

## Scottish Section Luncheon

**Date:** Thursday 5th December 2013

**Location:** Saigon, Saigon, 14 South St. Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AZ

**Time:** 12pm for 1pm



The next event for our members in the Scottish Region will be the Annual Chinese Luncheon at Saigon, Saigon Restaurant.

The restaurant is very easy to find, if you have not been there before, and is very close to the Main Bus Station and also Waverley Station. Finally, the tram works have been completed which means that access to the restaurant is again easily available. It is just off Princes Street on South St. Andrew Street and if you are driving, the nearest covered parking is St. James

Centre or Greenside. The cost of the luncheon has once again been held at £22 per head . A cash bar will be available from 12 noon.

Those of you who have attended these lunches previously are aware that this is an informal lunch and a chance to meet up with old friends. The restaurant specialises in Dim Sum and the menu will consist of a good selection of Dim Sum dishes as well as main courses and dessert. The quality of the food is excellent as evidenced by the number of Chinese who regularly use the restaurant.

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## Wine and Tapas Evening

**Date:** Tuesday 3rd December 2013

**Location:** Fernandez and Wells, Somerset House, Strand, London, WC2R 1LA

**Time:** 6.30pm



Our next Hong Kong Society event will be a wine and tapas evening at Fernandez and Wells, Somerset House, organised by the Hong Kong Society Young Professionals Group. This will be a chance to sample tapas and wines from provincial Spain, specially chosen for our event. Come along, say hello, and meet other young professionals in the city!

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## Inaugural Reception in Hong Kong

### Tuesday 26th November

**Venue:** At the Residence of the British Consul General in HK, Opus, 53 Stubbs Road, The Peak, Hong Kong

**Time:**

6.00 - 8.00pm Reception - Drinks and Canapes will be served

6.30 - 7.30pm Talk by Jason Wordie including Q&A



A private reception co-hosted by HM British Consul-General in HK, Caroline Wilson and our HK convener Mabel Au-Yeung, will be held at the residence of HM British Consul General. It will be exclusively for members of the Hong Kong Society and those who are interested in joining it. UK-based Society members who have plans to be in Hong Kong on that date are extremely welcome.

There will also be a talk by Jason Wordie who is an established local historian and writer who conducts historical walks in Hong Kong, Macao and Canton (Guangzhou). He lectures regularly for clubs, associations and leading corporate bodies on many aspects of Hong Kong and its wider regional context. Jason has written extensively on Hong Kong, Macao and the surrounding region and he has a regular column in the South China Morning Post.

*The Society will be holding events, at least once per year, in Hong Kong: the aim of which is to up-date HK-based members with the Society's activities - such as the new UK-HK mentoring scheme - and provide a forum to get together. We are grateful for the support and encourage of Caroline Wilson, the British Consul General.*

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## **Hong Kong Society Annual Dinner - Tues 19th Nov**

### **Guests: Lord Patten of Barnes and Sir David Tang**

**Venue:** The Langham Grand Ballroom, Portland Place, Regent St, London W1B 1JA

**Time:** 6.30pm Cash Bar; 7.30pm for 8.00pm Dinner

**Dress:** Black Tie but suits will be perfectly acceptable



The Guests of Honour at this year's Annual Dinner of The Hong Kong Society will be Lord Patten of Barnes and Sir David Tang.

Lord Patten was the last Governor of Hong Kong and is now the Chancellor of Oxford University and Chairman of the BBC Trust.

Sir David Tang has wide interests but is best known as the founder of the Shanghai Tang fashion chain. In 2005 he opened the China Tang restaurant at the Dorchester Hotel.

Neither of them need much introduction to an HK audience and both have addressed society members in the past - but never together. Sir David will be in conversation with Lord Patten about his tenure of office as the last Governor of Hong Kong and with him explore the evolving relationship between the UK, Hong Kong and China. Guests will have a chance to ask questions after the dialogue.

**Video of this conversation is now available to view on YouTube. Please click [here](#) to watch it.**

It was resolved last year to showcase Hong Kong culture at all Annual Dinners and this year the society will also be treated to a performance by a master 'Face-Changer'- a highly skilled feat of dexterity and speed requiring years of training.

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## Hong Kong Society AGM and Supper

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Venue:** Dumplings Legend Chinese Restaurant, 15 -16 Gerrard Street, London W1D 6JE

**Time:** 6.00pm AGM, 7.00pm Supper

Notice is given that the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Dumplings Legend China Restaurant, at 6.00pm. The agenda will be distributed nearer the date but will include the election of a Chairman, some committee members and approval of the accounts. This will be a good chance to provide feedback.

You do not have to book to attend the AGM.

The AGM will be followed by an early evening supper. Tables of 10 or individual places can be booked. If you wish to sit with friends, please indicate who they are and places will be reserved together.

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## Jobs in Hong Kong Seminar



**Date:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Location:** Standard Chartered Bank, 1 Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 5DD

**Time:** 6.00pm Seminar 7.45pm Networking Reception

The aim of this seminar will be to inform those who are considering work in Hong Kong, or gaining work experience there, about the location, its attractions, regulatory, recreational and domestic situations and also about the opportunities in certain key sectors.

### Guest Speakers:

Imran Ahmad, JP Morgan

Nick Dean, Deputy Head, China Department, FCO

Thomas Lai, Chairman - UK Chapter, Hong Kong Institute of Engineer

David Marsden - Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Noel Pun, Deputy Director-General, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office

Mark Pamplin, Hays Recruitment

Mark Patterson, Group Head, Corporate Development, Standard Chartered Bank

A reception will follow. Great thanks are due to Standard Chartered Bank. Further details will be sent to those who have registered.

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## Society Women's Group Autumn Lunch

**Guest Speaker: Sharon Fitzsimmons**

**Date:** Thursday 26th September

**Venue:** Dumplings' Legend Chinatown, 15-16 Gerrard Street, London W1D 6JE

**Time:** 12.00pm: Drinks, 12.30pm Lunch



The guest speaker for the Society Women's Group Autumn Lunch is going to be Sharon Fitzsimmons. She will speak about the role of the chair in the evolution of Chinese furniture and society.

Sharon is a Chinese antiques dealer and has sourced antiques in China for many years, selling to clients worldwide. Using an eye that first appreciated Chinese furniture in her family home as a child, and was then honed by her almost twenty years in Hong Kong, she now has a Chinese antique business in the Cotswolds. While working for the noted Chinese antique dealer, the late Beatrice Owen of Windsor House in Hong Kong, Sharon learned the many facets of the Chinese antique business: this included sourcing, restoration, marketing and selling to international clients. She also studied Mandarin, furthering her understanding of the furniture in its historical and cultural context.

The [Fitzsimmons Collection](#) has Chinese antique furniture, dating from the late Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), with the majority originating from Shanxi Province. Sharon is passionate in her selling of Chinese furniture: she uses an academic approach, by researching the pieces and their place in Chinese culture. She also gives lectures: the cultural history and heritage of China is profoundly fascinating, and understanding it through its furniture and how each piece evolves provides a wonderful historical viewpoint, especially as Chinese antiques are becoming increasingly rare and valuable. Her recent lectures have been at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, Cheltenham's Montpellier Gallery and a Royal British Legion 90th Anniversary Celebration.

Prior to antiques Sharon worked for Shandwick PR in Hong Kong, Bloomberg Financial Markets in New York and for President Reagan's White House, leading a major government and private sector project in Paris. Sharon spent her childhood in Europe and the US, her family being posted during her father's career in the Foreign Service. She holds an MBA from Boston College.

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## Visit to the Museum of East Asian Arts and Regional Lunch

**Date:** Wednesday 18th September 2013

**Venues:** Lunch: Peking Restaurant, 1-2 New Street, Kingsmead Square, Bath BA1 2AF

Museum: 12 Bennett Street, Bath, BA1 2QJ (about 10 mins on foot from restaurant)



The Hong Kong Society has started to organize lunches out of London.

Located in the heart of Bath on Kingsmead Square, the Peking Restaurant is the oldest established Chinese restaurant in the city, it has a good reputation and is listed in both Michelin and Ronay. The dishes are varied and created from Cantonese, Szechuan and Peking Cuisines. We have booked a private room.

After lunch, Brian McElney, who will join us for the meal, will guide us on a visit to the Museum of East Asian Arts (MEAA) in Bath. MEAA is located a few metres off The Circus in central Bath. It is one of the only museums in the UK specialising in the arts and cultures of Southeast Asia. This unique museum houses almost 2,000 fine collections, ranging in date from c.5000 BC to the present day. MEAA would definitely give the visitors a depth insight of the arts of East Asian countries.

Brian McElney is a lawyer and collector. He spent his entire working life practicing law in Hong Kong. After his retirement, he came back to England and established the MEAA in 1990. Many of the objects in the Museum were in his private collection which he generously donated to form MEAA and which was created as an UK educational charity.

**Programme:**

1:00pm Lunch in Peking Restaurant

2:30pm Visit the Museum of East Asian Arts with Brian McElney

4:00pm Disperse

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## Dim Sum Social Sunday

### Dim sum and cocktail reception for young professionals

**Date:** Sunday 21st July

**Venue:** Ping Pong, Bow Bells House, Bread Street, London EC4M 9BE

**Time:** 12.30pm till 16.00pm

Come and join us for a relaxing afternoon of socialising with London's largest network of young professionals who have interests in the Far East, at a delicious dim sum lunch. This is the very first social event, which is being held in collaboration with the Hong Kong Society, the EY Far East Network, China Britain Youth Association, China-Britain Business Council and Confucius Institute for Business London.

All attendees will receive a complimentary cocktail on arrival followed by an appetising lunch of dim sum at the leading contemporary dim sum restaurant chain Ping Pong. The entire restaurant will be booked especially for this event. Entry is only £15.50 per person in advance (see below for payment details).

**Timing:**

12.30pm - Cocktail Reception

13.00pm - Dim Sum Lunch

14.00pm - Networking Reception and Ping Pong Tournament

**Ping Pong tournament** - no lunch at Ping Pong would be complete without a ping pong tournament!

After the lunch, you will have the chance to burn off some calories, by taking part in a ping pong tournament to win a fabulous 'ping pong at Ping Pong' t-shirt!

**Book in advance to join**

Entry to the private reception includes a complimentary cocktail and dim sum lunch. Space is very limited and available on a first come first served basis.



## Your hosts:



The aim of the **Hong Kong Society** is to provide a focus for individuals so that they can develop and nurture continued close links between UK and Hong Kong and also so that they can keep in touch with each other. The current membership is 750 and is open to anyone who has lived, worked or have an interest in Hong Kong.



The **Ernst & Young Far East Network (EYFEN)** is one of the firm's Diversity & Inclusiveness (D&I) Networks which seeks to bring together people with an interest in Far Eastern culture and business and is run by individuals across various sub service lines within the business. EYFEN and the other Diversity & Inclusiveness Networks support the firm's D&I strategy and their members in various ways including connecting people across the business and empowering them to achieve their full potential.



The **China-Britain Youth Association (CBYA)** is a volunteer-led, non profit association that hosts a programme of activities and events that promote engagement between young people in Britain and China. It was founded in 2010 and now has presence in London, Beijing, Oxford and Shanghai. [Visit website](#)



The **China-Britain-Business Council** is UK's largest membership organisation helping British companies to develop and grow business in China. CBBC has a network of 9 offices in the UK and 11 in China, and a powerful membership base of 1000 companies from all sectors, large and small. [Visit website](#)



The **Confucius Institute for Business London (CIBL)** was established at LSE in 2007 and is one of 20 Confucius Institutes in the UK, all of which are attached to a university. The Institute aims to promote Chinese for business to the local community and foster greater understanding of business culture in China. [Visit website](#)

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## Chinese Gourmet Summer Lunch

**Date:** Thursday 18th July

**Venue:** Pearl Liang Restaurant, 8 Sheldon Square, Paddington Central, London W2 6EZ

**Time:** 12.00pm Cashbar, 1.00pm Lunch

The Society has booked a private room at the Pearl Liang Restaurant, which is a stylish, cosmopolitan, London restaurant located in the heart of Paddington, for a lunch for our members. The restaurant has been recommended to us by, among others, the Chinese Embassy.

Don't hesitate to join us! Let us meet friends and enjoy a nice Chinese meal together in Paddington.

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## Society Lunch in Gloucestershire

**Date:** Monday 15th July

**Venue:** The Royal Oak Inn, The Burgage, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Glos, GL52 3DL

**Time:** 12.00 for 12.30pm

The Society has booked the Pavilion Function Room of the Royal Oak Inn, which is situated in the village of Prestbury, on the outskirts of Cheltenham, for a lunch for those members who live in the region. The pub has featured in the Daily Telegraph Top 70 Inns in Britain.

There will be a two course meal (three choices for each course will be offered to those attending plus coffee). A cash bar will be available throughout.

We are very pleased to announce that Noel Pun, Deputy Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office will also attend and will give us an update about what is happening in Hong Kong at the moment.

All members who live anywhere near are cordially invited to attend. Please bring friends or anyone else with connections with Hong Kong

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## London Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival 2013

**Date:** Sunday 30th June

**Time:** 12.00pm - 6.00pm

**Venue:** London Regatta Centre, Dockside Road, London, E16 2QT



This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever before. Expect a good blend of entertainment likely to include martial arts displays, live music, traditional Chinese lion & dragon dancing, a food festival, children's games and much more.

The event will be hosted once again by the London Chinatown Lions Club with continued support from The Hong Kong Executives Club and the event main sponsors the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office.

The Hong Kong Society is once again planning to compete with a society boat. Please come along to show your support for our team!

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## Polo at Ham Polo Club

**Date:** Sunday 16th June 2013

**Venue:** Ham Polo Club, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 7AH

**Time:** 12.30pm – 6.00pm (Polo starts at 1.30pm and departure time is entirely optional)



Members of The Hong Kong Society had a very good day last year, watching this spectacular game. Only eight miles from Hyde Park Corner, Ham is the last remaining polo club in Greater London. Founded in 1926, it has an established and distinguished reputation for excellent playing and social facilities combined with a relaxed family atmosphere.

We plan to organise the day at two levels; one for those who want to have a family, self-catering, relatively cheap

day out and another level for those who want to spend the day in comfort, sipping enjoyable drinks, eating a good lunch and watching the polo from comfortable seats in a special enclosure.

Polo starts at Ham at 1.30pm on 16th June and will continue until about 6.00pm. Members could arrive any time after 12.30pm; there are two main matches.

Entrance to the ground is £20 (car) or £5 (if on foot) but nil if you have requested entry via the Hong Kong Society before 8th June. The nearest tube/train station is Richmond (taxis take 5 minutes and those on foot take 25 minutes).

There are two plans:

Plan A: Bring your own picnic/chairs/ rugs. If it looks like rain a marquee will be erected by the side of the ground to provide cover. The Chairman and the players will join the party for a time. A talk will be given outlining of the rules/fundamentals of the game. Watch from the marquee area.

Plan B: Sit on the veranda of the Members Enclosure, enjoying a three course lunch, watching in comfort.

Please try and form parties, come with families or just come alone. We aim to have a good time and watch the most exciting game in the world, with friends.

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## Society Lunch in Hampshire

**Date:** Monday 3rd June 2013

**Venue:** The Kings Head at Hursley, Nr Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 2JW

**Time:** 12.15 for 12.45

The Society has taken the dining room of this widely acclaimed pub which is easily accessible from the M3 and a few miles to the heart of Winchester, for a lunch for those members who live in the region. There will be a two course meal (three choices for each course will be offered to those attending plus coffee). A cash bar will be available throughout.

All members who live anywhere near are cordially invited to attend. Please bring friends or anyone else with connections with Hong Kong

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# The Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London

**Date:** Thursday 30th May 2013

**Time:** 7.15pm - 10.00pm



Members will gather at 7.15pm sharp at the West Gate of the Tower of London for a tour of the Tower, including the Chapel, which is not normally open to visitors. The tour will last about an hour after which drinks and a supper will be served in the Yeoman Warders Club. The Ceremony of the Keys, which represents a 700 years old tradition, will take place at 9.30pm. After the Ceremony members may return to the Yeoman Warders Club for a final drink.

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## Scottish Section Luncheon

**Date:** Friday 31st May

**Location:** The Royal Overseas League, 100 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3AB

**Time:** 12pm for 1pm

The guest speaker at the Luncheon held for members of the Society in the Scottish region, will be Elizabeth Grubb. Elizabeth went to school in Hong Kong and her Husband George, served as Lord Provost of Edinburgh from May 2007 to May 2012. These 5years were very exciting for Elizabeth as she attended many functions as Lady Provost and she will tell us about some of her more interesting experiences.

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## Society Women's Group Summer Lunch

**Guest Speaker:** Rachel Cartland

**Date:** Wednesday 22nd May 2013

**Time:** 12.00pm Drinks, 12.30pm Lunch

**Venue:** The Peony Club, 46 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7AY



The guest speaker for the Society Women's Group Summer Lunch is going to be Rachel Cartland. Rachel has recently written a book titled "Paper Tigress" in which she talks about her life in the Hong Kong Government.

After graduating from Oxford University in 1972, Rachel joined the Hong Kong Government and subsequently served in a variety of senior posts thereby gaining wide exposure to the formulation of policies, management and the Hong Kong political scene. She possesses extensive experience in the Government Secretariat and in specialty areas including broadcasting, arts and culture policy.

In 1995, Rachel was appointed Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Social Security) managing 2000 staff and an annual budget of HK\$25 billion; there she delivered a socially critical service of high political sensitivity, impacting all sectors of grassroots Hong Kong. Programs included CSSA, 'Support for Self-Reliance', Computerised Social Security System, the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Scheme and the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme.

Since retiring from the Government in 2006, she and her husband have remained in Hong Kong and Rachel has occupied herself with some consultancy and a lot of voluntary work, including contributing

to the Hong Kong Society's Newsletter. Writing her memoirs for publication was never on her agenda but she describes how it came about and the amusing and thought-provoking lessons about modern Hong Kong that she learnt along the way.

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## East Asian Friendship Charity Event 2013

The Japan, Hong Kong and Anglo-Korean Societies, the Islington Chinese Association, the British-Japanese, British-Chinese and British-Korean Law Associations and St Giles Church, Cripplegate have organised a Gala Opera Evening, featuring operas with Asian settings or themes performed by outstanding young professional opera singers.

**Venue:** St Giles Church, Cripplegate, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA

**Date:** Wednesday 15th May

**Time:** 7.30pm

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## Christie's - Reception and Private Viewing of Chinese Works of Art

**Date:** Saturday 11th May

**Venue:** Christie's, 8 King Street, St James, London, SW1Y 6QT

**Time:** 5.30pm - 7.30pm



Members of the the Hong Kong Association and Hong Kong Society have been invited by member company Christie's, to attend a special private viewing of Chinese Works of Art. The Sale Room will be offering exceptional examples of Ceramics, Jade, Cloisonne, and Gilt Bronze.

Informal tours of the works of art are planned and short talks will be given. Some handling will be allowed for small groups.

Christie's are very kindly offering to provide drinks and canapes.

This is an exclusive event for our members (including staff of corporate members)

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# Dinner in the President's Lodge, Queens' College Cambridge

**Date:** Wednesday 8th May 2013

**Venue:** The President's Lodge, Queen's College, Cambridge, CB3 9ET



**Lord Eatwell, President of Queens' College, Cambridge, and Lady Eatwell, more familiarly known by many members as Suzi Digby, have very kindly invited the Hong Kong Society to hold a dinner in the wonderful President's Lodge on 8th May.**

**Suzi Digby** read music at Kings College London and lived in Hong Kong for 12 years where she had a television series as well as radio broadcasting, teaching and performing. In 2010 she founded Vocal Futures, a foundation with the mission to identify, involve and inspire young people to engage with classical music and in particular large scale choral music, performed in unusual spaces. The society will hope to make a donation to Vocal Futures after the dinner.

## Queens' College

Founded in 1448, the College was sponsored by Henry VI's wife, Margaret of Anjou, and then Elizabeth Woodville, the wife of Edward IV; their successive patronages is the reason for its present plural designation, Queens'. The President's Lodge is comprised of the Riverside Building (from the 1460's), the Long Gallery, the Essex Room and the rooms above (from the 1590's) and a corner of the Old Court buildings (1448-9). There is a lovely garden.

## The Dinner

Pre-dinner drinks will be in the garden of Queens', if possible, or in the 'Audit Room' if not. The three course dinner will be served at one long table in the Long Gallery at 7.00 pm; there will be short speeches by the host, Lord Eatwell, who will give a short resume of the College and its buildings and our Chairman, Karen Luard. Guests will be invited from the students' Hong Kong Society. The food at the College is well known and the building is strikingly beautiful: this will be an evening not to be missed. Care will be taken to finish in time so that trains back to London can still be caught in good time.

Dress will be suit.

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## Visit to Mansion House and Society Spring Lunch

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd April 2013

**Lunch Venue:** The Peony Club, 46 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7AY



Blue Badge Guide David Thompson will guide us in the morning of 23rd April to visit the Mansion House in the City of London and the Harold Samuel Collection of 17th Century Dutch and Flemish Paintings. We will then move to the nearby Peony Club, a Restaurant owned by active member, Geoffrey Leung, for our Spring Chinese Lunch in a private room. David Thompson, will join us for lunch and then take us at 2.30pm to the Guildhall (short walk) Yard, there to view the Amphitheatre which is directly underneath. Discovered in 1998, the site is now a protected

monument, which is under the Guildhall Art Gallery. The amphitheatre was used for entertaining soldiers and the public with animal fighting and public executions of criminals, as well as religious activities. When the Romans left in the 4th century the amphitheatre lay derelict for hundreds of years;

In the 11th century the area was reoccupied and, by the 12th century, the first Guildhall was built next to it.

10.50 Assemble at the Mansion House Walbrook Entrance

11.00 Visit Mansion House with the Blue Badge Guide and view the Harold Samuel Collection of 17th Century Dutch and Flemish Paintings

12.15 Walk to Peony Club. Chinese Lunch in Private Room

14.30 Walk to Guildhall Yard. View Amphitheatre

16.00 Dispense

Located in the heart of the City, Peony Club is a private members' club encompassing a cocktail lounge, a private dining room, and a fine dining modern Chinese restaurant headed by Master Chef Kevin Chow (ex-head chef at Cocoon, Goldfish in London; Four Seasons, Grand Hyatt, Raffles in Singapore).

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## Working in Hong Kong and Mainland China

### A Conversation with the Chief Executive, China-Britain Business Council

**Date:** Tuesday 9th April 2013

**Venue:** The Auditorium, Prudential, Lawrence Pountney Hill, London, EC4R 0HH

**Time:** 6.00 - 8.00pm



Stephen Phillips, Chief Executive of the CBBC, has agreed to talk informally to younger members about working in Hong Kong and China, sectors with the most opportunities and the continued strong links between Hong Kong and China. This is a great opportunity for those who are considering work, in either Hong Kong or China or both.

Stephen lived and worked in Hong Kong from 1989 to 2004 and remains a regular visitor. He joined the China-Britain Business Council as Chief Executive in June 2006. He has been actively engaged in business in and with China for 20 years and his experience spans a number of sectors including aerospace, oil, gas and petrochemicals, infrastructure, ICT and financial services.

Before joining CBBC, Stephen was International Trade Director, UK Trade & Investment based in the South West England. Prior to this, he was Managing Director and co-founder of iBridge Capital, a group of companies providing IT solutions and financial and business consulting services throughout Asia and the Middle East. Stephen also held senior investment banking positions with Deutsche and BZW/Barclays Capital in Hong Kong and Singapore for over 10 years, where he specialised in structuring and financing cross border investments totalling in excess of £20 billion.

He holds a BSc in Chemistry and Law from the University of Exeter.

This will be a very informal session, with plenty of time for discussion or questions.

The session is being very kindly hosted by our members, Prudential



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## Visit, Tea and Special Talk at the BADA Antiques and Fine Art Fair

**Date:** Sunday 17th March 2013

**Location:** Duke of York Square (off Sloane's Square), London SW3 4LY

**Time:** 5.45pm cash bar, 6.30pm lecture

Tea and a special talk at the British Antique Dealers' Association Fair has been organised for Society members and their guests. A visit to the fair is a 'must' for anyone interested in art and antiques,

where a dazzling array of top quality furniture, paintings, clocks, ceramics, jewellery and silver can be viewed and bought.

The great attraction of this annual visit is the easy access to stalls and exhibits of about 100 of the best antique dealers in the UK. It is all beautifully laid out and presented.

The Fair is open to the public each day at 11am from 13th March -19th March 2013. (Normal admission is £10 single, £15 double - without the (very substantial) BADA handbook).

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## **Society Annual Lecture - Admiral Chan Chak's Escape**

**Date:** Wednesday 13th March 2013

**Guest Speaker:** Tim Luard



In one of the most remarkable adventures of the Second World War, just hours after Hong Kong's surrender on Christmas Day 1941, the one-legged Admiral Chan Chak and more than sixty British companions staged a daring breakout through Japanese lines. As others prepared for long years of occupation or imprisonment, they sped by torpedo boat through the night to Mirs Bay and marched for four days across occupied China to freedom. The admiral - China's senior representative in the colony - lost his wooden leg as he swam for his life through a hail of gunfire. Local guerrillas helped carry him over the hills and rivers of Guangdong in a bamboo sedan chair.

The motley escape party also included the future head of Hong Kong's post-war administration, bickering staff and intelligence officers carrying sensitive military information, old-school naval commanders and a raucous array of sailors. Thirty Royal Navy survivors reached home five months later after travelling over the Burma Road.

Former BBC China correspondent Tim Luard will give an illustrated talk on the escape, focussing on who the various members of the party were and how they came to be among the lucky few who got away. He will also be available to sign copies of his book, *Escape from Hong Kong*. Tim and his wife Alison -- whose father Colin McEwan was a leading member of the escape party and later a Director of Physical Education in Hong Kong -- retraced the initial 80-mile route to Huizhou on foot with other descendants of the escape group and helped put together an exhibition which is showing until April at the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence.

The talk will last for a total of about one hour and there will then be plenty of opportunity for discussion.

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# Chinese New Year Celebration 2013

Monday 18 FEBRUARY

@ Bright Courtyard Club, 43-45 Baker Street,  
London W1U 8EW



## THE HONG KONG SOCIETY

### ANNUAL CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

6PM: CASH BAR, 7PM: DINNER, 7.45PM: LION DANCE

COST: £40 HKS MEMBERS & GUESTS

£50 NON-MEMBERS

DRESS: JACKET & TIE OR CHINESE STYLE

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