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15th Council Members of Centum Charitas Foundation Inauguration Ceremony

The 15th Council Members of Centum Charitas Foundation (CCF) Inauguration Ceremony cum Gala Dinner was successfully held on January 29, 2024 (Monday) at Four Seasons Hotel, Hong Kong. We were honoured to have invited Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), to preside over the ceremony. We had invited senior officials from the HKSAR Government, Hong Kong delegates to the National People's Congress, Hong Kong delegates to the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), members of the Executive Council and Legislative Council, as well as prominent representatives from different sectors in our community to attend the ceremony. With warm congratulations from the guests, the 15th Council Members of CCF was inaugurated and Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, GBS, JP, CPPCC and Chairman of Henderson Land Group, was re-appointed as the Chairman of the CCF.



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Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government presented a certificate of appointment to Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, GBS, JP, Founder Chairman of the 15th Council Members of CCF.



Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government presented a certificate of appointment to Dr Raymond LEE Man Chun, SBS, BBS, JP, President of the 15th Council Members of CCF.



Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government presented a certificate of appointment to Mr Jaime SZE Wine Him, BBS, JP, Honorary President of the 15th Council Members of CCF.



Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, GBS, JP, Chairman of the 15th Council Members of CCF delivered his speech at the ceremony.

Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, had been reappointed as the Chairman and will continue to focus on the future development of Hong Kong's youth. In the past, we have been deeply committed to youth work and helping the underprivileged groups and alleviating hardship. We had assisted young people to grow through different kind of programmes, including the “Youth Empowerment Sharing Session”, the “AI Coding Education Programme”, the “beANGEL action”, the “Strive and Rise Programme”, as well as industry exploration, exchanges and internships programme, with over 170,000 beneficiaries in total. Early last year, we conducted an evaluation of the AI coding programme together with the Hong Kong Primary Education Research Association, and based on nearly 2,000 questionnaires and focus group interviews with students, parents, teachers and other stakeholders, we summarised eight recommendations for strengthening AI coding education in primary schools. These recommendations were submitted to the HKSAR Government and related stakeholders.



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Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, acknowledged the work of the CCF during his speech. CCF has been committed to promoting youth development and organising a wide range of activities to groom youth and cultivate their personal character to give back to the community. In recent years, CCF has committed to artificial intelligence and programming education to encourage youth to develop their creative thinking. The HKSAR Government is committed fully to supporting youth development by implementing the 160 actions and measures of the “Youth Development Blueprint”, providing comprehensive support for young people’s development in the areas of education, employment, business start-up and home ownership, and providing a platform to support young people’s entrepreneurship. The HKSAR government will continue to work hand-in-hand with CCF to empower young people to be contributors to Hong Kong and the country in the new era.



Dr Raymond LEE Man Chun, President of the 15th Council Members of CCF, Mr Jaime SZE Wine Him, Honorary President of the 15th Council Members of CCF, Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, GBM, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, GBS, JP, Chairman of the 15th Council Members of CCF, Ms Carol YIP Man Kuen, Director of the Chief Executive’s Office of the HKSAR Government.



Dr MA Jun, Chairman and President of Hong Kong Green Finance Association, Director of the Center for Finance and Development, Ms Amy LO, JP, Co-Head of Wealth Management Asia Pacific, Head and Chief Executive of UBS Hong Kong, Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, GBS, JP, Chairman of the 15th Council Members of CCF, Ms LI Nan, Director of UNDP SDG Innovative Finance, Ms YANG Lin, Founding Partner and Executive Director of the Board of Pacific Century International.



Climate Change Dialogue Session with Dr MA Jun, Chairman and President of Hong Kong Green Finance Association, Dr Peter LEE Ka Kit, GBS, JP, Chairman of the 15th Council Members of CCF, Ms YANG Lin, Founding Partner and Executive Director of the Board of Pacific Century International, Ms LI Nan, Director of UNDP SDG Innovative Finance,



ONE EARTH SUMMIT

25 March 2024 | Hong Kong

The inaugural One Earth Summit, convened by the Institute of Sustainability and Technology (IST), concluded successfully on March 25 at the Regala Skycity Hotel in Hong Kong. The premier global gathering of international sustainability leaders attracted more than 1,000 influential leaders and changemakers from global corporations, the financial sector, start-ups, foundations, media, civil society, and academia, who engaged in action-oriented dialogues during the Summit to achieve a net-zero, nature-positive transition for the world. As a philanthropic partner, we fully supported the event with our Chairman and several Vice Chairmen, Vice Presidents, and members participating in the forum.

The theme of this global gathering – "Planetary Crossroads: Investing in Innovations for a Sustainable Future" – highlighted the importance of the challenges we faced. This was crucial for each of us, our families, companies, institutions, the economies and countries we called home, and for the world at large. Following the day-long Summit, our Council Members gathered at the Gala Dinner for an evening dedicated to investing in Asia's future leaders in climate change and sustainability. The gala dinner aimed at showcasing the hands-on solutions and best practices for the global climate challenge and fostering collective efforts for the net-zero transition in Asia.



(From sixth left) Dr Peter Lee Ka Kit (Chairman of Henderson Land Group and The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited), Ms Gim Huay Neo (Managing Director, World Economic Forum), Prof Poman Lo (Founder of the Institute of Sustainability and Technology), The Hon John Lee (Chief Executive, HKSAR), Mr Yin Zonghua (Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), H.S.H. Prince Maximilian von und zu Liechtenstein (Member of the House of Liechtenstein), Mr Chavalit Fredrick Tsao (Chairman of IMC Pan Asia Alliance Group and Founder of OCTAVE Institute), with other guests at the forum.



The opening ceremony of the Summit was officiated by Mr John LEE Ka Chiu, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, who highlighted Hong Kong's strengths as an ideal nexus for building partnerships and driving innovative solutions for sustainability.

Ms Poman Lo, Founder of the Institute of Sustainability and Technology and convenor of the One Earth Summit, and Vice President of the CCF emphasized the importance of uniting the world to save Mother Earth and transforming dialogue into action.



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Chairman, IMC Pan Asia Alliance Group
Founder, OCTAVE Institute



Mr Chavalit Frederick Tsao, Chairman of IMC Pan Asia Alliance Group and Founder of OCTAVE Institute, and Vice President of the CCF said, “We need the leadership of institutions to restore our inner human nature of LOVE, fuelling action to protect the outer environment, which is our home, our only ONE EARTH. This is our one choice, our shared destiny, and our legacy.”

Dr Peter Lee Ka Kit, Chairman of Henderson Land Group and The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, Chairman of the CCF said, “As the name of this important summit vividly reminds us, we only have one Planet Earth, and our precious Earth is teetering on the edge of an abyss. The future of our planet will depend largely upon climate technologies and our collective ability to innovate and implement them. At this One Earth Summit, let us find the vision and resolve to guide us towards a brighter, greener tomorrow.”





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Ms Alice Ho Chiu Yan, Chief Youth Officer at the Global Alliance of Universities on Climate and Vice Chairman of CCF, participated in a forum with industry leaders, experts, and innovators to discuss Circular Economy, Materials, and Industrial Decarbonisation. The summit focused on enhancing material efficiency, which has the potential to achieve significant reductions in CO2 emissions by 2060. Specifically, there is the potential to decrease total emissions by around 20% for steel, 70% for cement, and 30% for aluminum. Additionally, there is high potential to accelerate the decarbonisation of hard-to-abate industrial sectors through regional cooperation, while also maximizing job creation and economic competitiveness through Industrial Clusters.



Youth Empowerment Sharing Session

Professor Poon Chung Kwong, GBS, OBE, JP was the first sharing guest for our revamped approach of 2024 Youth Empowerment Sharing Session.

Prof POON Chung Kwong
Board of Directors of CCF

March 22

HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School

More than 70 students

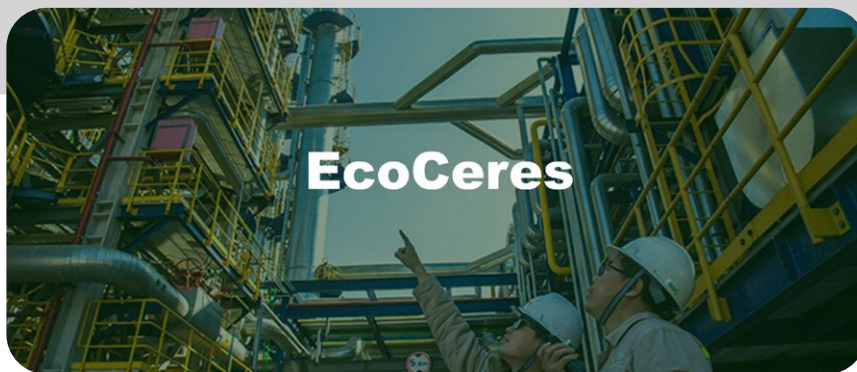
The sharing session was held on March 22 at Kwun Tong HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School. As ESG sustainable development and the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) are the emerging global issues, the youth will be much benefited if the knowledge is shared at the soonest possible. Therefore, in 2024, we revamped the "Youth Empowerment Sharing Session" to focus on ESG sustainable development and application of AI for good, inspires youth to conceive and implement ideas related to ESG and AI.

Honorable Professor Poon Chung Kwong shared and exchanged with 70 students at Kwun Tong HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and technology for good. The Youth were inspired and could well be prepared for the AI era.



Tech-For-Good

Nurture youth as future leader to embrace and address the challenges and opportunities resulted from climate change and AI. In this column, we will continue to share examples of good corporate practices, showcasing how startups and unicorns are addressing climate issues by creating sustainable businesses. Board members are welcome to provide relevant cases for future sharing. This issue features: EcoCeres.



EcoCeres, Inc. (“EcoCeres”) is an innovative advanced biorefinery company with robust R&D capacity and excellent ESG performance. We proactively promote and support sustainability across borders.

Decarbonising the World Through Biomass and Beyond :

With the belief that maintaining nature’s own harmony is the key to solving the climate change issues, EcoCeres has a strategic focus on turning biomass wastes into biofuels and biopolymers.

They are one of the few players in the world deploying our own proprietary technologies to produce Hydrotreated Vegetable Oils (HVO), a renewable diesel fuel, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), a jet fuel substitute, and Cellulosic Ethanol (CE), a gasoline blend-substitute, at a scale that can help global markets fulfil greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and requirements.

Additionally, they are developing Green Hydrogen and other innovative sustainable products, in order to build an advanced biorefinery platform that encompasses biofuels and biopolymers. We aim to become a key player in driving the global energy transition while advancing the holistic decarbonisation journey to replace fossil fuels.



Please visit the website for more details.

<https://www.eco-ceres.com/>

Business-For-Good

Unite and assist corporate partner to a green transformation journey in enhancing business sustainability and doing business for good. We will continue to share related high-quality executive/corporate courses and market information for your reference. At the same time, we also welcome our members to provide relevant information for future reference. The below Mindful Living and Family Legacy Retreat Programme are designed by our Vice President Mr Frederick Chavalit TSAO Wai Teh and are held at the meticulously planned Sangha Retreat, Suzhou, China.

Mindful Living Programme

September 1–8, 2024
(8 days and 7 nights)

Sangha Retreat, Suzhou, China

Please refer to the QR Code for pricing and details.



Family Legacy Retreat Program

June 8–10, 2024
(3 days and 2 nights)

Sangha Retreat, Suzhou, China

Please refer to the QR Code for pricing and details.



The Story

We are a culture consultancy company born from the vision of Chavalit Frederick Tsao, the fourth-generation steward of TPC (Tsao Pao Chee). OCTAVE Institute is designed to support business leaders and family business owners in evolving their organisations to serve the Well-Being Era.

We offer ground-breaking paradigms for leadership and learning. Our founder believes that quantum leadership is the key to the flourishing of Life and mandated that OCTAVE Institute bring Quantum Leadership into the marketplace.



Please visit the website for more details.

<https://www.octaveinstitute.com/en/mindful-living-program>


Centum Charitas' China's cultural youth exchange program: Wuhan, Xiangyang, Hubei


“Wuhan, Xiangyang, Hubei” Youth exchange program was held on April 1st to 5th, a group of 45 Hong Kong’s students and teachers travelled to Hubei for 5 days to experience various cultural attractions there, they also cherished the chance to exchange with the Youth from the Mainland. Details will be reported in the next newsletter, please stay tuned.





Youth Empowerment Sharing Session

Shun Tak Fraternal Association Lee
Shau Kee College

 303 Kwai Shing Circuit Kwai Chung

 ~ 20 students

 April 20, 2024 (Sat)

 9:30 – 10:45



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Young STEAM Talent Award



Organised by "G3 Alliance" comprising of Centum Charitas Foundation, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education, and the Council of the Hong Kong Laureate Forum



Round 3 Adjudication and Award presentation ceremony cum luncheon : 6 July 2024

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AI CODING ∞ Environmental Technology Competition cum Exhibition 2024



Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre



Semi-final : May 18, 2024

Final round : July 5, 2024

Award presentation cum Exhibition : July 13, 2024

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