chance

Ingrid Edmund, Senior Product Specialist, Infrastructure Debt, HSBC Holdings plc

Ms Teresa Cheng, Secretary for Justice for Hong Kong will speak to members on the subject of Hong Kong and its position as the ideal place for deal making - set as it is within China's Greater

Bay Area Initiative. After Ms. Cheng's keynote speech, our expert panel will discuss this initiative in more detail and the opportunities for Hong Kong and the UK.

The ambitious plans being drawn up for the Greater Bay Area Initiative will bring exciting opportunities across the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau region. The aim is to build a world class city cluster of the 11 cities in the area, which already have a combined GDP of some US\$ 1.4 trillion. By 2030 the region will play a leading role in innovation, infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, finance, shipping and trade and will play a key role in China's Belt and Road Initiative. Hong Kong is perfectly situated as the ideal hub for deal making throughout the region.

Ms. Cheng was a Senior Counsel in private practice before joining the Government. She is also a chartered engineer, chartered arbitrator and accredited mediator. She has therefore had much experience in complex international commercial and investment cases. The evening is co-organised with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London and being very generously hosted by Clifford Chance at their headquarters at 10 Upper Bank Street in Canary Wharf. The seminar will be followed by a reception from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

HKA Membership Lunch

Douglas Flint CBE, HM Treasury Special Envoy for the Belt and Road Initiative

Date: Thursday 24th May 2018

Venue: The Cavalry & Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, Mayfair, London W1J 7PX

Time: 12.30pm Drinks, 1.00pm Lunch

The Baroness Fairhead CBE, Minister of State for Trade and Export Promotion was to have been the Guest of Honour at the Hong Kong Association's Membership Lunch on 24th May.



Unfortunately the Minister has had to pull out of this event due to a new Cabinet level commitment. We are very grateful that the Minister has agreed to find a new later in the year and we will advise Members when that is finalised.

The Membership lunch on 24th May will however continue and we are very grateful that our Chairman **Douglas Flint CBE**, as HM Treasury Special Envoy for the Belt and Road

Initiative, will now be our speaker.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was proposed in 2013 by China's President Xi Jinping. Drawing inspiration from the concept of the Silk Road established during the Han Dynasty 2000 years ago, an ancient network of trade routes that for centuries connected China to the Mediterranean via Eurasia, President Xi proposed a program of investment, cultural and people-people exchanges which would promote economic co-operation and connectivity, primarily through infrastructure investments, among the countries along the proposed routes.

This long-term project now encompasses over 100 countries, extending geographically well beyond the original concept and has already brought about significant trade and investment activity supporting local employment and new business formation.

As the Prime Minister made clear during her recent visit to China, the UK welcomes the economic opportunities presented by the Belt and Road Initiative, noting that the UK sees itself as a natural partner with its unrivalled professional services and project management expertise.

The significant commercial opportunities for the UK, particularly in sustainable infrastructure, financial and legal services, innovation and technology, and public health prompted the Chancellor to appoint a Special Envoy to the Belt and Road Initiative to co-ordinate and project both the UK's interest and capabilities to work with China to secure the economic benefits envisioned.

Douglas Flint, former Group Chairman of HSBC and Chairman of the Hong Kong Association was invited to take up this role and we are delighted he will share his thoughts on the opportunities, particularly as he will have only recently returned from a week-long trip to meet with senior government and business leaders in China to promote the UK's interest in working within this initiative.



MEMBERSHIP FORUM & RECEPTION 2018

The Hong Kong Business Update : New Administration, New Direction

Keynote Speakers:

Andrew Seaton, Executive Director, British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
Priscilla To, Director General, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (London)

Chairman: Douglas Flint, Chairman, Hong Kong Association

Panel:

José Viñals, Group Chairman, Standard Chartered Bank
Andrew Davis, Head Investment Promotion, InvestHK
David Marsden, Director, UK & Ireland, Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Daniel Melone, Global Operations Director, Euromonitor International
Matthew Rous, Chief Executive, China-Britain Business Council

Date: Thursday 4th January 2018

Venue: Standard Chartered, 1 Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 5DD

Time: Seminar 6.30pm – 7.45pm; Reception 7.45pm – 8.30pm

This early evening seminar is designed to be a curtain-raiser to what may well be a significant year, following the Party Congress in Beijing, with Carrie Lam, Hong Kong Chief Executive, having set out an ambitious agenda in her first Policy Address, and with the Brexit negotiations adding an element of uncertainty.

The Hong Kong Association, the China-Britain Business Council, the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and InvestHK will together provide authoritative assessment on the current business climate in Hong Kong and how it sits with mainland China and the wider region. The talk and subsequent discussion is intended to inform, at senior level, companies and individuals

who are currently involved commercially in Hong Kong, those considering investing there and those who would gain from assessment of Hong Kong's rapidly evolving role in respect of trade and investment with mainland China.

The seminar will start with a brief talk, on the HK Government's measures aimed at ensuring an open and conducive environment for business, by Priscilla To, Director-General of the HKETO. This will be followed by Andrew Seaton, the Director of the British Chamber in Hong Kong, who will give an overview of the current business scene and opportunities. Subsequent discussion and answers to questions will be provided by senior representatives from organisations deeply involved in many of the key questions.

The evening is being very generously hosted by Standard Chartered at their Global Headquarters at 1 Basinghall Avenue. The seminar will start at 6.30pm and drinks will be served from 7.45 pm to 8.30 pm.

