

## Peter WOO Kwong-Ching

Chairman Hong Kong Trade Development Council

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Peter Woo Kwong-Ching assumed the Chairmanship of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (TDC), the statutory body responsible for promoting Hong Kong's external trade, on October 1, 2000.

In this capacity, Mr. Woo presides over a 19-member Council comprising representatives of Hong Kong's major business and economic associations and government officials. The Council plans and supervises the TDC's global operations, services and promotional activities through an office network covering 48 cities. In Hong Kong, the Council oversees the operation of one of the Special Administrative Region's (SAR) most important business landmarks, the Convention and Exhibition Centre.

In the private sector, Mr. Woo has served on the international advisory boards of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., National Westminster Bank Plc., Total Fina Elf S.A., Banca Nazionale del Lavoro and General Electric Company. Mr. Woo was Chairman and subsequently Honorary Chairman of Wheelock and Company Limited and its subsidiary, The Wharf (Holdings) Limited, from 1986 to 1996. He is Founding Chairman of Hong Kong Cable Television Limited, New T&T Limited and i-CABLE Communications Limited.

Mr. Woo is Chairman of the Hong Kong Environment and Conservation Fund Committee. From April 1, 1995 to September 30, 2000, Mr. Woo was also Chairman of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority overseeing 46 public hospitals and 50,000 staff with an annual budget of some HK\$20 billion. He served as Council Chairman of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong's largest university, from 1993 to 1997.

Mr. Woo was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star honour by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in 1998. In 1995, he was named Leader of the Year by the Sing Tao Daily and Hong Kong Standard Newspapers. In 1993, Mr. Woo was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Hong Kong Government, and awarded the Cross of Officer in the Order of Leopold by the late King Baudouin I of Belgium.

Born in Shanghai and raised in Hong Kong, Mr. Woo holds a Bachelor degree in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, and a Master degree in Business Administration from the Columbia Business School. Mr. Woo has also been conferred with honorary doctorate degrees from universities in Hong Kong, Australia and the US.