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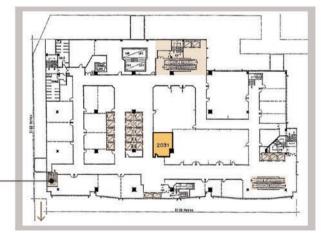
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## **Budget for Uncertain Times**

HKGCC submission to the Financial Secretary considers how we can boost Hong Kong's long-term competitiveness as well as immediate measures to help businesses



## 應對動盪時勢 做好財政預算

總商會已向財政司司長提呈建議,其中包括提升香港長遠 競爭力的方案,並呼籲推出措施以解企業燃眉之急

新冠病毒疫情變化莫測,香港自去 年夏季以來維持的零本地感染紀錄 近日斷纜,實在令人失望。 Omicron 變種病毒的出現,令抗 疫復蘇之路更崎嶇難行,亦令企業 繼續飽受不明朗因素困擾。因此, 我們熱切期待財政司司長在即將發 表的《財政預算案》提出對策。

總商會早前歸納了會員意見後, 已向政府提交一系列的建議,包 括支援企業應對當前困境的適切 措施,以及維持香港長遠競爭力 的方案。

儘管香港經濟已於 2021 年走出低 谷,但各行各業復蘇步伐不一, 零售和旅遊業仍然大受影響。因 此,我們希望政府能夠針對這些 重要產業推出紓困措施。

去年夏季推出的電子消費券計劃 大舉成功,帶動市民的消費意欲 之餘,亦有助提振本地經濟。倘 防疫抗疫限制措施需要持續實施, 加推新一輪電子消費券計劃,將 可帶來莫大的經濟裨益。我們還 建議政府參考新加坡的成功經驗, 推出專為旅遊景點而設的消費券, 鼓勵市民遊覽本地景點。

我們亦期望政府加大力度協助小 企業把握數碼新機遇,從而改善 公司營運效率,同時提升服務質 素,吸引更多顧客。 中小企業方面,政府在過去兩年 推出了各式各樣的支援計劃,對 企業給予實質的支持。隨着經濟 日漸重回正軌,我們建議當局應 逐步撤回相關計劃,而避免貿然 煞停支援措施。

長遠而言,國際税務環境正在轉 變。根據經合組織公布的打擊侵 蝕税基及轉移利潤税務改革框架 方案(BEPS 2.0),全球最低税 率(約15%)及多項數碼經濟徵 税措施將於未來數年生效。儘管 這些變動主要對大型跨國企業造 成影響,惟香港亦難免間接受到 牽連,尤其是香港的公司税制簡 單而且税率低,既為企業創造有 利的營商環境,亦為我們帶來一 大競爭優勢。

要維持競爭力,我們提倡成立專 責辦事處,積極與全球各地的持 份者聯繫溝通,以推廣香港作為 國際金融和貿易樞紐的種種優 勢。此外,由於薪俸税將不受 BEPS 方案影響,故可視為保持 本港競爭優勢的重要領域,藉以 吸引世界各地的優秀人才來港。 這個農曆新年在反覆動盪之中到簡 單低調。不過,我們仍然盼望虎 年將迎來一番新氣象,前景漸趨

光明。

The Covid-19 situation continues to evolve rapidly and Hong Kong's first outbreak of local infections since the summer is a disappointing setback. Omicron continues to complicate the path out of Covid and prolong uncertainty for businesses. So we are keen to see what policies the Financial Secretary will unveil in his upcoming Budget Address.

After consulting our members, we submitted proposals to the Government how we believe they can best help businesses amid the current upheaval, as well as suggestions to preserve the city's competitiveness in the longer term.

While Hong Kong's economy bounced back in 2021, recovery has been uneven, with the retail and tourism sectors continuing to be the hardest hit. So we would welcome targeted measures for these key industries.

The electronic consumption vouchers released last summer were a great success, spreading some feel-good sentiment among consumers while boosting our local economy. If Covid-related restrictions continue, another round of these e-vouchers would be very helpful. A related suggestion proposes vouchers specifically for tourist sites: this approach has been used successfully in Singapore to encourage citizens to visit local attractions.

We would also like to see more assistance for the city's smaller businesses to make the most of new digital opportunities. This will improve their operational efficiency while also making



their services more attractive to customers.

For SMEs, the various support programmes the Government has unveiled in the past two years have been invaluable and we suggest that these schemes be tapered gradually, rather than abruptly stopped as the economy gets back to normal.

Taking a longer view, the global tax landscape is shifting. The OECD's BEPS tax framework will introduce a global minimum tax rate of around 15% in the next few years, as well as measures on taxing the digital economy. Although these changes will mainly impact large multinationals, they will also indirectly affect the whole city, especially when Hong Kong's low and simple corporate tax regime has long been one of the key advantages of our businessfriendly environment.

To remain competitive, we suggest setting up a dedicated office to engage with global stakeholders to promote Hong Kong's many advantages as an international finance and trade hub. Salary tax is an area where we can keep our competitive edge, particularly in attracting high-level talent from around the world, as it is not affected by BEPS.

This Chinese New Year is arriving amid considerable uncertainty, and our festivities will be lowkey once again this year. But we hope that the new lunar calendar will bring some much-needed cheer and hopefully brighter prospects as the Year of the Tiger progresses.

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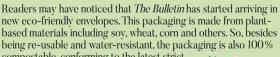
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## CEO COMMENTS 總裁之見

## Helping Members Resume Cross-border Business

The Chamber's pre-registration platform will allow members to visit the Mainland without the need for quarantine when border reopens





## 協助會員恢復跨境業務

總商會的預先登記平台讓會員可在恢復通關後 免檢疫進入內地

Omicron 變種病毒來襲,令香 港的前景再次蒙上陰霾。執筆 之時,本地確診個案數目維持 在較低水平,我們希望疫情能 夠早日受控,令生活回復正常。

現今世界瞬息萬變,面對反覆 動盪的市場形勢,總商會繼續 着力改善本地營商環境,維持 香港的競爭力。

本會最近便與工業貿易署合作, 協助政府推進與中國內地恢復 通關的計劃。會員可登入總商 會網站,預先辦理第一階段免 檢疫往來香港與內地的登記。

預先登記手續快捷簡便,申請 人只需填寫一份電子表格,並 提供公司在中港兩地的業務資 料。我們很高興能為會員提供 這項服務,好讓他們能儘快往 返內地,視察當地的辦公室和 設施,親身與員工會面。

從商界角度來看,恢復通關是 社會回復常態的關鍵一步。內 地對香港經濟的重要性無容置 疑:自1980年代起,內地一直 是香港最主要的貿易夥伴,而 香港亦是內地外來投資的主要

來源。因此,當會員向我們反 映恢復通關是他們的首要關 注,這亦是意料中事。

疫情亦令不少公司擱置在大灣 區的發展計劃。然而,廣東各 地機遇處處,我們實在不願坐 失良機,讓機會繼續隨時間溜 走。

香港作為國際商業樞紐,固然 希望下一步能與全球各地恢復 往來。香港在過去兩年大部分 時間都實施嚴厲的防疫措施, 有效遏止了新冠病毒傳播;然 而,我們仍期盼酒店隔離檢疫 期得以縮短,以促進國際旅 遊。

我們曾經渴望邊境早日重開, 惟Omicron 變種病毒卻為通 關帶來變數。不過,隨着預先 登記程序啟動,邊境一旦重 開,系統即可投入服務。

踏入虎年,我謹祝各位會員新 年快樂!當Omicron病毒的 威脅解除後,我們將為會員籌 備更多實體活動。請密切留意 本會網站公布的最新活動消 息,誠盼能早日與諸位見面。 Uncertainty once again prevails in Hong Kong as the Omicron variant has arrived in the city. At the time of writing, local case numbers remain relatively low, and we hope the situation will soon be under control so that life can get back to normal.

Amid the ongoing turmoil, the Chamber is continuing to work to improve the landscape for local businesses and to maintain the city's competitiveness in a rapidly changing world.

Among our recent work, we have been cooperating with the Department of Trade and Industry on plans to reopen the border with Mainland China. On the Chamber's website, members can pre-register for the first phase of the resumption of quarantine-free travel between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

The pre-registration process involves completing a straightforward online form for applicants to provide details of their businesses here and in the Mainland. We are very pleased to be able to provide this service that will enable our members to visit their offices, facilities and staff as soon as possible.

From a business perspective, reopening the border is the most crucial step towards normality. The importance of the Mainland to Hong Kong's economy cannot be overstated: it has been our biggest trading partner since the 1980s, and Hong Kong is also the biggest external investor in the Mainland. So it is no surprise that Chamber members have told us that the border re-opening is their top priority.

The pandemic has also put many companies' Greater Bay Area plans on hold. With so many opportunities emerging across Guangdong Province, we do not want to run the risk of missing out as more and more time passes.

Of course, as a global business hub, we also want to see a reopening with the rest of the world, and we hope that this will follow quickly. Hong Kong's strict measures have been successful in keeping Covid at bay for much of the past two years, but we would particularly like to see a reduction in the long hotel quarantine requirement to facilitate international travel.

We had all hoped that the border reopening would have taken place sooner, but the Omicron variant has created a new hurdle. However, the pre-registration process means that the system will be ready to go once we get the green light for reopening.

As we are now entering the Year of the Tiger, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a happy new year. We will be working on organizing more in-person events for members once the Omicron threat has been resolved. Please check our website for the latest updates on all of our events, and we hope to see many of you soon.

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# Talking Business with Jeffrey Lam 與林健鋒談商界發展

The Chamber's LegCo Representative the Honourable Jeffrey Lam speaks to *Bulletin* Editor Helen Sloan about helping companies cope with Covid, future opportunities, and his long experience serving the business community in Hong Kong 總商會立法會代表林健鋒議員接受《工商月刊》編輯宋海倫專訪, 分享如何協助企業應對疫情、未來機遇,以及長年服務香港商界的經驗

### Bulletin: Congratulations on your re-election as HKGCC's LegCo representative. You are the longestserving LegCo rep in the Chamber's history. What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Jeffrey Lam: First of all, I'd like to say that I am honoured to have been elected again to represent members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce in the Legislative Council, and humbled by members' support. The Chamber represents so many sectors, from finance to food and beverage to trade, so I am grateful for members' vote of confidence. Over the past 17 years, I've had many opportunities to help the business community. I was first elected shortly after the SARS epidemic, and even though I was new to LegCo, I was able to pass on concrete suggestions to the Government, under Tung Chee-hwa at that time, to help Chamber members and the business community.

Then a few years later we were hit by the 2008 financial tsunami, which devastated many businesses of all sizes. I made a number of proposals including starting a loan guarantee for SMEs so that companies could get money from the banks. The Government's own research at the time found that 20% of businesses would fail without support. I visited the then CE Donald Tsang at Government House and said that now was the time to take action.





I told him: 'If you give a man oxygen while he is still breathing he can recover – if he is no longer breathing, it is too late. We need to help businesses with a guarantee so that banks will lend to them now.'

That is how the HK\$100 billion SME Guarantee Scheme came about, which has a default rate of less than 1%. Through this action, the Government saved many Hong Kong businesses from folding.

#### *B:* Hong Kong survived these crises, but many businesses are now again on the brink of folding due to the pandemic. What have you been able to do to help the business community during this exceptional time?

JL: I have been working to help not just businesses, but the whole Hong Kong community. In the early days of the pandemic, I saw media reports of people lining up for hours to buy masks at hugely inflated prices, as they were almost impossible to get hold of at that time. So I made a commitment that I would have masks for the people of Hong Kong within 30 days. I put a team together from among my contacts and friends to make the machines as well as provide the materials – I am an industrialist so I know how to make things happen. After 30 days we were producing masks and sold them for under HK\$2.

As we all know, the pandemic has been a very difficult time for virtually all businesses. I suggested a number of measures to the Government, Under One Country, Two Systems, we have full support from Beijing for Hong Kong companies to go into the GBA, and the Chamber has been very active in helping members to access the GBA opportunities.

including the Principal Payment Holiday Scheme. This was adopted and has been renewed a number of times. It has greatly relieved the burden on businesses, easing their cash-flow challenges due to the interruption to normal operations.

## *B: What will be your key focus in the next few months to help Hong Kong businesses?*

JL: I've been lobbying on the reopening of the border with the Mainland. This is the top priority right now, as it is the most important step to enable the business environment in Hong Kong to recover. Why do people and businesses come to Hong Kong? It is because of our accessibility and connectivity to the Mainland, with the Greater Bay Area as the best connection point.

Although there have been some local Covid cases in Hong Kong and

Guangdong Province recently, I don't believe these will derail the reopening process. When the experts visited Hong Kong, they were satisfied with our measures to prevent the spread of Covid. Reopening the border is a key common goal, so we hope to see it happen soon. I believe that the border reopening process will also be the beginning of the path back to normality.

# *B: Besides the removal of travel restrictions, what other issues are businesses struggling with and how can they be addressed?*

JL: I believe reducing or removing unnecessary administrative burdens and procedures would go a long way towards improving the business environment. These are not only time-consuming but also have compliance costs, which is a particular problem for smaller companies. I have



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also urged the Government to speed up the supply of land, as the shortage of land and the associated high costs is a major burden to businesses.

After the pandemic, we will be able to get back on track with the Greater Bay Area and Belt and Road initiatives. But some SMEs have asked me, how can they participate in these projects? Under One Country, Two Systems, we have full support from Beijing for Hong Kong companies to go into the GBA, and the Chamber has been very active in helping members to access the GBA opportunities.

The Belt and Road openings are not so obvious for SMEs. But once the infrastructure is in place, then smaller companies can make their move. We are already seeing this happening in Vietnam, where Hong Kong companies have increasingly been investing in recent years. I expect to see this trend in other Belt and Road countries as the initiative progresses.

#### *B:* Hong Kong is facing increasing competition as a global hub. What can we do to ensure we keep our status as a world-class business city?

JL: Hong Kong is rightly known for its professional business and financial services, and the One Country, Two Systems is crucial in maintaining our role as one of the world's leading financial hubs. We are the most important offshore RMB centre and in recent years we have also seen the successful launch of the various "connect" programmes that enable cross-border investment in stocks,





bonds and other wealth management products.

To really benefit from our connection with the Mainland, we still need to improve the flow of money, people, logistics and information. For example, I will continue to lobby to reduce the restrictions on transferring money. Currently, if you want to buy a flat just across the border, the daily limits mean that you have to transfer the funds in stages.

Besides financial services, Hong Kong offers many advantages as a headquarters for global companies, which are well known, from protection of intellectual property rights and a transparent legal system to our low corporate taxes and business savvy workforce. We also have excellent high-tech talent, but I think we need more policies to attract technology professionals from around the world, and to promote our innovative industries.

## *B: There have been concerns about a brain drain from Hong Kong. What is your view? How can this be reversed?*

JL: There has always been a steady ebb and flow of talent in and out of Hong Kong, but the pandemic is currently affecting the inward flow. We also saw a similar trend before 1997, but as we know, many people soon returned and Hong Kong continued to attract some of the world's leading talent.

However, we cannot afford to be complacent. The global competition for talent is fierce and for Hong Kong to compete, we need to ensure that the city is a comfortable place to live, work and play for locals and overseas talent. A key concern is we need to provide more affordable housing. Even though salaries in Hong Kong are globally competitive, the cost of renting or buying a home is still very high.

We also need to continue to expand the infrastructure, such as making sure there are enough international school places, as well as recreational facilities to allow people from all walks of society to relax outside work.

# *B: This is the first LegCo term since the electoral changes introduced last year. What impact have the changes had?*

JL: Three years ago we saw chaotic scenes inside and outside LegCo, which caused tremendous damage to the ability of staff as well as lawmakers to carry out their work.

Now, with the National Security Law and the principle of 'patriots governing Hong Kong' in place, I think LegCo will run more smoothly. Previously, we wasted a lot of time because of filibustering, disruptions and theatrics in LegCo we could hardly get anything done.

Now we can make progress. Last month, for example, the Chief Executive discussed proposed changes to the Government structure, which I support. For example, the Transport and Housing Bureau is now too big for one person

## 在「一國兩制」下,北京政府 全力支持香港企業進軍大灣區, 而總商會亦一直積極協助會員 把握區內商機。

to handle, and they are very different in nature. I support anything which makes the Government more efficient and removes bottlenecks.

We have a lot to do in the coming years: once we finally see off the Covid threat, we will need to ensure that businesses of all sizes are ready for the new norms of the postpandemic era. We must also continue to improve Hong Kong's business environment and ensure that we stay competitive in a rapidly changing world. We must deepen our ties with the Mainland while also promoting Hong Kong around the world as a fantastic place to do business.

As the new LegCo term gets under way, I will continue to cooperate closely with fellow Chamber members and ensure that the concerns of the business community are heard by the Government. Together, I believe we can build a better Hong Kong for the business community, and for all citizens.

## 問:恭喜您連任總商會立法會代表,成 為本會歷來任期最長的立法會代表。您 認為自己最大的成就是甚麼?

答:首先,我很榮幸能夠再度當選連 任,在立法會為總商會會員發聲,這 全賴各位會員的支持。總商會代表金 融、餐飲及貿易等廣泛行業的意見, 因此我衷心感謝會員對本人投下信心 的一票。

過去17年來,我曾多次有幸為商界伸 出援手。我在沙士一疫後不久首次當 選,隨即向當時由董建華領導的政府 提出具體建議,支援總商會會員和香 港商界。

其後,2008年爆發金融海嘯,對大小 企業造成嚴重打擊。我就此提出多項 建議,包括為中小企推出融資擔保計 劃,協助企業取得銀行貸款。當時的 政府調查顯示,若然缺乏支援措施, 有兩成企業會面臨倒閉。我曾到禮賓 府會見時任特首曾蔭權,促請政府即 時採取行動。

我跟他說:「在病人一息尚存時提供 氧氣,仍有機會挽回一命,但到氣絕 身亡便已太遲。我們要為企業提供擔 保,使銀行願意向企業貸款。」 這就是1,000億港元「中小企融資擔保 計劃」的由來,計劃的壞賬率低於 1%。政府透過這項措施,成功避免出 現企業倒閉潮。

#### 問:香港曾經歷種種危機,但不少企 業在疫情下再次瀕臨結業。在這個非 常時期,您如何向商界施以援手?

答:除了支援企業,我亦致力扶助香港 社會。在疫情爆發初期,香港市面一罩 難求,我從新聞得知市民需要苦候多 時,才能以高價購得口罩。有見及此, 我承諾在30天內為香港市民供應口 罩,並與業務夥伴和朋友組成團隊,合 力搜羅口罩生產設備和原材料一一我本 身是一名工業家,了解如何建立生產 線。我們成功在30天後開始投產,並 以每個低於兩元的價格出售。

眾所周知,疫情令許多企業陷入困 境。我向政府提出了多項措施,包括 「還息不還本」計劃,這項安排最終 獲當局採納,更多次獲延期,有助企 業解決因正常運作受阻而導致的現金 周轉問題,大大紓緩資金壓力。

#### 問:在支援港企方面,您在未來數月 的工作焦點是甚麼?

答:我一直在爭取與內地通關。此乃 當務之急,亦是讓香港營商環境重回 正軌的關鍵一步。商家和企業為何來 港?因為我們與內地互聯互通,而大 灣區正是最佳的切入點。

儘管最近香港和廣東省分別出現零星本 地感染個案,但我認為這不會影響通關 進度。專家訪港時亦對我們的防疫抗疫 措施表示滿意。通關為重要的共同目 標,我們希望能儘快成事。此外,通關 能令我們開始回復正常生活。

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## Cover Story 】 封面故事



請政府加快土地供應。 待疫情消退後,大灣區和「一帶一路」 倡議下的項目將能重回正軌。但有中小 企問我,他們可如何參與這些建設?在 「一國兩制」下,北京政府全力支持香 除

極協助會員把握區內商機。 「一帶一路」倡議為中小企帶來的機遇 不甚明顯。然而,待相關的基建設施落 成啟用後,小企業即可大展拳腳。越南 正是一個好例子,近年投資當地的港企 與日俱增。隨着倡議持續推進,我預期 其他「一帶一路」參與國家亦會出現這 個趨勢。

港企業進軍大灣區,而總商會亦一直積

問:除了撤銷旅遊限制,企業還面對甚

答:我認為減省不必要的行政程序能大 大改善營商環境,因為這些程序既費 時,又產生合規成本,對小企業尤其不 利。此外,鑒於土地短缺及由此衍生的 高昂成本對企業造成重大負擔,我已促

麼問題?有何對策?

#### 問:作為國際樞紐,香港面對的競爭愈 趨激烈。要維持世界級商業都會的地 位,我們可以做些甚麼?

答:香港以專業的商業和金融服務開 名,而「一國兩制」對維持本港作為全 球領先金融樞紐之一的地位至關重要。 香港是最重要的離岸人民幣業務中心, 而近年先後成功推出的多個「聯通」項 目,亦允許股票、債券和其他財富管理 產品的跨境投資。

香港若要切實受惠於與內地的聯繫,就 要持續改善資金、人員、物流和資訊的 流通。舉例説,我會繼續促請當局放寬 匯款限制。根據現時的每日上限,港人 要在內地置業的話,只好分階段轉移資 金。 除了金融服務,香港作為國際企業總部 的選址,還坐擁眾多優勢,包括知識產 權受到保障、透明的法律制度、利得税 税率低和商業專才。我們亦不乏優秀的 高科技人才,但我認為有必要制定更多 政策,以吸引世界各地的技術專才來 港,並推廣本地的創新產業。

#### 問:香港的人才外流問題一直令人關 注。您對此有何看法?這個趨勢如何 能夠逆轉?

答:人才流入和流出香港的數字一直維持穩定,但當前的疫情正影響人才流入。在1997年之前,本港也曾出現類似的趨勢,但許多人離開不久便回流,而香港亦繼續吸引世界各地的頂尖人才。

不過,我們不能安於現狀。全球競相 爭奪人才,而香港要與其他地區競 爭,就要為本地和海外人才創造舒適 的生活、工作和遊樂環境。當中涉及 一個重要問題,就是要提供更多經濟 實惠的住房。即使香港的工資能夠媲 美國際水平,但租住或置業成本仍然 甚高。

我們亦要繼續擴展基建設施,確保提 供足夠的國際學校學額及休閒設施, 讓市民大眾在工餘時放鬆身心。 問:這是去年完善選舉制度後的首屆立法 會,有關改革有何意義?

答:三年前,立法會內外一片混亂,嚴重 妨礙職員和議員處理公務。

如今隨着港區國安法和「愛國者治港」原 則得以落實,我認為立法會的運作將會更 加順暢。過往,立法會亂象頻生,拉布、 干擾等行為令我們虛耗了不少時間,無法 開展任何工作。

現在,我們的工作能夠取得進展。例如, 行政長官上月與我們商討重組政府架構方 案,我對此表示支持。比如說,現時運輸 及房屋局的架構過大,單憑一人之力實在 難以應付,而兩個所涉範疇亦在性質上互 不相干。任何有助提升政府效率和消除瓶 頸的建議,我都會全力支持。

今後幾年要做的事很多:一旦新冠病毒威 脅得以消除,我們就得確保大大小小企業 都已準備就緒,迎向疫後的新常態。我們 亦須繼續改善香港的商業環境,維持我們 在瞬息萬變世界的競爭力。我們必須深化 與內地的聯繫,同時向外推廣香港作為營 商之都的形象。

隨着新一屆立法會任期展開,我將繼續與總 商會會員保持緊密合作,致力向政府傳達商 界的聲音。我深信只要我們同心協力,定可 為商界和全港市民建設更美好的香港。

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## Outlook for the New Lunar Year 農曆新年展望

Inflation, debt and the winding down of extraordinary policy measures are among the factors that will influence global economies in the Year of the Tiger 通脹、債務和救市措施陸續退場,是影響虎年環球經濟表現的因素

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After a strong global economic recovery last year, it is likely growth will continue although with some moderation in 2022. According to the Economic Outlook from the World Bank published in January, global GDP growth is expected to ease to 4.1% this year from 5.5% in 2021.

This column will look at a few of the key issues that are likely to influence the outlook for global markets in the Tiger year ahead.

## **Covid pandemic**

As the world enters into the third year of the pandemic there is gradual – albeit grudging – acceptance of the "new normal" that takes into consideration the presence of Covid. (At the time of writing, the highly transmissible Omicron variant had begun to spread in Hong Kong, forcing the government to tighten social distancing rules for the first time in almost a year.)

Before the emergence of the latest variant, the Chamber had forecast Hong Kong's economy to grow by 2.8% in 2022. It is premature to predict whether Omicron will significantly hurt the city's economic outlook, but it is certainly a major cause of concern. On a positive note, initial findings suggest that the effects of Omicron are less virulent than previous variants. Meanwhile, businesses are using technology adoption and operational adaptation to adjust to an environment characterised by the fits and starts of lockdowns.

However, not all business models lend themselves to remote operations. This is the case in service sectors such as food and beverage, which are likely to be especially affected if stringent socialdistancing rules should continue into Chinese New Year, when consumption is at its highest.

Needless to say, SMEs are especially vulnerable to another wave of the pandemic, mainly because of the lack of access to financing and the fact that many have already depleted a significant portion of their reserves in order to survive.



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## Inflation

A running joke in the economics profession goes like this: If you put 10 economists in a room, you'll get 11 opinions. Even though Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has already ditched the term "transitory" for describing the higher price levels observed in the United States during the past year, the debate on whether the current inflation is transitory continues.

This is an important issue because the viability of the massive borrowing and spending programmes by governments around the world is dependent almost

entirely on the thesis of a drawn-out period of low interest rates and low inflation.

While inflationary pressure may have already peaked, or may ease soon, it is likely to stay above pre-pandemic levels for a while longer. As the bite of lingering inflation begins to sink in, companies that had initially absorbed additional costs – from energy, transportation and raw materials – out of fear of losing price-sensitive consumers, will eventually pass on these price rises if there is no abatement soon.

Another reason for a likely prolonged period of inflation is the phenomenon of supply chain disruption. More importantly, the coronavirus will continue to manifest itself in new strains through further mutations unless existing inequities in access to vaccines are addressed quickly and effectively. The pursuit of a zero-Covid strategy in Mainland China and Hong Kong means factories and ports could be closed for weeks, should there be any new outbreaks.

#### **Policy normalisation**

Since the onset of the pandemic, major economies have flooded their markets with unprecedented amounts of money through a combination of easy fiscal and monetary policies. While these extraordinary measures were deemed necessary to counter the effects of Covid, they have contributed to high inflation in major economies and had the effect of pushing up prices across virtually all asset classes, further widening the gulf between the haves and the have-nots.

Furthermore, massive liquidity injections into the financial market are no longer a priority after two years of the pandemic, as cheap money can hardly be the right medicine for more pressing economic issues such as supply chain disruption and inflation.

In the U.S., the Fed's bond-buying programme, known as "quantitative easing" or QE, is being wound down and will come to a halt by the end of the first quarter of 2022. At the same time, three interest rate hikes in 2022 are expected according to the so-called "dot plot" graphic of rate projections published in December.

There are always questions on whether the Fed will follow through on its plans, but a return to a neutral monetary policy appears inevitable and is unlikely to be derailed by the emergence of Omicron and other new strains of Covid-19. It is perhaps noteworthy that a number of central banks have already embarked on the tightening cycle by raising interest rates. This comes at a time when fiscal policies in many economies have become less expansive compared to a year earlier, notwithstanding recent developments with Omicron, which has cast a pall over economic prospects.

## **Global debt**

If global debt levels were already a cause of consternation before the pandemic, the latest figures will likely be a source of anguish and despair for those who care about these matters.

According to data from the International Monetary Fund, global debt rose by 28 percentage points in 2020 to 256% of GDP, representing the largest increase in one single year since World War II. A more hawkish stance by the Federal Reserve would therefore be bad news for governments, corporations and households that have accumulated a large amount of dollardenominated debt since the pandemic.

The good news – depending on your perspective – is that borrowing by governments accounted for slightly more than half of the increase, suggesting that central banks around the world may be precluded from tightening too fast, too aggressively.

Keeping inflation stable remains a key mandate for central banks but the pandemic has blurred the lines between monetary and fiscal policy considerably, with such economic costs being transferred from governments' balance sheets to that of central banks.



#### **謹祝各位會員虎年生意興隆、事事順遂!**

全球經濟經過去年強勁復蘇後,2022年有 望繼續錄得增長,儘管步伐似乎將會有所 放緩。世界銀行在1月發表經濟展望報告, 預測全球經濟增長將由2021年的5.5%下 降至今年的4.1%。

本文將探討在虎年有機會影響環球市場前 景的一些主要因素。

#### 新冠病毒疫情

疫情爆發至今踏入第三年,部份國家逐漸 無奈接受與病毒共存的「新常態」。(執 筆之時,傳播能力極強的 Omicron 變種病 毒開始在本港蔓延,迫使政府近一年來首 次收緊社交距離措施。)

在最新的變種病毒出現之前,總商會預計 2022 年本港經濟增長為 2.8%。現時要預測 Omicron 會否對本港經濟前景構成重大影 響言之尚早,但可以肯定的是其發展將不 容忽視。

從正面看,一些初步研究顯示 Omicron 的 殺傷力不及先前的其他變種。另外,企業 利用數碼科技及調整營運模式,有助他們 應對因為封鎖措施時寬時緊而導致反覆無 常的經營環境。

然而,並非所有商業活動都適合遙距運作。 以服務業當中的餐飲業為例,若然嚴格的 社交距離規定延長實施至農曆新年的消費高 峰期,所受的影響將會巨大。

毫無疑問,中小企在新一波疫情下首當其 衝,除了是因為他們一般較難取得融資外, 當中不少為求在疫下維持經營已耗用大量儲 備。

#### 通脹

關於經濟學有一則笑話:若10位經濟學家聚 首,會出現11種不同意見。儘管聯儲局主席 鮑威爾不再以「過渡性」一詞解說過去一年 美國物價上漲的現象,當前的通脹屬性仍備 受爭議。

這事關重大,因為各國政府之所以能大規模 借貸和推出巨額財政措施,很大程度基於低 利率及低通脹環境將會持續一段長時間的預 期假設。

雖然通脹可能已見頂或在短期內降溫,但在 未來一段時間似乎仍會高於疫情前的水平。 為免流失對價格敏感的消費者,企業最初會 願意承擔能源、運輸和原材料的額外成本, 但隨着持續通脹的影響浮現,而情況在短期 內未見改善,價格升幅最終將轉嫁消費者。

供應鏈受干擾是通脹持續的另一原因。更重 要的是,除非疫苗分配不均等問題得以迅速 有效地解決,否則病毒將不斷變異並產生新 的變種;而若然不幸爆發新一波疫情,在內 地和香港的「清零」政策下,廠房和港口或 被迫關閉長達數星期。

#### 政策正常化

自疫情爆發以來,主要經濟體相繼採取寬鬆的 財政和貨幣政策,導致大量資金湧入市場。儘 管這些非常措施被視為應對疫情影響的必要手 段,卻同時推高主要經濟體的通脹及幾乎所有 資產類別的價格,進一步擴大貧富差距。

此外,疫情持續至今兩年後,低息資金並非 解決供應鏈受阻和通脹等較迫切經濟問題的 良方,因此向金融市場大舉注資已不再是當 務之急。

美國聯儲局正縮減量化寬鬆政策下的買債規模,預計將於2022年第一季末之前結束相

關計劃。與此同時,去年12月發布的利率 走勢「點陣圖」推算2022年將加息三次。

市場對聯儲局最終會否按照原定計劃的步伐 調整息口向來存疑,不過在未來回歸中性貨 幣政策似乎勢在必行,Omicron或其他變種 病毒的出現相信亦難以改變大方向。

值得一提的是,近期 Omicron 變種病毒肆虐雖 令經濟前景蒙上陰霾,惟部分央行已陸續收緊 貨幣政策,向上調整息率;同時多個經濟體的 擴張性財政政策亦已較一年前有所收緊。

#### 全球債務

如果疫情前的全球債務水平已足以讓人驚 訝,那麼最新數字不免會令關注情況的大家 感到難以置信。 國際貨幣基金組織的數據顯示,全球債務 水平在 2020 年上升 28 個百分點,達到相 當於全球經濟總量的 256%,為二次大戰 後的最大單年升幅。因此,對那些自疫情 以來累積了大量美元計價債務的政府、企 業和家庭來説,聯儲局轉鷹無疑是個壞消 息。

好消息(視乎觀點與角度)是政府借貸佔 債務增幅略多於一半,意味各國央行將盡 可能避免急進地收緊銀根。

維持通脹穩定仍然是央行的重要工作,但 應對疫情所付出的經濟代價亦由政府轉移 至央行的資產負債表,令貨幣和財務政策 之間的界線變得模糊。



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## Thoughts from the Legal Front | 法律前線

# Cooperating with the Competition Commission 與競爭事務委員會合作

If a business has broken competition rules there are several paths available to avoid expensive Tribunal proceedings 企業倘違反競爭規例,可循不同途徑避免於審裁處進行所費不菲的訴訟程序

For a business that has contravened the Competition Ordinance (whether inadvertently or intentionally), litigation against it by the Competition Commission in the Competition Tribunal is invariably a long, protracted and expensive process.

However, there are a number of ways to avoid such proceedings, which this article summarises.

On 25 November last year, the Commission announced that it had reached a deal with three businesses – which it found to have engaged in a cartel – not to take full proceedings against them or their officers in the Tribunal, provided that they: - admitted the contravention;

agreed to pay penalties (of an amount lower than what the Commission would normally have sought);

– paid the Commission's costs to date; and

enhanced their competition law compliance programmes.

The agreement would be put to the Tribunal for its endorsement by way of a "consent order."

This was the first case to be resolved under the Commission's Cooperation and Settlement Policy, which was introduced in 2019 for cartels – which are agreements between competing businesses whereby they fix prices, share markets, rig bids or limit output.

If you find that your business is involved in a cartel, you may also be able to avoid not only proceedings in the Tribunal, but also any financial penalties, if you are the first member of the cartel to report it to the Commission. This is the Commission's so-called Leniency Policy.

Although cartels are generally considered to be the most egregious type of anti-competitive conduct, there are degrees of



culpability even within this category which the Commission is prepared to recognise. For parties who are considered less blameworthy, the Commission might be prepared to issue an "infringement notice" under the Ordinance, instead of taking proceedings in the Tribunal.

This has happened so far in two cases. In 2020, the Commission issued an infringement notice against an IT services company for discussing pricing intentions with a competitor about a proposed contract bid. And in February last year, the Commission issued infringement notices against six hotel groups and a tour counter operator for facilitating a price-fixing agreement between two competing travel service providers.

In both cases the businesses concerned were required to admit the contravention, and put in place more effective compliance programmes, in return for the Commission not taking action in the Tribunal.

What about non-cartel conduct that may contravene the Ordinance? In the case of agreements between competitors which fall into this category, the Commission may be prepared to accept commitments from the parties concerned to change their agreements to address the Commission's concerns, without requiring them to admit any contravention.

This happened in two cases in 2020. In the first case, three online travel agents agreed to remove price parity clauses (otherwise known as "mostfavoured nation" or MFN clauses) in their agreements with hotels, which obliged the hotels not to offer more favourable terms to other retail channels.

In the second, the Commission accepted commitments from the members of a group of Hong Kong container terminal operators to cap their prices and maintain service levels for certain services, in return for not taking further action regarding an alliance between them. Another tool that the Commission has at its disposal to deal with non-cartel agreements is the Warning Notice. Under this process, the Commission will not take proceedings to the Tribunal unless it has first issued a Warning Notice. This gives the parties concerned the opportunity to rectify their agreement within a certain period.

So far, no Warning Notices have been issued, although this may be because the Commission (and the parties involved) prefer to deal with the concerns through commitments.

This leaves the Competition Ordinance's prohibition against abuse of substantial market power - the so-called Second Conduct Rule (SCR). In December 2020. the Commission announced that it had brought its first, and so far only, action under SCR before the Competition Tribunal, against a supplier of industrial gases. It remains to be seen whether, in any future SCR cases, the Commission may be prepared to accept commitments from the business concerned in lieu of Tribunal proceedings.

With this array of tools available to avoid proceedings in the Tribunal, it is vital that businesses obtain prompt legal advice, if and when they receive an unwelcome "knock on the door" or enquiry letter from the Commission.



企業不論無意或有意違反《競爭條 例》,亦有可能面臨競爭事務委員會 (競委會)向競爭事務審裁處(審裁 處)提起訴訟,過程既費時又耗財。

不過,本文將概述如何透過不同的方式 避免法律程序。

競委會在去年 11 月 25 日宣布與三家 參與合謀行為的公司達成協議,只要涉 案公司遵循下列要求,則競委會不會向 審裁處提訴追究涉案公司或其僱員:

- 承認違反行為守則;

- 同意繳付罰款,金額低於競委會一 般建議的水平;

- 支付競委會的調查費用;及
- 加強各自的競爭法合規計劃。

合作協議將提交審裁處以申請「同意 令」。

此為首宗根據競委會《合作及和解政 策》全面解決的案件。有關政策在 2019年推出,適用於競爭對手之間從 事合謀定價、瓜分市場、圍標或限制產 量的合謀行為。

根據競委會的《寬待政策》,如企業率 先向競委會舉報其有份參與的合謀行 為,除了可避免在審裁處進行的法律程 序,還可獲豁免罰款。

合謀行為一般被視為最嚴重的反競爭行 為,惟競委會將從中區分罪責程度,或 會根據條例向罪責較輕的涉事方發出「違 章通知書」,而非入稟審裁處。

至今共有兩宗個案以此方式處理。競委 會在 2020 年向一家資訊科技服務公司發 出違章通知書,因其被指與競爭對手商 討合約投標的報價意向。去年 2 月,競 委會向六個酒店集團及一家旅遊營辦商 發出違章通知書,原因為促成兩家互為 競爭對手的旅遊服務供應商之間的合謀 定價安排。

在兩宗案件中,涉案的公司須承認違反 條例,並採取更有效的合規措施,以替 代競委會向審裁處提訴。

可能違反條例的非合謀行為應如何處 理?倘競爭對手之間訂立不屬合謀的協 議,競委會或會接納涉事各方為釋除競 委會的疑慮而承諾修改協議內容,而無 需承認任何違反行為。

這可見於 2020 年的兩宗個案。在首宗 個案中,三家網上旅行社承諾從各自與 酒店訂立的合約中刪除平價條款(又稱 「最惠國待遇」條款),而有關條款規定 酒店不得向其他零售渠道提供更優惠的條件。

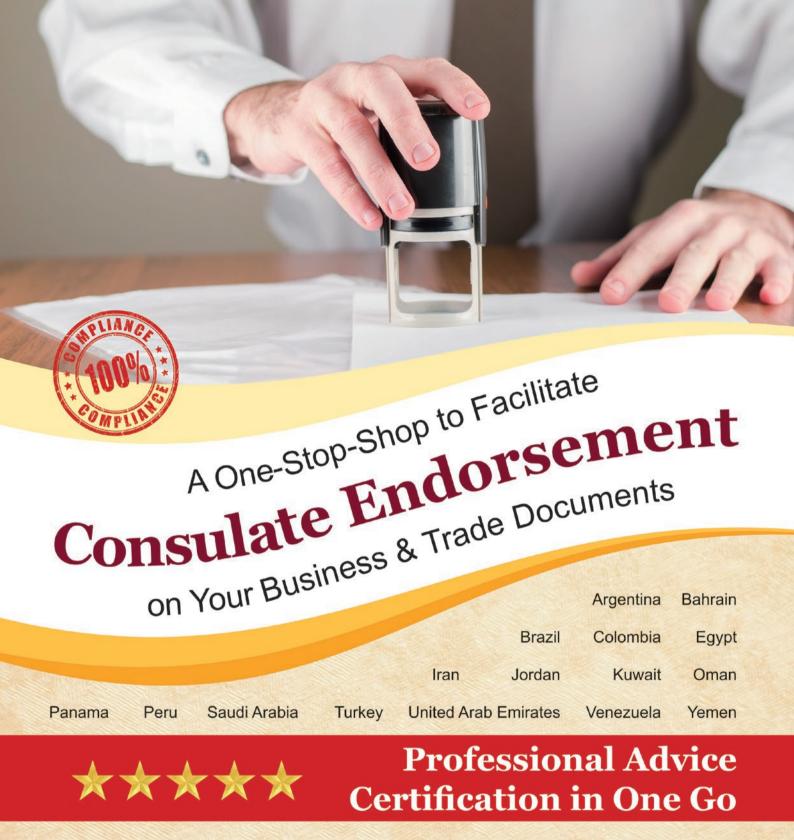
在第二宗個案中,競爭會接受香港貨櫃碼 頭營運商聯盟成員作出的承諾,內容包括 為若干服務的收費水平設定上限及維持服 務水平,競委會不會就各成員之間組成聯 盟採取進一步行動。

競委會處理非合謀協議的另一方式是發出 告誡通知。根據有關程序,競委會入稟審 裁處前須事先發出告誡通知,要求涉事各 方在限期內修訂協議。

競委會至今未曾發出任何告誡通知,可能 是由於競委會(及涉事各方)傾向透過作 出承諾來釋除疑慮。

《競爭條例》下的「第二行為守則」禁止 濫用相當程度的市場權勢。2020年12月, 競委會宣布向一家工業氣體供應商展開法 律程序,首次(也是迄今唯一一次)就違 反第二行為守則的案件入稟審裁處。至於 競委會未來會否就第二行為守則案件接受 涉案公司的承諾,以替代審裁處的法律程 序,則仍有待觀察。

倘競委會發出查詢信件或登門調查,企業 應儘快諮詢法律意見,善用可避免面臨審 裁處法律程序的各種途徑。





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## Keeping Hong Kong's Competitive Edge 維持香港競爭優勢

We have submitted our Budget proposals on measures to help businesses through the current Covid uncertainty while also preparing the city for a changing global tax environment. Below is an abridged version of our submission; you can read the full text on the Chamber's website

我們已向政府提呈財政預算建議,當中提出一系列措施,協助企業應對疫情下的不明朗前景,並為國際税務環境轉變做好準備。 以下為建議書的節錄內容,全文可瀏覽總商會網站

Like the rest of the world, Hong Kong continues to deal with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the same time, a global minimum tax initiative put forward by the OECD may impact the city's competitiveness as an international business hub. Our recommendations to the Financial Secretary therefore focus on these areas, as well as other key issues that affect Hong Kong's attractiveness as a place to work, live and do business.

## **Pandemic Relief**

Enhance government support programmes: The emergence of Omicron has underscored the vulnerability of certain pockets of the economy, such as the travel, tourism and retail sectors. We suggest targeted support be provided to businesses affected by the recent tightening of social-distancing measures. Consideration should also be given to extending such support to businesses that are indirectly affected, such as suppliers and musicians.

## Short term measures

**Loss carry-back (LCB):** We reiterate the call we made last year for the introduction of LCB to help businesses, especially SMEs, to recover on a solid footing from the losses incurred due to Covid-19.

One-time 100% tax reduction for profits tax, salaries tax and tax under personal assessment for the year of assessment 2021/22. We suggest that a similar reduction be given in all cases, subject to a ceiling of HK\$20,000.

**Consumption voucher:** The initiative, which began in August, has contributed immensely to supporting the domestic economy. Another round of vouchers would help local businesses, especially the retail and hospitality sectors, which have been hardest hit by the pandemic.

**Gradual tapering of relief programmes:** We welcome the government's decision in October to extend support schemes relating to export credit and the conference and exhibition sector. We suggest that other short-term government support schemes be reviewed periodically and, where appropriate, rolled back incrementally.

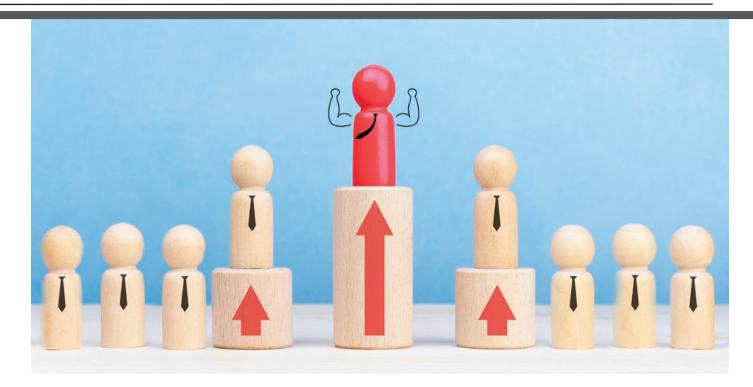
## Prepare for BEPS 2.0

The adoption of a comprehensive agreement on 8 October 2021 on an Inclusive Framework on BEPS 2.0 represents a material and historic change to the taxation landscape. The following are the Chamber's recommendations on this issue.

## Reinvesting additional revenues

Consideration should be given by the government to a planned and systemic approach to reallocating the additional revenues raised as a result of the implementation of BEPS 2.0.

**Recommendations:** Consistent with the shift towards a global minimum tax rate of 15% as provided under Pillar 2 of BEPS 2.0, we suggest that a similar adjustment be made locally.



To provide a balanced approach to the taxation of this group of taxpayers, consideration should be given to providing group relief on tax losses incurred as and when Pillar 2 is implemented.

Efforts should also be made to identify and address policy inefficiencies and bottlenecks to ensure Hong Kong lives up to its reputation as a business-friendly city through the adoption of Regulatory Impact Assessments.

## **Promoting Hong Kong**

Competition across jurisdictions in a post-BEPS 2.0 landscape will be fought on non-taxation merits. Resources should be allocated to communicating Hong Kong's advantages as an international finance and trade centre. Singapore has been proactively engaging stakeholders across the business spectrum through its Economic Development Board (EDB) to engage with and maintain interest from international businesses. **Recommendations:** The government should look into setting up a dedicated office as a matter of urgency to ensure Hong Kong does not run the risk of a permanent loss of business. We would therefore suggest that the equivalent of Singapore's EDB be established to assume responsibility for such tasks.

## **Judicious implementation**

The Pillar 2 rules are anticipated to be brought into law in 2022 and take effect in 2023. In addition, the Undertaxed Payments Rule (UTPR) is expected to be implemented in 2024. In Hong Kong, for the authorities to collect tax from subsidiaries of MNEs under Pillar 2, a Domestic Minimum Tax (DMT) would be required. The Government had asserted that DMT regulations would mirror that for group tax, namely, these would all be set at 15% to align with OECD requirements.

**Recommendations:** We suggest that the DMT should not be rolled

out before the introduction of UTPR in 2024. This would allow Hong Kong to observe the approach in other jurisdictions and learn from their experiences.

## Exiting the EU's Grey List

In October 2021, the European Union added Hong Kong to its Grey List, due to concerns over the non-taxation of certain offshore passive income. The government intends to amend Hong Kong's tax legislation by the end of 2022, to enable the city to be removed from the Grey List.

Within the local business community, there are concerns about the government's approach to dealing with Hong Kong's longstanding source principle. More clarity is required on the status of the offshore regime, and on dividends as well as royalty and interest incomes.

As it appears the crux of the issue concerns double non-taxation, if a business was able to demonstrate that it had paid withholding tax overseas, this should be adequate in meeting the condition that tax payment has been made.

**Recommendations:** Clarity on whether dividends fall under the meaning of passive income is important because this income type is more prevalent compared to royalties and interests. Dividends are usually subject to tax at source and, as such, should not be taxed again.

## Enlarge Hong Kong's Tax Treaty Network

The number of double taxation treaties (DTAs) Hong Kong has entered into has remained mostly unchanged over the last 12-month period. Increasing Hong Kong's DTAs is important if we wish to attract more businesses to set up regional headquarters here.

## Recommendations: The

government should set specific targets on the number of DTAs to be achieved over a predetermined period – we suggest a number between 20 and 30 within a fiveyear period.

## **Promote Maritime Businesses**

In her Policy Address, the Chief Executive suggested that the government would introduce tax concessions to attract more shipping businesses. Our proposals to achieve this are:

- Expand Hong Kong's treaty network
- Extend profits tax concessions to shipping-related services

- Provide fiscal measures to encourage "green shipping"
- Introduce fiscal incentives for maritime businesses operating in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area

## Support the Retail and Tourism Sectors

Although conditions in the retail and tourism sectors have improved in recent months, the outlook continues to be fraught with uncertainty as a result of the continuing restrictions on cross-border travel. Our recommendations are:

## Economic and policy support

- Launch a scheme similar to the SingapoRediscover Voucher Scheme to stimulate spending on local tourism in Hong Kong
- Allow foreign labour to be imported to take up specialist or lower end positions
- Lower the threshold for the Convention and Exhibition Industry Scheme, which is currently only applicable to large-scale events

#### **Business Digitization**

- Encourage e-payment providers to reduce fees payable by merchants
- Support digitization in the retail and tourism industries
- Simplify the application process for government funding for the adoption of technological upgrades

#### Eco-tourism

Promote the development of eco-tourism by promoting lesserknown places in Hong Kong



## Synergies with the Greater Bay Area (GBA)

 Explore prospects for multi-city GBA tours that include Hong Kong, including cruise ship itineraries

## Sustain the Logistics Sector

As a pillar industry and key contributor to GDP and employment in Hong Kong, the logistics sector plays a critical role in our economic well-being. Our recommendations to maintain the sector include:

**Labour** – Policy support is needed to help the sector recruit labour and enable the importation of foreign workers.



Land – There is currently an acute shortage of warehouse space for the logistics sector. It is therefore recommended that adequate supply of land be designated for commercial storage purposes.

**GBA** – To facilitate the movement of goods within the region, we suggest implementing policies that support cargo movement via the Hong Kong-Macao-Zhuhai bridge.

**Green Logistics** – In addition to the "greening" of private vehicles, efforts should also be made to do the same for commercial vehicles such as trucks and vans. We suggest providing incentives for industrial and warehouse owners to install a charging network and other electrification provisions.

## **Compete for Global Talent**

As with other economies, Hong Kong is facing an ageing labour force and worker shortages.

**Recommendations:** We suggest introducing a programme similar to the United States' H-1B, a nonimmigrant visa that allows foreign workers to live and work in the country for up to six years, after which they can apply for a green card.

We also suggest reviewing the salaries tax to identify ways to enhance Hong Kong's attractiveness as a place to work. In contrast to the limitations imposed by BEPS 2.0 on corporate taxation, this is a policy area where the government can still exercise full fiscal control. In addition, more resources should be allocated to the Labour and Housing Departments to broadcast grassroot employment opportunities in local districts.

## Leverage on Public Private Partnerships (PPP)

As noted by the World Bank, delivering infrastructure projects is challenging for the public sector. The government should be open to involving the private sector in projects such as the Lantau Tomorrow Vision and the Northern Metropolis Development Strategy, to allocate risk and optimize project delivery in a cost-effective manner.

## Position Hong Kong as a centre for IP-backed financing

Intellectual Property (IP) such as patents, trademarks and copyright are assuming greater importance as companies increasingly recognize the importance of innovation. The emergence of IP-backed debt financing provides an attractive and low-cost alternative for IPrich companies to monetise their intangible assets.

**Recommendations:** We suggest that the government review the current IP laws to create a legal environment that is conducive to the conduct of IP-backed debt financing.

It should also support start-ups and early-stage companies in commercialising their products or services, and nurture local talent through university programmes that include courses on IP-related issues. 香港與世界各地一樣,繼續全力應對疫 情帶來的挑戰。與此同時,經合組織制 訂的全球最低税率方案可能會削弱香港 作為國際商業樞紐的競爭力。有見及 此,我們向財政司司長提呈的建議集中 探討這些範疇,以及損害香港作為宜居 宜業宜商之都吸引力的重要議題。

#### 抗疫紓困措施

加強政府支援措施:Omicron變種病毒的 出現,令旅遊觀光、零售等行業再度受 挫。我們建議政府針對近日受收緊社交距 離措施影響的企業提供紓困措施,並考慮 擴大適用範圍,以涵蓋供應商、音樂人等 間接受影響的行業。

#### 短期措施

虧損轉回:我們重申去年提出的建議,引 入虧損轉回安排,以協助在疫情下虧損累 累的企業(尤其是中小企)重整旗鼓。

一次性寬減2021/22課税年度百分之百的 利得税、薪俸税及個人入息課税:我們建 議向所有個案作出寬減,以20,000港元為 上限。

**消費券計劃:**自8月起推行的計劃大大提 振本地經濟,若推出新一輪消費券計劃, 本地企業(尤其是疫情下首當其衝的零售 和酒店業)將能從中受惠。

逐步撤回舒困措施:我們歡迎政府在10 月宣布延長有關出口信用和會議展覽業的 支援計劃,並建議當局定期檢討其他短期 援助計劃,可在適當時候逐步撤回。

#### 為打擊侵蝕税基及轉移利潤 (BEPS) 2.0方案做好準備

就BEPS 2.0方案包容性框架制定的全面 協議於2021年10月8日簽署落實,為税務 環境帶來重大的歷史性變革。以下為總商 會就此提出的建議。

#### 再投資額外收入

政府應考慮有計劃、有系統地重新分配因 實施BEPS 2.0方案而獲得的額外收入。 **建議:**BEPS 2.0方案第二支柱將全球最 低税率定為15%,我們建議香港作出相 應調整。當局應對此類納税人採取平衡 的税務安排,考慮就第二支柱實施後產 生的税項虧損,向集團提供寬免。

此外,規管影響評估有助識別和處理政 策失效或瓶頸問題,以維護香港作為營 商之都的美譽。

#### 推廣香港

BEPS 2.0方案實施後,地區之間的競爭 將轉向税務以外的優勢。因此,政府應 調配資源推廣香港作為國際金融和貿易 中心的優勢。新加坡透過經濟發展局積 極與商界聯繫,與國際企業接觸,以提 升他們的投資興趣。

**建議**:政府的當務之急是設立專責辦 事處,以免香港面臨企業永久撤出的 風險。因此,我們建議成立類似新加 坡經濟發展局的機構,專責處理此等 工作。

#### 審慎執行

預期第二支柱規則將於2022年立法, 並於2023年生效,而「徵税不足支出 原則」預期將於2024年實施。香港當 局根據第二支柱向跨國集團子公司徵税 時,須符合本地最低税率要求。政府聲 言本地最低税率規定將與集團税一致, 即一律定為15%,以符合經合組織的要 求。

**建議:**我們提倡待「徵税不足支出原 則」於2024年生效後才推行本地最低 税率,好讓香港參考其他地區的做法, 從經驗中學習。

#### 剔出歐盟的税務灰名單

歐洲聯盟關注香港不就若干離岸被動收 入徵税的情況,遂於2021年10月將香 港列入税務灰名單。就此,政府計劃於 今年底前修訂香港的税務法例,爭取歐 盟將香港從税務灰名單中剔除。

本地商界關注政府會否改變香港沿用多年的地域來源徵税原則。當局須進一步



釐清離岸税制、股息、特許權使用費和利 息收入的徵税準則。

問題癥結在於雙重不徵税的情況,倘企業 能證明其已於海外繳付預扣税,應足以符 合已繳税的條件。

**建議**:股息較特許權使用費和利息更為 普遍,因此釐清此類收入來源是否屬於 被動收入至關重要。香港一般按地域來 源原則對股息徵税,故不應重複徵税。

#### 擴大香港的税務協定網絡

過去12個月,香港已簽訂的雙重課税協 定數量大致維持不變。要吸引更多企業來 港設立地區總部,拓展本港的雙重課税協 定網絡十分重要。

建議:政府應就擬簽訂的避免雙重課税協 定數目訂立具體目標和時間表。我們建議 當局可於五年內簽訂20至30項協定。

#### 推動海運業務

行政長官在《施政報告》提出政府將推行 税務優惠,以吸引更多航運企業進駐。為 實現這一目標,本會建議:



- 拓展香港的協定網絡
- 擴大利得税優惠至涵蓋航運相關服務
- 提供財政措施,鼓勵「綠色航運」
- 向香港和大灣區的航運公司提供財務 誘因

## 支援零售及旅遊業

本港零售和旅遊業近月漸見起色,惟跨 境旅遊限制持續,前景仍未明朗。我們 建議:

#### 經濟和政策支援

- 推出類似「重新探索新加坡消費券」 的計劃,刺激香港的本地旅遊消費
- 允許輸入外地勞工,以填補專業或較低技術職位的空缺
- ■降低「會議展覽業資助計劃」的申請門 檻。該計劃現時只適用於大型活動

#### 企業數碼轉型

- 鼓勵電子支付服務供應商下調商戶手 續費
- 支援零售和旅遊業進行數碼轉型

簡化政府技術升級資助計劃的申請程 序

#### 生態旅遊

■ 推廣香港較鮮為人知的景點,從而推動生態旅遊發展

#### 促進大灣區協同發展

■ 探索開辦包括香港在內的大灣區「一 程多站」郵輪等旅遊行程的可能性

## 物流業持續發展

作為香港的支柱產業,物流業既為本地經 濟提供動力,亦為就業市場創造大量機 遇,對本港經濟發展舉足輕重。為促進行 業持續發展,我們建議:

**勞工**一政府須從政策上協助業界招聘人 手,並允許輸入外勞以填補職位空缺。

土**地**一現時物流倉儲空間嚴重不足,因此 我們建議政府預留充足的土地作商業倉儲 用途。

大灣區一為促進區內貨物流通,我們建 議落實促進貨物經港珠澳大橋進出的政 策。 **緣色物流**一除了推廣環保私家車,政府 也應鼓勵貨車和輕型貨車等商用車輛加 入「綠色運輸」行列。我們建議為業界 和倉庫營運商提供誘因,以鼓勵他們裝 設充電網絡和其他電氣化設施。

## 競逐全球人才

跟其他經濟體一樣,香港受到勞動人口 老化及勞工短缺問題困擾。

建議:我們提倡引入類似美國的H-1B非 移民簽證計劃,容許外國員工在當地生 活和工作,並可在六年簽證期滿後申請 錄卡。

我們亦建議檢討薪俸税,以設法提升香 港作為就業地點的吸引力。與BEPS 2.0 對企業税施加限制相比,政府仍可透過 這一政策範疇進行全面的財務控制。

此外,政府宜向勞工處和房屋署投放更多 資源,在全港各區發布基層就業資訊。

## 善用公私營合作模式

世界銀行指出,公營部門發展和經營基 建項目困難重重。政府建設「明日大嶼 願景」、《北部都會區發展策略》等項 目時,宜考慮邀請私營界別參與,以分 散風險,並以符合成本效益的方式完善 項目執行管理。

#### 發展香港成為知識產權融資中心

隨着企業日益意識到創新的重要性,專 利、商標和版權等知識產權愈來愈受到 重視。知識產權債務融資的興起,讓擁 有大量知識產權的公司能夠以低成本將 無形資產變現。

建議:我們提倡政府檢討現行的知識產 權法例,創造有利知識產權債務融資的 法律環境。

此外,政府應支持初創和新進企業把產 品或服務商業化,並通過開辦知識產權 相關的大學課程,培育本地人才。



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## Special Report **事題報導**

# Welcome to the Water Tiger 喜迎水虎

What will the new lunar year bring for Hong Kong's economy and markets, and what can we learn from past Tiger years? 農曆新年將為本港經濟和市場帶來何種景象?昔日虎年對我們有何啟示?

Chinese astrologers have been considering the prospects for investors in Hong Kong as the new year gets under way on 1 February. We asked our feng sui masters what they expect to see in the Year of the Tiger.

## **Economic Outlook**

This is the first year in the cycle of Wood-Fire dominance, which means more turbulence ahead for investors. Stock markets are unlikely to climb much overall during the course of the year, and could take a dive in the early months before recovering later. However, this might provide the opportunity to buy stocks at a good price, whether you are aiming to hold for the long term or sell once they have recovered some ground. Whatever your strategies, the uncertainty ahead means that investors should keep a cool head and not be impetuous or expect huge gains.

Wood is by far the strongest of the five elements this

year, so astrologers expect that sectors related to wood products will perform the best, including textiles and herbal medicine as well as furniture and logging. Water element sectors like retail, transport and finance are also expected to do reasonably well. The weakest element in the year ahead is Metal, so perhaps stay away from investing in this area.

Real estate prices are not likely to plummet, but they won't soar either, so potential purchasers should take their time and not allow themselves to be rushed into making a decision. Property owners should also be aware that in this year, Triple Conflicts fall in the north, so it is better to avoid having construction or interior design work done on north-facing areas of the building.

## **Tiger Years Gone By**

The previous Year of the Tiger, in 2010, saw a new addition to Hong Kong's skyline with the completion of the ICC – the city's tallest skyscraper and, at that time, the fourth-tallest building in the world. After the shock of the Global Financial Crash a few years earlier, Hong Kong's economy rebounded strongly in 2010 and enjoyed buoyant GDP growth of 6.5%.

The new airport at Chek Lap Kok opened in June 1998, and since then it has become one of the world's busiest airports for cargo and passengers. It has also regularly been ranked as one of the best airports in the world, and has played a key role in securing Hong Kong's reputation as an international hub and global city.

In April 1986, an accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant (in present-day Ukraine, then in Soviet Russia), was the most serious nuclear disaster in history, and contaminated countries across Europe.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption was founded in 1974, and over the next few years carried out a successful programme to get rid of corruption in the police force. This reform helped paved the way for Hong Kong to become known as an extremely transparent and safe city and place to do business.

September 1962 saw the arrival of Typhoon Wanda, one of the most powerful tropical storms ever to hit Hong Kong. At least 130 people were killed, with dozens more missing and 72,000 left homeless. Hundreds of boats were sunk or damaged,

新年伊始,中國占星學家預測香 港的投資前景,風水大師亦為我 們解構虎年運程。

#### 經濟前景

今年開始進入木火之年,投資環 境更反覆不定。股市年內難望大 升,或於年初急挫後反彈,不失 為趁低入市的好時機。面對不明 朗局勢,無論長線或短線投資, 都宜步步為營,切勿輕急冒進或 指望賺取可觀回報。

今年五行以「木」獨旺,玄學家 預料成衣、中藥、傢具和木材等 屬木行業的表現最為亮眼。屬水 行業如零售、運輸和金融,亦可 望有不俗表現。屬金行業流年最 弱,應避免投資相關領域。

房地產價格不會大起大跌,故準 買家不宜倉促入市。此外,流年 三煞位在正北,業主須格外留 神,不宜於樓宇北方動土或在室 內北位進行裝修工程。

## 昔日虎年

上一次虎年為2010年,全港最 高的摩天大廈——環球貿易廣場 竣工,成為香港天際線的新地 標,當年更是全球第四高大樓。 在2007年爆發全球金融危機 後,香港經濟在2010年強勁反 彈,GDP增長達6.5%。

赤鱲角新機場在1998年6月啟 用,自此成為全球最繁忙的貨運 和客運機場之一,亦屢次躋身全 球最佳機場之列,對維持香港作 為國際樞紐和世界都會的地位至 關重要。 1986年4月,前蘇聯(今為烏克 蘭)切爾諾貝爾核電廠發生史上 最嚴重的核事故,污染波及歐洲 各地。

廉政公署於1974年成立,及後幾 年成功打擊警隊貪污。這項改革 有助推動香港成為高度透明、安 全穩定的營商之都。

1962年9月,颱風溫黛襲港,是 香港歷來最具破壞力的熱帶氣旋 之一,造成最少130人身亡和數 十人失蹤,72,000人無家可歸, 另有數百艘船舶沉沒或損毀,新 界農田的稻米和其他作物亦被海 水淹沒。

韓戰於1950年爆發,北韓軍隊入 侵南韓,促使美國派兵支援。此 前12年,各國衝突持續升温,成 為全球關注焦點,第二次世界大 戰一觸即發。1938年,中日戰爭 愈演愈烈,另一邊廂,德國入侵 奧地利,同時加劇對猶太人的迫 害。

## 肖虎運程

肖虎今年犯太歲,不利人緣感 情,身體亦易有損傷或出現小毛 病,以年青者尤甚。已屆退休年 齡的人士應多加注重健康。中年 人士則易生鬱結焦躁情緒。從正 面看,犯太歲或意味生活出現重 大轉變,例如轉工、搬遷、嫁娶 或添丁。

while the influx of sea water destroyed rice and other crops in the New Territories.

The Korean War began in 1950 when North Korean forces entered South Korea and the United States sent their military to help the defence. Twelve years earlier, war was a concern globally as the conflicts that would develop into World War Two were simmering. In 1938, the Sino-Japanese War was intensifying while at the same time, Germany invaded Austria and increased its attacks on Jewish people.

## Personal Tiger Forecast

Tigers are offending the presiding god this year, which can mean relationship upheaval or minor injuries and illnesses, especially for younger Tigers. Those who have reached retirement age should take particular care of their health this year. Meanwhile, middle-aged people born in the Year of the Tiger are more likely to feel generally gloomy and restless. But on a more positive note, offending the presiding god can also simply mean changes to your life, which could be a new job, a new home, a marriage or growing family.

# **Personal Forecasts for the Year of the Tiger** 虎年生育運程

(1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022) Very warm, loving. Independent-minded. Pays scant regard to others when pursuing fun and freedom. 熱情澎湃、細心周到。意志堅定、不惜一切追尋快樂自由。

Tiger

Some Tigers could see wedding bells or new babies this year, having been blessed by the powerful relationship star last year. Generally speaking, it will be a year of upheaval and Tigers should be particularly careful to avoid accidents. They will have to find their own path without any help from lucky stars, so it might not be a good time to make any big career decisions. Despite this uncertainty, the year ahead is set to be a good one for wealth.

肖虎者去年獲桃花星「紅鸞」拱照,今年有望嫁娶或添丁。今 年整體上變動較多,宜格外小心,慎防意外。由於屬虎缺乏吉 星相助,需自謀出路,故應避免在事業上作出重大變動,惟流 年財運亨通。



(1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014) Confident and proud, but prone to erratic behaviour. Heart is in right place. Can be flighty and emotional. 自信驕傲、難以捉摸。心性善良。反覆無常、情緒多變。

Single people born in the Year of the Horse will not have good love luck this year. On the other hand, relationships with senior people – at work, in your family and beyond - will thrive. So it's a great time to focus your energies on climbing the career ladder or forming new business partnerships and growing your social capital. The lucky star of Wealth, Jin Gui, will help you grow your savings this year too.

屬馬的單身人士今年感情方面比較穩定,在職場和家庭與長輩相 處融洽,故不妨集中精力發展事業,或積極結交生意夥伴,累積 社會資本。財帛吉星「金匱」亦有助生財。



(1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011) Very sensitive soul. Discreet but quietly ambitious. Self-indulgent. 敏感脆弱。謹慎低調而又雄心萬丈。任性放縱。

With Xian Chi, the star of temporary relationships, shining on Rabbits this year, it is a great time for networking and making new contacts, as people will invariably find you likeable and attractive. It is better not to plan too far ahead though, as longer term plans may fall through. There will be more benefits if you just go with the flow. There is also good wealth luck predicted, whether you're an entrepreneur or an employee.

肖兔今年「咸池|星動,人緣甚佳、易得好感,可把握良機擴展 人脈網絡,惟規劃不宜過於長遠,因最後未必成事,順其自然更 好。從商人士和上班一族同樣財運大旺。



(1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015)

Sensitive, creative and multi-talented. Eccentric. Has much fortitude. Loves to be loved, hates to be pushed. 多愁善感、創意十足、多才多藝。特立獨行。堅毅不屈。享受被愛, 討厭壓迫。

The influence of Xiao Hao, the star of minor financial loss, could be a worry. But people born in the Year of the Goat can neutralise this threat by spending money on something that they had been planning already – such as home renovations or a big family celebration. This year will be a time of hard work without any major financial payoff or career boost, but you will also enjoy good relationships with colleagues and contacts.

肖羊者受「小耗」影響,易有小破財,宜花費於早已計劃的事項 上,如翻新家居或慶祝家庭喜事,以應破財之象。今年工作忙個 不休,雖未能令收入或事業有所進帳,但能與同事和業務夥伴和 睦共處。



(1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012)
 Charismatic and colourful. Wants to be centre of attention. Very arrogant, lucky and successful.
 魅力非凡、豐盛多彩。渴望成為焦點。高傲、幸運、成功。

This is likely to be a busy year for Dragons with a heavier workload than usual, and you may find yourself simply treading water in career terms. But the hard work will pay off by helping extend your network and building your good reputation for the longer term. Health issues should not be a significant problem this year, but be careful that the extra workload doesn't lead to bad eating and sleeping habits.

屬龍流年較為奔波勞碌,工作比往常繁重,事業發展或會停滯不前,惟努力必有回報,長遠而言有助拓展人脈,建立名聲。今年 健康問題不大,但辛勤工作之餘亦要保持良好的飲食和睡眠習 慣。



(1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016) Wily and cunning. Ignores regimented rules. Free spirit. Loves movement and change. Can be rather selfish. 足智多謀、抗拒規範、追求自由、好動求變。較為自我中心。

A year of flux could be ahead for Monkeys, who are under the influence of both the Tian Ma mobility star and are in conflict with the presiding god. So it's a good time to watch out for new job or business opportunities, or even changing career completely. Making such a move will not translate into wealth success immediately, but will lay the ground for the future. This year could also mean the beginning or end of a singificant romantic relationship.

屬猴今年沖太歲,加上「天馬」星動,意味流年變動較多,故宜 物色新工作和業務機遇,甚或考慮轉行。這些變化雖未能即時得 財,卻可為未來奠定基礎。今年亦有可能開展或結束重要的感情 關係。



(1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013)
High moral principles, mostly when applied to others.
Sophisticated and charming. More than meets the eye.
恪守道德、待人以嚴。老於世故、富有魅力。深沉內斂。

Snakes are in conflict with the presiding god this year. This will not directly cause major upsets but you should be prepared for minor inconveniences and problems to arise throughout the year, such as losing possessions. This year is probably not the best time to make decisions like changing jobs or starting a new business, as stability will protect you from any malign influences. Make sure you keep up good communication with family and colleagues to avoid any misunderstandings.

肖蛇者今年與太歲相刑,雖不會招致重大挫折,但難免遇到阻滯 或不順,例如遺失財物。今年不是轉工或創業的好時機,宜安守 本份,免招是非。務必與家人和同事保持良好溝通,免生誤會。



(1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017) Brave and enthusiastic. Notoriously picky. Highly intelligent. Rarely has wool pulled over its eyes. 勇敢、熱情。吹毛求疵。聽穎精明、鮮少受騙。

Time for Roosters to take the foot off the pedal. This is a transitional time – they will not have to worry about conflict with other people, but also they won't have particular good luck in networking or impressing their superiors at work. Health and personal relationships will also remain uneventful. So it won't do any harm to relax and build on the friendships developed in the previous year, and use the opportunity to make some longer term plans.

肖雞是時候放慢腳步。今年為過渡期,不必擔心人事爭拗,但交際應酬或爭取上司賞識未必順利。健康和人緣亦會維持平穩,故 宜放鬆心情,繼續發展去年建立的友誼,並把握機會訂立長遠計 劃。



(1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018) Honest, loyal, sincere. Believes in justice for all. Fights for principles. Sometimes bad tempered, self-righteous. 忠誠正直、信守公義、堅守原則。偶爾易怒、自以為是。

This will be a better year than the last one for people born in the Year of the Dog, although the first few months will still have some negative influences lingering. So you should still be careful not to make the wrong impression, but your luck in relationships will improve as the year goes on. This will probably be a year of hard work for steady income, but if you have overseas business contacts or partners, they are the most likely source for business success.

肖狗去年的負面影響將延續至年初,其後漸入佳景,故宜小心避 免給人留下壞印象,人緣在年內漸見暢旺。今年又為辛苦得財之 年,海外生意夥伴將能提供正面助力。



(1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019) Kind and thoughtful. Sincere and honourable. Self-sacrificing and altruistic. Occasional fits of wilfulness and rage.

善解人意。誠懇正直。無私奉獻。偶爾倔強任性。

This will be a stable year for Pigs in terms of lifestyle, personal and business relations, and career. However, this reliable work ethic and steady pace will make a good impression on colleagues and contacts. This could pay off for employed people as they may get rewarded with a promotion. Younger people in particular should watch out for any internal opportunities and take action to put themselves forward, to make sure they don't miss out.

肖豬今年無論在生活、人際和業務關係及事業方面均維持穩定。 可靠的職業操守和穩定的節奏能給同事或工作夥伴留下良好印 象,故打工一族有望升遷。較年輕的屬豬者宜多加留意公司內部 的機會,積極行動,以免錯失良機。



(1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020) Essentially charming. Compassionate. Renowned for thrift and love of family. Rather superficial at times. 富有魅力、同情慈悲。節儉愛家、有時流於膚淺。

There may be some degree of travel in store for those born in the Year of the Rat. This could simply mean travelling a lot within Hong Kong, or moving home or office. There may be a promotion ahead, but you will have to be proactive about seizing such opportunities and demonstrating your worth, as they won't fall in your lap. Business owners should be more cautious and weigh up the pros and cons of new ventures.

肖鼠今年較為奔波,雖未必能夠外遊,但亦可在本地四處走走, 或意味家居或寫字樓喬遷。若然主動把握機會、證明自身價值, 則有機會升職。從商人士應審慎權衡開展新業務的利弊。



(1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021)
 Calm, patient, studied character. Takes things slow, steady pace. Is rather dictatorial but very industrious.
 冷靜自若、富有耐性、深思熟慮、循序漸進。較為專橫,惟勤奮可加。

After a tough time last year, this will be a much brighter year for those born in the Year of the Ox, as they will be blessed by the Hong Luan star of relationships. You can relax and enjoy the positive environment and happy workplace of the year ahead. Or you can seize the opportunities to build your network for career and business development in the future. You will also enjoy improved health, but watch out for the impact of stress on your lifestyle.

屬牛去年諸事不順,今年則有「紅鸞」桃花星入命,運氣不俗, 故不妨放鬆心情,享受當下,投入和諧的工作氣氛,或積極擴闊 人脈,以助未來事業和業務發展。健康方面亦有改善,惟應注意 減壓,以免對生活造成影響。

## 你確實認識你在香港的生意夥伴嗎?

# 《實名企業認證》

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## Digital Opportunities 數碼機遇

INITSOC's expert staff and use of data help its clients get their marketing right in Hong Kong and across the Greater Bay Area INITSOC 的專家團隊運用數據,為客戶打造面向香港以至整個大灣區的最佳營銷策略

#### INITSOC Ltd was established in 2014 with the aim of harnessing data to provide businesses with better information and ultimately to change the digital marketing landscape.

"We believe that marketing cannot be precise and effective without the use of data intelligence and marketing insights," said Director Carlton Liem.

With a team of experts and years of experience in digital marketing in both Mainland China and Hong Kong, INITSOC has helped local and international companies enter the Mainland market.

Competition in the digital marketing sector can be fierce. With so many firms competing on the same playing field, it can be a challenge to stand out

and set yourself apart from the competition. INITSOC, however, has set its sights beyond the Hong Kong market.

"As the Greater Bay Area is one of the key development schemes for the Government, the integration of Hong Kong and Macao together with other nearby cities creates tremendous opportunities in digital marketing for different businesses," said Liem.

But while the GBA has provided new markets and new opportunities, there are also challenges, as cross-border digital marketing requires adapting to the knowledge and mindsets of the customers in a different region.

"It is necessary for Hong Kong's digital marketing sector to transform and adapt," Liem said.

Fortunately, as Liem explained, INITSOC has a head start in the GBA market, as its diverse team already has years of experience in both Hong Kong and Mainland China. This means

> that its staff have had first-hand insights into the different business models and social media cultures in the two regions.

For example, this expertise came in handy during INITSOC's project with the Hong Kongbased firm Hang Lung Properties. Amid the Covid-19 travel restrictions, INITSOC worked with the property firm to establish a cross-border e-shop in Mainland China.

The project used a combination of tech platforms such as WeChat as a payment gateway between the two regions, and livestreaming platforms with KOLs to advertise their beauty and lifestyle products. The initiative reached more than 3.5 million people, boosting online sales and meeting consumption demand in the Mainland.

Liem said that INITSOC's expansion ambitions are one of the reasons why it joined HKGCC, to meet representatives from the Chamber's diverse network of companies from various sectors. "We would like to explore and get more connected with the market, and pursue more business opportunities with the members."

Looking to the future, INITSOC aims to support local and international companies that plan to enter the GBA, through digital marketing and social media initiatives. It is currently focusing on strategies for when the pandemic eases and travel resumes.

"Now, we are working with our clients to prepare for post-Covid activities and leverage the expected surging demand once the border reopens," Liem said.





#### 引力數碼有限公司(INITSOC)於2014 年成立,致力運用數據協助企業掌握具體 資訊,從而革新數碼營銷環境。

董事 Carlton Liem 表示:「我們相信, 精準到位的營銷離不開數據智能的運用和 專業的營銷研究分析。」

INITSOC 立足中國內地和香港多年,數 碼營銷經驗豐富,加上專家團隊助陣,協 助不少本地和國際企業進軍內地市場。

數碼營銷行業競爭熾熱,市場參與者眾, 要在云云競爭對手中突圍而出絕不容易, 惟 INITSOC 卻把目光放到香港以外的市場。

「鑒於大灣區是政府的重點發展計劃之一,香港和澳門與區內其他鄰近城市融

合,能為不同企業開創龐大的數碼營銷商 機。」Liem 説。

不過,跨境數碼營銷需因應不同地區客戶

的知識和觀念作出調整,因此大灣區除了 帶來新市場、新機遇,也為企業帶來了新 挑戰。

Liem 指出:「香港的數碼營銷業必須進 行調整和革新。」

他解釋,可幸 INITSOC 的多元化團隊在 中港兩地累積了多年的經驗,親身體驗了 兩地不同的營運模式和社交媒體文化,協 助公司在大灣區市場早着先機。

舉例說, 在旅遊限制實施下, INITSOC 聯同香港地產發展商恒隆地產開設跨境網 店, 瞄準中國內地的消費市場, 團隊的專 業知識正好派上用場。

該跨境網店以微信等多個技術平台作為支 付網關,又邀請關鍵意見領袖(KOL) 透過直播平台推廣美容和生活產品, 至今吸引超過350萬人關注,既增加 網上銷售額,亦滿足了內地消費者的 需求。 Liem 表示, INITSOC 為擴充業務而加入 總商會,希望藉其廣大的商業網絡,接 觸各行各業的代表。「我們期望探索市 場,掌握行業動向,與會員一同發掘更 多商機。」

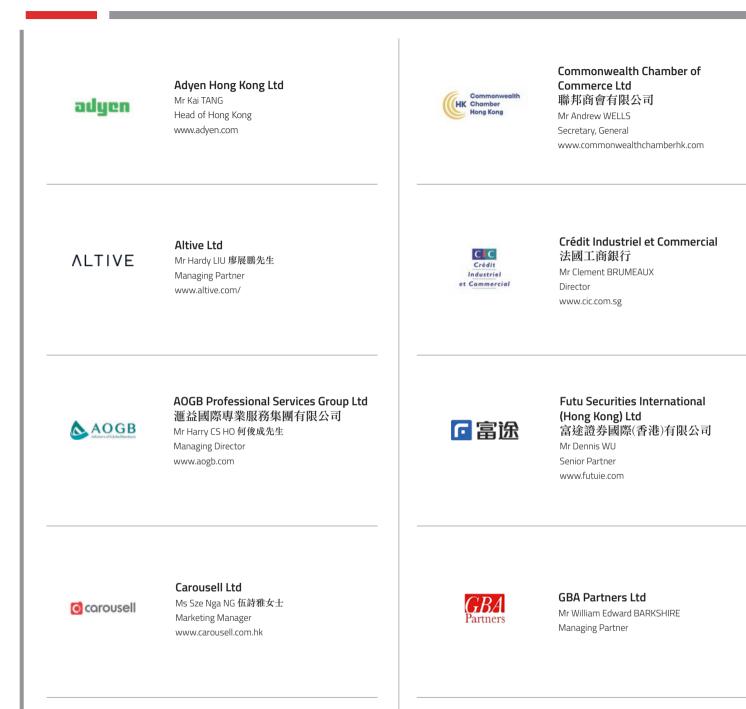
展望未來,INITSOC 致力透過數碼營銷 和社交媒體策略,協助本地和國際企業 進軍大灣區。該公司目前專注於制定疫 情緩和及重啟旅遊後的營銷策略。

「我們現正與客戶攜手籌劃疫後活動,冀 把握通關後需求激增帶來的機遇。」 Liem 説。

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## Innovation to Solve Industry Hurdles 創新方案克服行業挑戰

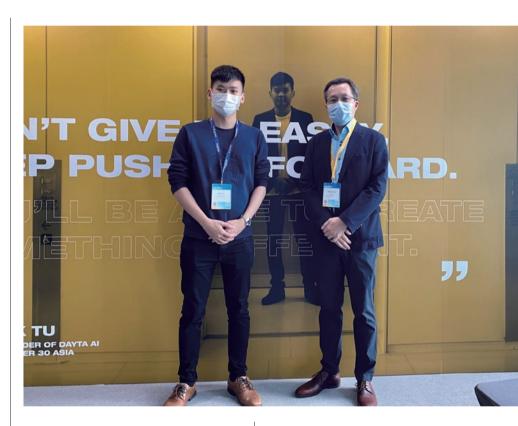
ParticleX helps start-ups that are developing solutions to address specific business challenges and prepare for ESG changes ParticleX 協助初創企業開發方案應對 營商挑戰,並為環境、社會及管治變 化做好準備

Many start-ups have great ideas, but transforming these into market-ready products takes financing, and a lot more besides. That is where ParticleX comes in: a tech-based start-up investor and innovation enabler.

ParticleX focuses on start-ups that employ AI, blockchain, data analytics, robotics and IoT to address a particular industry problem, and also in finding solutions to ESG issues. Since late 2017, it has invested in 39 start-ups.

"Combining network, capital and research resources, we accelerate the pace of innovative technology and help early-stage startups to win cross-border opportunities," said the company's CXO Mingles Tsoi.

Start-ups often begin with an impressive product or service, and may even have a decent business plan, but ultimately fail because they underestimate the issue of cash flow. Tsoi explained that ParticleX focuses on start-ups that have sustainable business models and a unique value proposition as well as a realistic go-tomarket plan.



"Our investment decisions are made with consideration of those who are able to prove a strong commitment and vision as technopreneurship, that are excelling in technological development and with a clear vision of their industry's future landscape," Tsoi said.

ParticleX's team have backgrounds in a broad range of disciplines including investment, business development, serial entrepreneur, as well as techsavvy scientists and researchers. This enables the company to conduct a thorough and systemic screening process to identify the strengths and weaknesses of start-ups they are interested in working with.

Tsoi believes that start-ups and big corporates can work together for mutual benefit. Start-ups can create solutions that drive efficiency at larger companies, and also find innovative ways to raise the quality of services at big businesses to improve customer engagement.

"With a multidisciplinary matching approach, we aim to bridge the gap between start-ups and corporates, as well as angel investors and government incubators," said Tsoi. Joining the Chamber has given ParticleX more opportunities in this area, by expanding the company's network of contacts from a wide variety of backgrounds. And it also gives them a say in the evolution of the high-tech landscape in Hong Kong. "By becoming a member, we also hope to be in a better position to ensure policymakers take our interests into account," said Tsoi.

Besides investing in promising start-ups, the company also has a broader mission

不少初創企業都滿有創新點子,但將意念 轉化為產品需要資金和多方面的支援,科 技初創企業投資者及創新推手 ParticleX 正好提供助力。

ParticleX 專門投資應用人工智能、區塊 鏈、數據分析、機械人和物聯網技術解決 行業難題,以及為環境、社會及管治 (ESG)議題尋找方案的初創企業。自 2017 年底成立至今,該公司已對 39 家初 創企業作出投資。

公司首席探索官蔡明都表示:「我們結合 網絡、資金和研究資源,加快創科發展步

"With a multidisciplinary matching approach, we aim to bridge the gap between start-ups and corporates, as well as angel investors and government incubators."

「我們利用跨領域配對方式,旨在充當初創公司與企業集團、 天使投資者和政府孵化器之間的橋樑。」

#### Mingles Tsoi, CXO, ParticleX ParticleX 首席探索官 蔡明都

to encourage innovation. Since 2020, ParticleX PropTech Global Challenge aims to connect global start-ups with innovative solutions to the real-world challenges in the property sector, and integrating the ESG issues in the operation.

Looking ahead, Tsoi is pursuing some areas that might emerge from changing consumer behaviour brought about by the pandemic. Start-ups specialising in price comparison may come to the fore, he said, as consumers are becoming more price-sensitive due to the economic uncertainties while also doing more online shopping. Companies that focus on testing and food technology could also be a good choice as businesses and customers increasingly focus on hygiene and safety. 伐,並協助處於起步階段的初創企業把握 跨境機遇。」

初創企業起步時每每有一些令人印象深刻 的產品或服務,甚至有周全的業務計劃, 惟因低估現金流問題而失敗告終。蔡明都 解釋,ParticleX專注於投資具可持續業 務模式、獨特價值定位和務實市場營銷計 劃的初創企業。

他說:「我們作出投資決定時,會考慮投 資對象是否全情投入創業、具備科技企業 家的遠見、在技術發展方面表現突出,以 及清晰了解行業的未來路向。」

ParticleX 的團隊成員來自廣泛背景,包 括投資和業務拓展專家、連續創業家,以 及精通先進科技的科學家和研究人員,讓



公司能對初創企業進行全面及系統性的審 查,了解潛在合作對象的優勢和弱點。

蔡明都認為初創企業能與大集團攜手合 作、互惠互利。初創企業能為大型公司開 發創新方案,提升大企業的營運效率和服 務質素,從而改善客戶體驗。

他表示:「我們利用跨領域配對方式,旨 在充當初創公司與企業集團、天使投資者 和政府孵化器之間的橋樑。」

加入總商會讓 ParticleX 有更多機會與各 行各業的會員建立聯繫,並就香港高科技 產業的發展表達意見。「我們希望透過加



入總商會,確保政策制定者充分考慮我們 的權益。」蔡明都說。

除了投資於前景可期的初創企業,該公司 亦以鼓勵創新為己任。ParticleX PropTech Global Challenge 自 2020 年起 舉辦,旨在聯繫全球初創企業,合力為房 地產業面對的實際挑戰尋求創新解決方 案,並把 ESG 議題融入業務流程。

展望未來,蔡明都正探索一些由疫情下消 費者行為轉變帶動的新興領域。他說,經 濟不明朗令消費者轉向網上購物,對價格 更為敏感,因此一些專門格價的初創企業 或能脱穎而出。此外,企業和顧客日益注 重衞生安全,檢測和食品科技企業亦不失 為投資良機。

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Eric Fok, China Committee Chairman, represented the Chamber at the Ceremony in Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hong Kong Chinese Enterprises Association on 20 December.

中國委員會主席霍啟山於12月20日代表總商會出席「植根香港 同心 同行」香港中國企業協會成立30周年慶典。

David Wang, Chief China Economist at Credit Suisse, spoke at the China Committee meeting on 13 January about China's economic outlook for 2022.

瑞士信貸中國首席經濟學家王一出席中國委員會1月13日 的會議,剖析2022年中國經濟前景。





Since October 2021, offshore bonds issued by Chinese property developers have been experiencing a wave of defaults. Wilson Yan and Alan Xu, Equity Partners at Zhong Lun Law Firm, discussed the disposal and settlement of Chinese offshore property bonds after default at a seminar on 7 January. They also identified some cost-effective solutions for bond investors to recover financial losses.

Yan pointed out that some developers had delayed and resisted making post-default bond settlements. In such cases, bondholders were advised to transfer defaulted bonds at a low price, so as to minimize losses. Xu also explained the procedures of bond transfer and debt restructuring, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of the various ways of dealing with post-default bonds.

2021 年 10 月以來,中國地產開發商發行的離岸債券 出現多宗違約個案。在1月7日的研討會,中倫律師 事務所合夥人閆明誠及徐建輝探討中國離岸房地產債 券違約後的處理與解決程序,並介紹有助債券投資者 以符合成本效益的方式追討財務損失的不同方案。

閆律師表示,部分開發商在違約後拖延及抗拒執行程 序,故債券持有人宜考慮以低價轉讓違約債券,以減 輕損失。徐律師亦講解債券轉讓及債務重組的程序, 並分析各種違約債券處理方式的利弊。



Jihong Chen and Wilson Yan, Advisors of Gold Partners Holdings Ltd, spoke at a seminar on 12 January about the impact



of China's new Personal Information Protection Law on virtual banks and online brokers. They also discussed the regulatory obligations of the new law, which came into force on 1 November 2021.

中國《個人信息保護法》已於2021年11月1 日生效。高柏資本控股集團顧問律師陳際紅和 閏明誠出席1月12日的研討會,講解新法的規 範及對虛擬銀行和網上券商的影響。

#### GBA Working Group 大灣區工作小組

The Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme (GBAYES) Impact Assessment Study, jointly conducted by HKGCC and MWYO, a think tank focused on youth issues, was launched last September. On 20 January, the Stage 1 Impact Assessment Report of the study was released.

The study will last for two years, and aims to assess the effectiveness of GBAYES and to provide policy recommendations on ways the scheme can be further enhanced. GBAYES was launched by the Government in early 2021 to give young Hong Kong graduates the opportunity to work in the Mainland GBA cities. Many of the Chamber's member companies are supporting the scheme by providing roles in their GBA offices.

總商會與 MWYO 青年辦公室合作進行的「大灣區青年就業計劃」(計劃)追蹤性 成效評估研究已於去年9月展開,而首階段的研究報告亦已於1月20日發布。

為期兩年的研究旨在評估計劃的成效,從而提供持續完善計劃的政策建議。政府在 2021年初推出大灣區青年就業計劃,讓香港畢業生有機會到內地大灣區城市就業。 總商會不少會員公司亦積極響應計劃,紛紛提供大灣區辦事處的職位。





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#### Americas Committee 美洲委員會

#### 加強與巴西聯繫

巴西駐港總領事馬一諾聯同兩位領事 Ivan Carlo Padre Seixas 和 Rafael Rodirgues Paulino 於 1 月 11 日到總商會作禮節性拜訪,由本會總裁梁 兆基和美洲委員會主席 Evaristo Trevino Berlanga 接待。

總領事介紹巴西推動疫後經濟復蘇的方案,以 及當地從農業到工業等多元產業,並討論巴西 與香港的雙邊貿易發展。他又指出,巴西在財 政激勵措施的帶動下,加上全國 67% 人口已接 種疫苗,當地經濟於 2021 年增長 4.5%。會上, 雙方還就兩地商機和潛在合作領域互換意見。

總領事在漫長的事業生涯中,一直表現出色。 1970年代,他在22歲時首次被派駐海外,地 點正是香港。



#### Asia & Africa Committee 亞洲及非洲委員會



#### 擴大與南非聯繫

南非駐香港署理總領事Shari Small於12月15日到總商會作禮節性拜訪, 與本會總裁梁兆基和亞洲及非洲委員會主席林偉全會面。

Small 表示,南非向以黃金、礦物和寶石等初級商品聞名,但其實當地經 濟發展趨向多元,金融、法律、通訊、能源和運輸等先進產業亦臻完善。 她解釋,南非在林業、創科等領域與中資企業緊密合作,例如平方公里 陣列射電望遠鏡(SKA)項目。SKA項目由14個國家(包括中國和南非) 聯手參與,旨在於南非和澳洲西部建造全球規模最大的射電望遠鏡。

會上,雙方同意保持密切合作,以助總商會會員掌握南非的最新動向和 商機。

#### **Expanding Ties with South Africa**

Shari Small, Acting Consul General of South Africa in Hong Kong, paid a courtesy visit to the Chamber on 15 December where she met CEO George Leung and Asia & Africa Committee Chairman Jonathan Lamport.

Small said that South Africa was traditionally known for its primary commodities such as gold, minerals and gems. However, as she explained, the country actually has a diverse economy with advanced sectors such as financial, legal, communications, energy and transport. She also explained that South Africa was working closely with Chinese enterprises in sectors such as forestry and technology and innovation, including the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) project. China and South Africa are two of the 14 main countries involved in the SKA project, which is an international effort to build the world's largest radio telescope. South Africa and Western Australia are the two locations that will co-host the telescope.

During the meeting, both sides agreed to cooperate closely to keep Chamber members upto-date with information about South Africa and its business opportunities.

#### **Enhancing Brazil-Hong Kong Connections**

Ambassador Manuel Innocencio de Lacerda Santos Jr, Consul General of Brazil in Hong Kong, accompanied by Consuls Ivan Carlo Padre Seixas and Rafael Rodirgues Paulino, had a courtesy meeting at the Chamber on 11 January where they were welcomed by Chamber CEO George Leung and Americas Committee Chairman Evaristo Trevino Berlanga.

The Consul General gave a presentation about Brazil, where he shared the country's plans for its post-pandemic economic recovery. He also introduced Brazil's diversified industries, which range from agricultural to industrial, and discussed the development of bilateral trade between Brazil and Hong Kong. Brazil's economy grew 4.5% in 2021, thanks to the fiscal stimulus measures and a 67% vaccine coverage rate, he added. Both sides also exchanged views on business opportunities and potential areas for future cooperation.

The Consul General has had a long and distinguished career and his first posting at the age of 22 was to Hong Kong in the 1970s.

#### Europe Committee 歐洲委員會

#### **Discussing Israel's Tech Success**

Amir Lati, recently appointed Consul General of the State of Israel in Hong Kong and Macao, paid a courtesy visit to the Chamber on 12 January. He was welcomed by the Chamber's CEO George Leung, Europe Committee Chairman Davide de Rosa and PR & Programs Director Malcolm Ainsworth.

They discussed the latest Covid-19 impacts on business communities in both regions including the current travel restrictions. Lati said that Israel was known as a start-up nation, and was now rapidly transforming into a scale-up nation following a very fruitful 2021 for the technology sector. He explained that the country's tech industry had attracted an unprecedented US\$26 billion in capital, and that the sectors that had attracted the most investment were IT including fintech, cyber security, data protection, cloud computing and healthcare.

While attracting capital was not a problem, Lati said that the Israeli tech industry was suffering from a shortage of skilled IT workers. However, the country is taking action to address this shortfall and aims to increase the proportion of IT professionals from 10% to 15% of the workforce in the coming five years.

During the discussion, both sides shared their optimism about future collaboration opportunities, particularly the potential for Israeli business in the Greater Bay Area. Lati also said he looked forward to bringing Chamber members to Israel to foster business ties once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 委員會主席



Americas Committee 美洲委員會 Mr Evaristo Trevino Berlanga



Asia & Africa Committee 亞洲及非洲委員會 Mr Jonathan Lamport 林偉全先生



China Committee 中國委員會 Mr Eric Fok 霍啟山先生



HKCSI – Executive Committee 香港服務業聯盟 — 執行委員會 Ms Veronica Lockyer 駱凱燕女士



Digital, Information & Telecommunications Committee 數碼、資訊及電訊委員會 Ms Jennifer Yuen Chun Tan 陳婉真女士



Economic Policy Committee 經濟政策委員會 Mr John Anthony Miller 苗學禮先生



Environment & Sustainability Committee 環境及可持續發展委員會 Mr Wilson Kwong 鄺永銓先生



Europe Committee 歐洲委員會 Mr Davide De Rosa 戴偉德先生



Financial & Treasury Services Committee 金融及財資服務委員會 Mr Harrison Ho 何樂生先生



Industry & Technology Committee 工業及科技委員會 Mr Victor Lam 林凱章先生



Legal Committee 法律委員會 Ms Agnes Tan 陳國萍女士

#### Europe Committee 歐洲委員會



#### HKCSI-Executive Committee 香港服務業聯盟一執行委員會

Sixty-seven members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), including Hong Kong, have recently reached a deal on services domestic regulation. At a HKCSI Executive Committee meeting on 11 January, Libera Cheng and Lavita Chan, respectively Assistant Director-General (Multilateral Trade) and Principal Trade Officer from the Trade and Industry Department, briefed members on this latest development and how service providers in Hong Kong and other signatories could benefit from the doing away of red tape in trade in services.



包括香港在內的 67 個世界貿易組織成員最近就服務業本地法 規守則達成協議。在1月11日的會議,工業貿易署助理署長 (多邊貿易部)鄭青文和首席貿易主任陳慕盈講解相關最新 發展,並探討香港和其他締約成員的服務供應商如何受惠於 服務貿易精簡程序。

#### 探討以色列的科技成就

最近履新的以色列駐港澳總領事藍天銘於1月12日到總商會作禮節性 拜訪,由本會總裁梁兆基、歐洲委員會主席戴偉德和公共關係及項目總 監麥爾康接待。

雙方探討新冠病毒疫情和現行旅遊限制對兩地商界的影響。藍天銘表 示,去年以色列科技業蓬勃發展,吸引了高達 260 億美元的資金流入, 當中又以金融科技、網絡安全、數據保障、雲端運算和醫療保健等資訊 科技領域最受投資者青睞,令素有「創業之國」之稱的以色列急速發展 為「創大業之國」。

藍天銘指出,儘管以色列科技企業不難招商引資,卻面對資訊科技專才 短缺問題。不過,該國正着手解決這個問題,力求於未來五年將全國資 訊科技專才佔勞動人口的比例從10%提高至15%。

會上,雙方都對合作前景感到樂觀,尤其是以國企業在大灣區的發展潛 力。藍天銘還期盼待防疫限制措施撤銷後,帶領總商會會員考察以色 列,加強兩地商務聯繫。

#### Real Estate & Infrastructure Committee 地產及基建委員會





The use of 5G technology has become more widespread in recent years as the government has begun to embrace the technology to facilitate the transformation of Hong Kong into a smart city. At a Real Estate & Infrastructure Committee meeting on 7 January, Henry Wong and Daniel Leung, respectively Head of Wireless Strategic Development at HKT and the Head of Business Markets at SmarTone, discussed the benefits and characteristics of 5G technology, its development, as well as application in the local property sector. They also spoke on the wide-ranging applications of 5G in areas including transportation, property management and security. 隨着政府利用 5G 技術推動香港的智慧城市轉型,5G 技術應用近年 愈趨普及。在1月7日的會議,香港電訊無線業務策略及核心網絡 主管黃錦恆和數碼通商業市場部總管梁文 講解 5G 技術的好處、 特性和發展,以及其於本地房地產業的應用。兩位講者還談及 5G 技術在運輸、物業管理和保安等領域的廣泛應用。

#### Retail & Tourism Committee 零售及旅遊委員會

Lofai Lo, Director and General Manager of HK Television Entertainment Company (ViuTV), shared his insights into the creation of the popular homegrown boy band Mirror at a seminar on 16 December. He discussed the challenges encountered and the key factors to the band's success, as well as measures that the public and private sectors could consider to revive Cantopop culture in Hong Kong.

香港電視娛樂有限公司(ViuTV)董事兼總經理魯庭暉出席 12 月 16 日的研討會,分 享創立本地人氣男團 Mirror 的過程、箇中的挑戰和團隊的成功之道,並提出公私營 機構重振本土流行文化的方法。



#### Small & Medium Enterprises Committee 中小型企業委員會

Norman Yeung, Chairman of the SME Committee, attended the press conference to launch Project e-GUARD on 30 December on behalf of HKGCC. The project is organized by the Cyber Security and Technology Crime Bureau of the Hong Kong Police Force, with the University of the Hong Kong and associations representing SMEs, to help stop cyber crimes that target smaller businesses in the city. As part of Project e-GUARD, a suspicious email detection system, called V@nguard, was officially launched on 10 January. This free software

is currently available on Linux operating systems. 中小型企業委員會主席楊敏健 代表總商會出席 12 月 30 日舉 行的 e-GUARD 打擊電郵騙案 項目記者招待會。該項目由香 港警務處網絡安全及科技罪案 調查科聯同香港大學和多個中 小企組織共同推廣,旨在打擊 本港針對中小企的網絡罪案。 e-GUARD 項目的可疑電郵值 測系統 V@nguard 在 1 月 10



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**Membership Committee** 會員關係委員會 Mr Leland Sun 孫立勳先生



Real Estate & Infrastructure Committee 地產及基建委員會 Mr Eric Ma 馬紹祥先生



Retail & Tourism Committee 零售及旅遊委員會 Ms Nikki Ng 黃敏華女士



Shipping & Transport Committee 船務及運輸委員會 Mr Kenneth Bell 鮑健偉先生



Small & Medium Enterprises Committee 中小型企業委員會 Mr Norman Yeung 楊敏健先生



Taxation Committee 税務委員會 Ms Alice Leung 梁愛麗女士



Taiwan Interest Group 台灣小組 Mr P C Yu 余鵬春先生



Women Executives Club 卓妍社 Ms Nikki Ng 黃敏華女士



Young Executives Club 卓青社 Mr Eric Fok 霍啟山先生



Ms Elsa Wong 黃玉娟女士

#### Small & Medium Enterprises Committee 中小型企業委員會

The Trade and Industry Department's Small and Medium Enterprises Committee organized a seminar on 7 January on some of the support and information available from the Government to help local SMEs to access the Greater Bay Area markets. The speakers introduced the GoGBA One-Stop Platform from HKTDC and its WeChat mini programme, and shared with members some success stories of businesses that have already expanded from Hong Kong into the GBA.

工業貿易署轄下的中小型企業委員會於1月7日舉 行座談會,講解政府協助香港中小企進軍大灣區的 支援服務和資訊。講者向會員介紹了香港貿發局推 出的 GoGBA「灣區經貿通」一站式平台及微信小程 序,並分享港企在大灣區擴展業務的成功經驗。

#### Talent Development 人才發展



For many managers, mindset is just as important as skillset in their team members, but traditional corporate training methods can have limited impact on mindset transformation.

At a seminar on 2 December, Andrew Ma, Founder and Co-owner of Chorev Consulting, introduced the Growth Mindset research by Dr Carol Dweck and discussed how it can be used by businesses in Hong Kong. This approach can be applied in different formats, including microlearning, small group coaching and flipped learning. Ma also shared a number of real-life case studies from different industries that had successfully used the Growth Mindset approach.

不少管理人員認為團隊成員的思維與他們的 技能同樣重要,但傳統的企業培訓方法未必 能改變員工的思維。

在 12 月 2 日的研討會,高宏國際顧問創辦人 和共有人馬文藻博士介紹 Carol Dweck 博士 提出的「成長思維」概念,以及港企如何透 過微學習、小組輔導和翻轉學習等形式促進 成長思維發展。馬博士還分享了多個真實案 例,講解各行各業如何應用成長思維。 Video consumption has increased dramatically since the beginning of the pandemic. Knowing how to maximise the opportunities available on major video platforms should now be a fundamental part of every company's marketing plan.

At a seminar on 3 December, Francesco Bonafine, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Digital Nomads Hong Kong, gave attendees a comprehensive overview of the most effective advertising formats and strategies, with a focus on lead generation and sales. Topics included how to craft memorable videos, identify the right audiences and measure your campaign results accurately. He also discussed the most effective strategies for direct-response YouTube campaigns.

影片瀏覽量自疫情爆發以來飆升,因此了解如何把握各大影片平台的機遇,是企業制定 營銷策略的重要一環。

在 12 月 3 日的研討會, Digital Nomads Hong Kong 共同創辦人及董事總經理 Francesco Bonafine 詳細介紹有效開發潛在客戶和增加銷售的廣告形式和策略,內容包括如何製作 令人印象深刻的影片、識別目標觀眾和準確評估廣告成效。他亦分享了運用 YouTube 直 接回應式廣告的最佳策略。

#### Taxation Committee 稅務委員會

Two separate developments in the global tax landscape – the new two-pillar international corporate tax framework known as BEPS 2.0 and the inclusion of Hong Kong on the E.U.'s watchlist on tax cooperation – will have an impact on Hong Kong and businesses that currently benefit from the city's low and simple corporate tax. At a webinar on 18 January, Jesse Kavanagh and Cecilia Lee, respectively Tax & Business Advisory Services Partner and Transfer Pricing Partner from PwC Hong Kong, discussed how these developments could potentially affect the tax compliance and planning process for businesses. They also explained the impact of these changes on Hong Kong's operating environment.



全球税務環境的兩項發展將對香港和目前受惠於本港簡單低税制的企業造成影響,分別為打擊侵蝕税基及轉移利潤(BEPS)2.0 方案的雙支柱國際企業税務合作框架,以及歐盟將香港列入税務合作事宜觀察名單。羅兵咸永道香港税務及商務諮詢服務合夥人Jesse Kavanagh 和轉讓定價合夥人李筱筠出席1月18日的網上研討會,探討上述發展對企業税務合規和規劃程序的潛在影響,並講解有關變動對香港營商環境的影響。

#### Young Executives Club 卓青社



由卓青社策劃的「完美求職計劃」第二階段正式展開, 參賽學生獲安排與配對企業進行參觀活動。學生在12 月分別參觀了其士集團、蘭桂坊集團、萬信電子科技、 港鐵公司和日本電氣香港有限公司,國泰航空及宏亞按 揭證券有限公司的考察活動則在農曆新年後舉行。

During Stage 2 of the Pitch Perfect Programme organized by YEC, participating students visited the company they have been assigned to as part of the programme. In December, the students visited Chevalier Group, Lan Kwai Fong Group, Megasoft Ltd, MTR Corporation Ltd and NEC Hong Kong Ltd, while the visits to Cathay Pacific Airways and Pan Asian Mortgage Company Ltd will take place after Chinese New Year.



#### Obituary

#### Hilton Cheong-Leen

Hilton Cheong-Leen, one of the Chamber's most long-serving members, passed away on 4 January. He was 99.

Hilton set up his business, H Cheong-Leen & Co, in 1945. The company initially focused on importing luxury watches before expanding to trade other goods including furniture and accessories. He joined HKGCC in 1946 and remained an active member until recently,



attending many of our meetings and other events. He was also the honorary life president of the Hong Kong Watch Manufacturers Association.

Besides his business interests, Hilton had a long career in public service. He was a member of the Legislative Council as well as the Urban Council, where he was the first Chinese person to serve as Chairman. He is perhaps best remembered for his efforts in the 1970s to improve education in the city, and successfully campaigned for the Government to provide funding for free schooling for all children.

The Chamber is grateful to Hilton for his many years of support and he will be greatly missed by the business community. May he rest in peace.

#### 訃告

#### 張有興

張有興為總商會年資最長的會員之 一,他在1月4日與世長辭,享年 99歲。

張有興在 1945 年創辦張連貿易有限 公司,最初主力進口名貴腕錶,後 來業務擴展至傢具和裝飾等商品貿 易。他在 1946 年加入總商會以來, 一直積極參與會務,包括出席會議 和各類活動。他亦為香港表廠商會 永遠名譽會長。

商務以外,張有興亦長期熱心參與 公職,曾任立法局議員,也是市政 局首位華人主席。他最廣為人知的 功績要數在1970年代致力改善本地 教育,並成功促請政府資助所有學 童接受免費教育。

總商會衷心感謝張有興多年來對本 會的支持,商界將深切懷念他。願 他安息。

#### Chamber in Review

活動重溫



New software can help SMEs to protect themselves from cyber attacks 全新軟件有助保障中小企免受網絡攻擊

#### SMEs are prime targets for cyber criminals, but a new, free software from the Hong Kong Police Force can help to stop the scams.

Launched on 10 January, V@nguard is part of the e-GUARD project, developed jointly by the Cybersecurity and Technology Crime Bureau, the University of Hong Kong and a number of organizations that support SMEs including HKGCC.

V@nguard aims to detect suspicious emails, which are

used by criminals to persuade employees to transfer money. Such scams caused more than HK\$1.4 billion in losses to businesses in Hong Kong last year, with around 70% of the victims being SMEs.

At the launch ceremony, Chief Inspector Zhang Weihao said that the amount of money lost by individual businesses can be as much as HK\$100 million.

"Such a loss can be fatal to SMEs," he said. "In terms of reputation, there is no way to calculate the loss."

Norman Yeung, Chairman of the Chamber's SME Committee, said that email scams were a major concern for local companies.

"Fake emails are hard to spot, and businesses receive so many emails every day that it is difficult to check the sender's information for each one," he said.

Scammers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, and often their fake emails are very convincing. V@nguard works by filtering emails and will notify users of risks from unknown senders.

"Unlike large companies, many SMEs do not have their own IT departments," Yeung said. "So we not only encounter problems such as email scams and ransomware, but we also don't have the resources to fix the problem quickly."

This free and effective software for SMEs is therefore a very helpful tool, particularly given the increase in remote working since the pandemic, he added.

#### 中小金是網絡騙徒的主要目標, 為此香港警務處開發的全新免費 軟件,有助打擊網絡騙案。

V@nguard 系統在1月10日正 式推出,為e-GUARD 打擊電郵 騙案項目的一部分,由網絡安全 及科技罪案調查科聯同香港大學 和總商會等多個支援中小企的機 構共同研發。

V@nguard 旨在識別騙徒為誘使 員工匯款而發出的可疑電郵。此 類騙案去年在香港造成超過14 億港元的商業損失,其中約七成 受害者為中小企。

總督察張偉豪在記者會上表示, 個別公司損失的金額高達1億港 元。

「金錢損失對中小企可説是致命 傷害,而聲譽損失更是無法估 量。」他説。

總商會中小型企業委員會主席楊 敏健指出,電郵騙案為本地企業 的一大關注。

他解釋:「假冒電郵難以分辨,加上企業每天收發大量電郵,難以逐一檢查寄件者的資料。」

騙徒的犯罪手法日趨精密,假冒 電郵往往幾可亂真。V@nguard 代為篩選電郵,一旦收到來自不



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明寄件者的可疑電郵,系統會即時 提示用戶。

楊敏健説:「有別於大型企業,許 多中小企沒有資訊科技部門,不幸 遇上電郵騙案或勒索軟件等問題 時,便會因為缺乏資源而難以迅速 應對。」

他補充,遙距工作自疫情爆發以來 成為大勢所趨,這項免費又有效的 工具對中小企來說尤其實用。

律商

Currently, V@nguard only operates on email servers running on the Linux operating system. It is available for free download via https://cyberdefender.hk/security\_tools/

V@nguard 目前只適用於 Linux 作業系統運行 的電郵伺服器,可在 https://cyberdefender.hk/ security\_tools/免費下載

## 預防電郵騙案 Prevent Email Scams

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## Student Corner 校園動態

### **Pitch Perfect Programme**

完美求職計劃

## **Taste of Corporate Life** 職場初體驗

Students taking part in the Pitch Perfect Programme enjoyed behindthe-scenes company visits to learn more about the working world 完美求職計劃的參加學生到訪企業, 體驗職場日常,深入了解商業運作

**The Pitch Perfect Programme** organized by the Chamber's Young Executives Club entered its second stage in December, when the participating students had the opportunity to visit the company they have been assigned to as part of the programme. Visits to five of the corporate sponsors – Chevalier Group, Lan Kwai Fong Group, Megasoft Ltd, MTR Corporation Ltd and NEC Hong Kong Ltd – took place in December, followed by **Cathay Pacific Airways and Pan** Asian Mortgage Company Ltd after Chinese New Year.

These visits gave students a better understanding of how the corporate world operates, as well as specific industry insights into their allocated company. At NEC, for example, they met the NEC Social Robot, which is helping to care for the elderly, while at MTR Corporation they went behind the scenes at the Operations Control Centre in Tsing Yi.

The visits will also help the students prepare for the later stages of the competition, where they will be interviewed for a hypothetical job by their corporate sponsor.





Introduction to Tsing Yi Operations Control Centrol







總商會卓青社舉辦的「完美求職計 劃」在12月展開第二階段的活動, 學生有機會參觀獲編配的公司:分 別在12月到訪五家贊助公司—— 其士集團、蘭桂坊集團、萬信電子 科技有限公司、香港鐵路有限公司 及日本電氣香港有限公司,其後於 農曆新年後考察國泰航空公司及宏 亞按揭證券有限公司。

透過這些企業考察活動,學生可進 一步了解商業世界的實際運作,同 時掌握特定行業的最新動向。 例如在參觀日本電氣期

NEC

間,學生接觸到專為關 顧長者需要而開發的 NEC 社交機械人;在 港鐵公司,他們則有 機會一睹青衣車務控 制中心的幕後運作。

> 這些活動亦有助學生 裝備自己,迎接稍後 階段的比賽,包括與 贊助企業進行模擬 求職面試。

What's happening at the Chamber 總商會最新動態



Due to the ongoing coronavirus health threat, many of our events are now taking place online. Please check our website or app for the latest status of scheduled events.

WHAT'S ON 最活 新動

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Check with secretariat for details

#### **SHIPPING & TRANSPORT**

Update on the Airport Authority's community-based air cargo data platform **Feb 15** 10:30 am

#### FINANCIAL & TREASURY SERVICES

Discussion on the listings regime for SPACs at HKEX Feb 28 4:00 pm

#### WEBINARS (Visit website for full details and to register)



Feb 18 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

#### TRAINING & SEMINARS (Check website for details)



**Organic Traffic (SEO) 101 Feb 16** 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Talent Management in the Post-pandemic Era Feb 22 9:30 am - 12:30 pm



#### **SITE VISITS**



#### VISIT TO KADOORIE FARM AND BOTANIC GARDEN

Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) is on a mission to bring back homes for a wide range of species that have lost their natural habitats due to centuries of deforestation. Learn more on our visit. **Feb 18** 2:30 – 5:00 pm



#### WEST KOWLOON NEIGHBOURHOOD EXPERIENCE VISIT

The Chamber has organised a tour to walk members through the district's rich heritage and vibrant street life in and around Yau Ma Tei and Jordan. **Feb 18** 2:30 – 5:00 pm Hand and the second and the second se Watch Past Seminars for FREE

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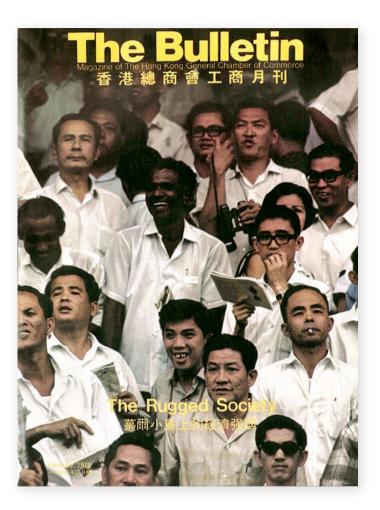
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# The Bulletin Through the Years 《工商月刊》今與昔

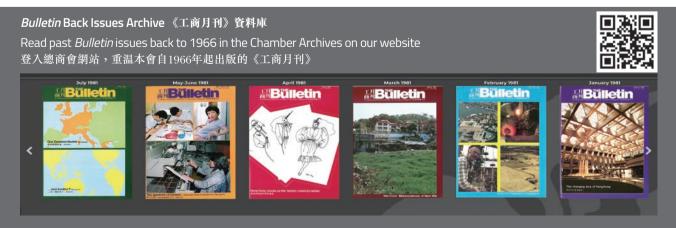


This year your Chamber celebrates its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so we thought it would be interesting to look back at past *Bulletins* and key events in Hong Kong's history.

In February 1978 we took an indepth look at Singapore's economy, comparing the similarities and differences with Hong Kong. The phrase "rugged society" had been coined by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in the 1960s to encourage the development of a disciplined and united community of Singaporeans.

#### 總商會今年慶祝創會160周年,讓我們 回顧一下昔日的《工商月刊》,重溫 香港的歷史大事。

1978年2月,我們深入探討新加坡經 濟,比較與香港的異同。1960年 代,時任新加坡總理李光耀提出構 建「刻苦耐勞的社會」,鼓勵國民 培養自律團結的素質。





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#### EDM Marketing 101

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Takeawavs:

**Talent Management in** 

the Post-pandemic Era

Highly engaged companies enjoy

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Leadership Council. To sustain a highly

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Corporate Leadership Council的調查顯示,員工投入度較高的企業 的利潤增長較競爭對手高300%。為提高員工投入度,企業應制定有系

疫後人才管理策略

professionals.

identifying talent

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完成本工作坊後,參加者將能夠:

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Selina Kam

22 February 2022

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Selina Kam

金志穎

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Senior Talent Development Consultant

This workshop will take place online via Zoom

2022年2月22日

金志穎

Language : Cantonese 廣東話

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Trainer :

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語言:

Fees : 費用:  Email marketing basics, and important KPIs to monitor Learn about customer experience and targeting in a mobile-centric world

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- Trainer : Vishwas Thakkar 導師: Vishwas Thakkar have a coherent talent management strategy Date: 23 February 2022 for longer-term learning and development of 日期: 2022年2月23日 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 時間:上午9時30分至下午12時30分 By the end of the workshop, participants will be Venue : This workshop will take place online via Grasp the market practices in acquiring and 700m

地點: 本工作坊將透過Zoom於網上進行 Language : English

語言: 英語

- Fees : Member \$850/ Non-member \$1,050 費用: 會員\$850 / 非會員\$1,050

#### 電郵營銷101

電子郵件不僅是歷史最悠久的網絡技術之一,還具備首屈-指的盈利能力。然而,電郵營銷的缺點在於電郵經常被拒 收。本工作坊將幫助參加者重新思考電郵營銷策略,並集中 探討最新策略和技術。

要點:

- 電郵營銷基礎知識和須監測的關鍵績效指標
- 了解流動通訊時代的客戶體驗和定位
- 有效收集數據,擴大許可式電郵推廣名單
- 應用數據驅動技術以提高電郵開啟率

Vishwas Thakkar, Founder and Head of Digital Strategy, Concinnity Ltd

Vishwas Thakkar Concinnity Ltd 創辦人 及數碼營銷策略主管



#### **Dealing with Difficult People** 處理棘手人際問題的技巧

Many people may come across "emotional vampires" during the course of their career. This workshop will help you understand why some people are difficult, and how to manage them with confidence and assertiveness, getting your job done more easily. Anyone who needs to interact with people at the workplace should join this workshop.

Content:

1. Four options to solving people problems 2. Six major types of difficult people 3. Different behavioural types and responses 4. Effective assertive techniques

在每個人的事業旅途上,難免遇到形形色色的人,要處理各種人際問題。本工作 坊將助你了解為何一些人會特別難相處,以及如何自信和果斷地應對,令工作事半功 倍。本工作坊適合需要在工作上與人互動的人士參與。

內容: 1. 處理人際問題的四個方法 2. 六種性格難相處的人 3. 不同行為類型及反應 4. 有效提升自信的技巧



Partner, Connect Communication Connect Communication

Trainer :	Tony Ngo
導師:	吳家騰
Date :	25 February 2022
日期:	2022年2月25日
Time :	9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
時間:	上午9時30分至下午12時
Venue :	This workshop will take place online via
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