

會長序言

2022年是迎新轉變的重要一年。二十大開啟國家和香港發展新篇章;新一 屆中央領導集體產生,引領中華民族邁上偉大復興新征程。香港特區新任 行政長官在完善選舉制度下高票當選,帶領香港走向良政善治發展新台 階。本會第53屆會董會亦於年內就任,積極帶領會員及工商界跟上國家新 時代發展步伐,充分發揮商會網絡優勢,為深化香港與內地及海外聯繫交 流作出新貢獻、新擔當。

外通內聯 深化交流

二十大確立中國式現代化發展方向,更多次提到要全面準確貫徹落實"一 國兩制"、支持香港保持長期繁榮穩定;國家主席習近平發表七一重要講 話,就香港未來發展提出"四點希望",強調要着力提高治理水平、不斷增 強發展動能、切實排解民生憂難,以及共同維護香港和諧穩定,為香港長 遠發展指路領航。

年內,中央領導來港視察,本會獲激出席相關活動並進行交流。本人及多 位中總首長積極向領導人介紹本會在推動工商界融入國家發展大局、配 合高質量發展的相關工作,特別是如何做好香港連接內地與國際的"超級 聯繫人"角色∘本會更產頭舉辦多場香港工商界學習貫徹習近平主席重要 講話及二十大精神的研討會,讓業界全面深入認識國家新時代發展方向, 為中國式現代化建設作出香港工商界的應有貢獻。

本會積極發揮商會網絡聯繫優勢,透過推動與內地及世界各地產官學研 不同領域深化交流,助力香港增強發展動能,提升香港的國際化廣度與深 度。年內,我們舉辦香港高峰論壇,激請本港、內地及亞洲多國經留官員、 商界領袖及專家共同剖析環球政經新形勢和後疫情時期的最新發展,探 討香港參與粵港澳大灣區、東盟、RCEP以至"一帶一路"等區域市場的合 作機遇。本會亦透過主辦或協辦不同類型研討座談會、經貿洽談會等,為 會員企業深化與內地及海外經貿交流合作提供具體支援。

此外,中總與各國駐港領事館、外國商會及華商團體一直保持緊密聯繫, 透過組織交流拜訪活動、舉辦大灣區專題講座等,為各國工商企業進一步 **開拓香港和內地市場、深化彼此合作搭建平台。**

積極建言 共謀獻策

中總全力支持特區政府依法和有效施政。年內,本會向新任行政長官和新 一屆特區政府提交了就業界對施政期望的詳細建議書,涵蓋強化政府執 行力、提升經濟競爭力、重建社會凝聚力三大重點範疇。我們亦透過各類 政策諮詢徐徑,就施政報告、財政預算案等,提出了如何增強本港產業發 展動能、支援工商企業發展的各種意見。

在中央完善香港選舉新制度下,中總有超過250位成員擔任選舉委員會不 同界別委員,更有17位成員出任新一屆立法會議員。新一屆港區人大代表 當中,有16位是中總成員,另有近60位擔任全國政協不同職務,彰顯本會 成員對促進香港和內地長遠繁榮發展的重視與擔當。本會積極透過相關 成員,向中央政府、特區政府、內地不同部門就香港經濟及營商發展、民生 訴求,以至深化與內地經貿合作、融入大灣區發展等議題反映業界意見。

齊心抗疫 推動復常

新冠疫情在2022年仍然反覆,年初第五波疫情更對本港經濟和民生帶來 嚴峻衝擊。中央為港抗擊疫情提供全面支援,包括興建方艙醫院、揭贈醫 療設備、調派內地醫護來港。中總亦全力響應和配合中央及特區政府抗疫 工作,積極號召會員及工商界出錢出力,組織"中總與你 同心抗疫"活動, 向有需要基層市民捐贈200萬元愛心抗疫包。

隨着下半年疫情漸趨緩和,本會積極推動會員及工商界盡快為重啓與內 地和國際復常通關做好應對準備,並就制訂長遠防疫政策、優化便利通關 安排提出具體建議,以及向特區政府爭取為受疫情嚴重衝擊的行業給予 針對性支援與補助。

團結力量 抑新機遇

總結2022年,中總同仁面對複雜的環球政經局勢和後疫情時期各種挑戰, 全力協助會員和工商界做好應對,並通過深入學習和全面貫徹落實工十 大與習主席重要講話精神,抓緊"一國兩制"帶來的機遇,配合各項有利工 商經濟和社會民生持續發展的政策措施,為增強香港發展動能,貢獻商會 力量。

展望來年,中總將繼續全力配合國家推進高水平對外開放和高質量發展 步伐, 積極發揮本會與內地和國際的政商網絡聯繫優勢, 進一步強化香 港"超級聯繫人"的獨特作用與功能定位,推動香港工商界更好融入國家、 對接國際,講好香港故事、大灣區故事和中國故事,構建香港繁榮穩定發 展環境,與祖國攜手開創更光輝明天。

第53屆會長

Chairman's Message

2022 was a year of momentous changes. Not only did the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) open a new chapter for the development of our country and Hong Kong, but new CPC central leadership had also been elected to lead the Chinese nation onto a new journey of great rejuvenation. In Hong Kong, a new Chief Executive was elected by a majority vote under the improved electoral system, signaling the city's progress toward good administration and governance. As for the CGCC, the 53rd Term of Office was inaugurated, with new contributions and commitments to the cause of promoting stronger ties between Hong Kong, the Mainland and other parts of the world. Leveraging the Chamber's extensive network, the new committee continues assisting our members and the business sector at large in catching up with the country's pace of development in the new era.

Deepening connections and exchanges

The 20th National Congress established the direction of modernization with Chinese characteristics. More than once, it mentioned the full, faithful and resolute implementation of "One Country, Two Systems" and support for Hong Kong to maintain long-term prosperity and stability. In his important speech delivered on July 1, President Xi Jinping expressed "four wishes" or proposals for Hong Kong - to further improve its governance, continue to create strong impetus for growth, earnestly address people's concerns and difficulties in daily life, and work together to safeguard harmony and stability - which laid down the roadmap for Hong Kong's long-term development.

When leaders of the Central Government made inspection visits to Hong Kong during the year, CGCC had been invited to attend related events and exchanges. On these occasions, CGCC leaders including myself avidly introduced to the national leaders the work of the Chamber in promoting the integration of the local business sector into the country's development framework and in supporting the country's high-quality development, particularly in enhancing the role of Hong Kong as a "super connector". To provide the local business community with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of President Xi Jinping's important speech and the spirit of the 20th National Congress, CGCC took the lead in organizing a number of seminars on the two important topics, enhancing Hong Kong businesses' understanding on the country's development direction in the new era and how to contribute to the country's modernization efforts.

Furthermore, CGCC forged deeper exchange among industries, governments, academia and research sectors in the Mainland and other markets by leveraging its network and contacts, helping Hong Kong generate new growth impetus and enhance its international status both in width and in depth. Also in 2022, we organized the Hong Kong Summit, to which trade officials, business leaders and experts from Hong Kong, the Mainland and various other Asian economies were invited to jointly exchange views on the latest global political and economic environment and post-pandemic development trends, and examine collaborative opportunities for Hong Kong in regional markets, including those in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the "Belt and Road" Initiative. In addition to the Hong Kong Summit, CGCC organized and co-organized a variety of other seminars and economic forums to provide concrete support for our members' businesses to deepen trade cooperation and exchange in Mainland and overseas.

All the while. CGCC has maintained close communication with consulates in Hong Kong, foreign chambers of commerce, and Chinese business organizations. Through organizing exchanges, visits, and talks on the Greater Bay Area, we have built a platform for overseas businesses to tap into the Hong Kong and Mainland markets and for promoting mutual cooperation.

Actively providing suggestions and strategic views

CGCC fully supports lawful and effective governance by the HKSAR Government. In 2022, we submitted to the new Chief Executive and his administration a detailed proposal reflecting the business sector's expectations on upcoming policies, covering three key aspects: strengthening capabilities of getting things done, elevating the city's economic competitiveness, and rebuilding social cohesion. With regard to the Policy Address and the Budget, we voiced out via available policy consultations channels, offering our views on how to generate growth impetus for local industries and support business development.

Under the electoral system improved with guidance from the Central Government, over 250 CGCC members served on the Election Committee representing different sectors, and 17 of our members were elected as lawmakers in the new Legislative Council election. Meanwhile, 16 CGCC members were appointed as Hong Kong Deputies to the National People's Congress, while nearly 60 were assigned different duties by the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. CGCC members attach great importance and are committed to promoting the long-term prosperity and growth of Hong Kong and the Mainland, as evidenced by their active political participation. Through these members, CGCC actively reflects the views of the Hong Kong business sector to the Central Government, other Mainland authorities, and the HKSAR Government regarding a wide range of issues, from economic development, the business environment, and people's livelihood, to specific topics such as deepening trade cooperation with the Mainland and integration into the Greater Bay Area.

Supporting anti-epidemic efforts and economic recovery

2022 was still troubled by a fluctuating COVID-19 situation. At the beginning of the year, the fifth wave of infections dealt a heavy blow to the local economy and people's livelihood. To help Hong Kong combat the epidemic, the Central Government offered its all-round support, from building mobile quarantine facilities, to donating medical equipment, and deploying Mainland medical professionals to Hong Kong. CGCC echoed and endorsed the anti-epidemic work of the Central Government and the HKSAR Government by mobilizing Chamber members and the business community to donate money and resources, and launching the "Together, We Fight the Virus" campaign, under which anti-epidemic care packs worth HKD2 million in total were distributed to the grassroots.

As the situation began to ease in the second half of the year, we urged our members and the business sector to start preparing for the resumption of normal travel with the Mainland and the rest of the world. We also made tangible recommendations on the long-term anti-epidemic policies and more convenient customs clearance arrangements, while lobbying for the HKSAR government to offer targeted support and subsidies to industries that had been seriously impacted by the epidemic.

Joining forces and embracing new opportunities

To sum up the work of CGCC in 2022, we spared no effort in helping our members and the business community cope with various challenges brought by complex global political and economic conditions and post-pandemic situation. We captured opportunities presented by "One Country, Two Systems" by studying in depth and thoroughly implementing the spirit of the 20th National Congress and President Xi's important speech. We also contributed to generating new growth momentum for Hong Kong in light of policies and measures conducive to sustainable economic and social development.

Looking ahead, CGCC will continue to work in tandem with the country's high-level opening-up and high-quality development. By capitalizing on our strong networks in the Mainland and the international arena, we will strive to further consolidate Hong Kong's role and positioning as a "super connector", while promoting the integration of the local business sector into the country's development and closer ties with the rest of the world. Together with the business community, we will tell inspiring stories about Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area and China as a whole, with an aim to create a prosperous and stable environment for Hong Kong's growth. Joining hands with the Motherland, we will embrace a brighter future together.

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