

Hong Kong Business Summit Program for 2009

Introduction

Over the past 15 years, HKGCC has organized an annual Hong Kong business summit around December. The business summit provides an opportunity for members and the business community to meet in a forum to discuss ideas and gather views on how Hong Kong's competitiveness can be sustained and enhanced. Last year, the format took the form of an internal retreat when about 150 active members of the chamber were gathered in an internal forum which had productively produced the "15 Christmas trees", being projects considered important by our members in the business agenda that will shape Hong Kong's competitiveness in the coming decade. The Chamber's submission to the CE's policy address was developed from the framework prescribed by the "15 Christmas trees".

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To take this process further, it is proposed that the program for Business Summit 2009 will straddle a twelve month period, with focus on developing further ideas under the framework provided by the Christmas trees in four modules.

Module one: EcoSmart series

To take further Christmas tree no. 7 "a Green partner in promoting Hong Kong's Environment, the EcoSmart Series has been launched in Sept featuring critical issues facing the development of green buildings, green transport and green city. The Environment and Sustainability Committee provides advice to the development of this program.

Module two: Forum for Investor-: Future of Hong Kong as the region's wealth management

To take further Christmas tree no. 11, "Hong Kong as the region's wealth management centre", a half day conference is scheduled on December 14, 2009 to examine critical issues facing Hong Kong as the region's wealth management centre. The Financial and Treasury Services Committee provides advice to steer the development of this program.

Module three: Forum for entrepreneurs: Future of Hong Kong as a centre for creative , technology and innovative industries

This module has been developed to take forward Christmas tree no. 12: Hong Kong as the regions' leading life style centre. A half day conference is planned to explore the role played by young entrepreneurs in shaping the development of creative, technological and innovative industries in Hong Kong. The Industry and Technology Committee and the Digital, Information and Telecommunications Committee will provide advice to steer the development of this program. Date being scheduled to take place in March 2010.

Module four: Forum for Consumers- Future of Hong Kong as a Base for Setting Consumer Trends

This module also arises from Christmas tree no. 12: Hong Kong as the regions' leading life style centre We intend to create a half day conference to explore the role played by our retail and tourism sectors in shaping life styles and consumer trends in the region. The Retail and Tourism Committee will provide advice to steer the development of this program. Date being scheduled to take place in June 2010.

Advice Sought

Members' views are sought on the proposals set out in this note for the 2009 program for Business Summit.