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### 強積金增供款 助提升退休保障

## INCREASING MPF CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENHANCE RETIREMENT PROTECTION

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積金 "對沖" 爭議近期備受關注,勞資及政府三方一直就彼此分歧保持緊密溝通。早前本會與四家主要商會經多次討論,初步達成五大商會共識方案,重點提出向僱員強積金戶口直接增加供款,差不多全港"打工仔"皆可受惠,操作上也較坊間和政府的方案簡單易明,更重要是在現行僱傭條例作出最少變動的原則下,增加僱員退休保障權益。

### 僱主方案保障層面更廣

五大商會建議由僱主及政府分別向僱員強積金戶口額外供款 1%,讓僱員每月的強積金戶口總供款比例由現時 10% 增至 12%。參考積金局數字,近年因"對沖"被提取的強積金權益每年約為 30 多億元;我們粗略計算,若全港僱主增加 1% 供款,每年已有 53 億元,顯著高於需要"對沖"的權益,相信能更有效提升強積金退休保障功能。

有意見認為,既然僱主願意增加供款,何不將款項連同政府注資或供款撥入"基金池",以支付遣散費和長期服務金(下簡稱"兩金")。我們認為,"基金池"只讓合資格申領"兩金"的僱員受惠,涉及人數每年僅有4萬多人,佔全港就業人口不足2%。相反,五大商會方案是直接供款予每名僱員強積金戶口,受惠人數涵蓋全港接近300萬名僱員。

此外,我們亦憂慮"基金池"有管理不善及被濫用的風險, 長遠可能出現入不敷支,影響基金持續運作。至於僱主及 政府額外供款的建議,某程度上可紓緩社會對推行全民退 休保障的壓力,亦為鼓勵就業提供更多誘因,減輕本港長 遠勞動力不足的問題。

### 釐清強積金與"兩金"關係及功能

社會上有不少聲音希望保留"兩金"的安排與計算方式不變。雖然"兩金"與強積金的退休保障功能重疊,惟"兩金"制度沿用已久,僱傭雙方亦已習慣了相關安排,我們認為也可繼續維持,但必須全盤檢視和釐清彼此關係,免卻日後再有爭拗。

五大商會建議僱員在退休或被遣散時,先計算其可領取"兩金"和強積金僱主供款部份的總金額,以較高者作為僱員最終應享權益;所有獲取款項必須全數保留在僱員強積金戶口內,待退休時才可提取,避免在現行機制下僱員變相可提前拿走僱主的強積金供款,削弱強積金退休保障功能。考慮到僱員被遣散後可能有短期財政需要,建議可讓僱員在強積金戶口內申領兩個月薪金作為過渡應急之用,上限為3萬元。

我們亦期望當局能優化現行強積金機制,積極研究改善強積金的營運操作,包括進一步降低管理及行政費用、提升基金表現和增加投資回報等。長遠而言,當局應探討為僱員設立單一強積金戶口,由單一機構綜合營運,確保整個強積金制度持續運作、提升管理效率。

#### 考慮僱主及社會承擔能力

對於政府提出逐步取消"對沖"的方案,工商界基本上是持反對意見,認為方案只是將取消"對沖"的實施時間延後,即使政府提供補貼,但金額每兩年遞減,10年後僱主仍要為僱員雙重退休保障開支作全數承擔。

此外,政府方案的計算方法亦過於繁複,企業在估算潛在和實際開支負擔將面對一定困難,更要額外增撥資源和人手處理相關事宜,對中小微企構成相當行政及財政負擔。部分企業可能會在實施日期前解僱年資較長僱員並轉聘散工,對整體就業市場和社會穩定將產生深遠影響。與此同時,勞工開支和潛在不確定因素增加,也將削弱年輕人創業意欲和窒礙初創企業發展空間,增添整體社會的長遠發展成本。

總括而言,中總認同特區政府積極優化強積金制度安排,進一步完善僱員退休生活保障,促進勞資關係更和諧發展。然而,當局在照顧勞工權益的同時,亦必須顧及工商界的承受能力,通盤考慮政策改變對營商環境、人力資源結構等因素帶來的影響,為優化退休保障制度和促進工商經濟發展取得適當平衡。

■ 若全港僱主增加1%供款,每年已有53億元,顯著高於需要"對沖"的權益,相信能更有效提升強積金退休保障功能。
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ontroversies over the MPF offsetting mechanism have drawn much attention lately. Representatives of both employees and employers and the government have been maintaining close communication regarding their different views. Recently, CGCC and four other major chambers of commerce ("the Chambers") agreed on a preliminary consensual proposal, in which we suggest directly increasing the contributions to employees' MPF accounts. In addition to benefiting almost everyone in the working population, the operation of this proposal would also be simpler and easier to understand than the proposals put forward by other parties and the government, and at the same time increase employees' retirement protection benefits.

#### A wider spectrum of protection

The Chambers proposed that employers and the government could each make an additional 1% contribution to the employees' MPF accounts, so that the total monthly contribution to the MPF accounts could increase from the current 10% to 12%. Figures from the MPFA indicate that the MPF benefits withdrawn for offsetting amount to about HK\$3 billion each year. According to our rough estimation, the additional contribution of 1% by employers could already bring the amount to HK\$5.3 billion, which significantly exceeds the requirement for benefits offsetting.

Some suggest that if employers are willing to contribute more, why not put the same amount, together with the government's capital or contribution, to the "fund pool" to arrange for severance payment and long service payment ("the two payments")? We think that the "fund pool" can only benefit employees eligible for claiming "the two payments". On the contrary, the Chambers' proposal directly contributes to each employee's MPF account, which would benefit close to 3 million employees in Hong Kong.

Furthermore, we are also concerned about the risks of poor management and misuse of the "fund pool". In the long run, these could lead to deficits and affect the continuous operation of the fund. To a certain extent, the proposal of additional contributions by employers and the government could mitigate the public pressure to roll out a universal retirement protection scheme. It also offers more incentives to employment, thus alleviate the long-term shortage of labor in Hong Kong.

### Clarifying functions of MPF and "two payments" and their relationship

Some members of the public have voiced their wish to maintain the arrangements and calculation method for "the two payments". As a system that has been in use for a long time, "the two payments" and its relevant arrangements are something that employees and employers are both familiar with. We think that the system can be maintained, but the relationship amongst the different payments must be fully reviewed and clarified to prevent future disputes.

The Chambers propose that at the time of retirement or dismissal, the total amount of eligible "two payments" and MPF contributions by the employer could be computed, so that the higher of the two becomes the final eligible benefits. The full amount of these benefits must be retained in the employee's MPF account and can only be withdrawn by the time of retirement. Considering employees may have short-term financial needs after their dismissal, we suggest that they should be allowed to draw a contingency sum equivalent to two months' salary, or no more than HK\$30,000, from their MPF accounts.

We also hope that the authorities could optimize the existing MPF mechanism and actively look at how to perfect the operation of MPF. In the long term, the authorities should explore setting up a singular MPF account for employees, which should be operated by one organization to ensure the continuous, smooth operation of the entire MPF system.

### Affordability of employers and society should be considered

Regarding the government's proposal to gradually cancel the offsetting mechanism, the industrial and business sectors basically hold the opposite view. We believe that the proposal is only postponing the implementation date for cancelling the offsetting mechanism. Even though the government provides subsidies, the amount would gradually decrease every two years, meaning employers will still be bearing the full responsibilities for the expenses of employees' double retirement protection ten years later.

Besides, the calculation method of the government's proposal is far too complicated. Companies would have to allocate additional resources and manpower to estimate the potential and actual expenses, which would create quite some administrative and financial burden on micro, small and medium enterprises. Some companies may dismiss employees who have served longer and replace them with non-permanent workers before the effective date. This would bring about profound impact on the overall employment market and social stability. At the same time, the increased labor costs and potential uncertainties could also dampen the entrepreneurial aspirations amongst the younger generation and hinder expansion amongst start-ups.

All in all, CGCC agrees with the SAR government's active efforts in optimizing MPF arrangements, in further perfecting employees' retirement protection, and in promoting stronger harmony in employer-employee relations. However, the authorities must consider the affordability of the industrial and business sectors in addition to taking care of the benefits of the workforce. They should strike an appropriate balance between optimization of the retirement protection system and promotion of industrial, business and economic development.





# 解讀"兩會"探索機遇

**Explore Opportunities Through Insights** into China's "Two Sessions"

今年"兩會"圓滿閉幕,國家在政治、經濟、民生、法制等各方面提出一系列發展綱領。其中發揮香港獨特優勢依然被看重,從粵港澳大灣區的建設可見一斑,香港各界應發揮所長、抓緊

機遇。

At this year's "Two Sessions", which ended in great success, China put forward a series of development plans for areas in politics, economy, people's livelihood, and the legal system. Among them, capitalizing on Hong Kong's unique strengths remains of great importance, which is evident in the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area. All walks of life in Hong Kong should therefore play to their strengths and seize the opportunities.









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### 竇樹華:編纂《民法典》 推動依法治國

今年通過的《民法總則》亦是亮點所在,為構建民事法律制度的基本框架及《民法典》各分篇的規定提供依據。竇樹華強調,編纂《民法典》是推動全面依法治國的重大舉措,亦對現行民事法律規範進行系統整合。現屆全國人大及其常委會將編纂《民法典》為立法工作的重點任務,而《民法總則》則是編纂《民法典》的開篇之作,經過集思廣益、反複修改,《民法總則》草案獲高票通過。

竇樹華重申,新制定的《民法總則》 從國家的國情和實際出發,總結繼承 民事法治經驗,同時適應新形勢新要求,全面而系統地確定民事活動必須 遵循的基本規定和一般規則,為編纂 《民法典》奠定堅實基礎。

### 鄧宗良:建言獻策達到 "進整實新"

對於去年全國政協的工作,全國政協副秘書長鄧宗良以"準整實新"四字評價。"準"指工作精準,準確處理扶貧等社會剛性任務;"整"指工作有條不紊,以議政性專題會議、暫固協商會議、雙周協商座談會等不同人,全國政協主席俞正聲就高度重視協商的調查研究工作,強調調研與協商的相互配合促進;"新"指工作勇於創新,廣納不同會議模式,以期促進深入討論。

鄧宗良認為,今年的政協會議有一批 政策措施的出台,在社會形成廣泛影 響,如東北三省的工業轉型升級問題 就是近年規模龐大的調研活動,許多 意見建議都被收進國務院制訂的《關 於加快推動東北地區經濟企穩向好若 干重要舉措的意見》,從中可見會議 的實效。 此外,鄧宗良又讚揚政協會議"堅持 民主協商、平等議事,圍繞重點、難 點、熱點問題建言獻策,實現高水平 的共識平衡"。今年會議共計收到 5,210份提案,當中的4,526份立案審 查,為社會發展的不同範疇帶來實貴 意見。以脫貧問題為例,一眾委員提 出產業扶貧為治本之策,建議於負額 地區因地制宜發展生態旅遊、特色種 植業等產業,穩定達至脱貧致富,務 實可行,得到中央高度重視。

### 王一鳴:開啟可持續中 高速增長新階段



未來產業,激發全社會創新潛能與 活力,致力開啟可持續中高速增長 新階段。

### 沈丹陽:抓緊"一帶一路"新商機

去年中國對"一帶一路"沿線國家直 接投資145億美元,經貿合作區美元,經貿合 50億美元、產值361億美元 並完成東盟自貿區升級談判,"宣 全面經濟夥伴協定"亦在進展發 商務部政策研究室主任兼新聞發 "一帶一路"沿線地區的通關,一帶一路"沿線地區的通關,加 實提高貿易和投資便利化,自 進與沿線國家的認可交流、 對國家的認可交流、 對國家 能建設。他提到,全球產業結構網 處 於加速變革期,"一帶一路"沿速推網 數國家步入工業化、城鎮化加速推 期,產油國、資源 期,"一帶一路"沿線國家可與中國 建立機制化的產能合作,中國可重點 推動鋼鐵、建材、化工、輕工、汽車 等行業的優勢產能。

除了上述提及的範疇外,沈丹陽指出 "一帶一路"亦衍生了八大新商機: 專業服務、金融服務、工程建設、高 增值航運服務、人才及教育服務、旅 遊服務、會展節慶服務、提升總體競 爭力。他認為,香港的專業服務具備 國際化和專業化的水平,是香港與 "一帶一路"建設的核心軟實力,旅 港的金融、會計、法律、航運、旅 等行業亦可受惠,達到雙贏互利。

# Dou Shuhua: Formulation of *Civil Code* to promote rule of law

ou Shuhua, Deputy Secretary-General of the NPC Standing Committee, said that as this is a crucial year to comprehensively deepen reform vertically, an important year to implement the "13th Five-Year Plan", and a year to deepen supply-side structural reform, the NPC session stressed the overall tone of seeking progress while ensuring stability to achieve steady growth, push through reform, make structural adjustments, improve living standards, and quard against risks.

The General Provisions of Civil Law adopted this year is also a highlight as it provides a basis for the basic framework for constructing the civil legal system and the regulations in each chapter of the Civil Code. Dou stressed that formulating the Civil Code is a major step in achieving the full implementation of the rule of law and a systematic integration of the existing civil legal norms. The NPC and its Standing Committee have identified formulating the Civil Code as a key legislative task, with the General Provisions of Civil Law as the opening chapter.

Dou reiterated that with the country's specific and concrete situation as the starting point, the newly formulated *General Provisions* of *Civil Law* draws on and learns from the country's experience of the rule of law in civil cases while adapting to the new situation and new demands to comprehensively and systematically identify the basic stipulations and general rules that civil activities must follow, thus laying a solid foundation for the formulation of the *Civil Code*.

# Deng Zongliang: "Proper, thorough, solid and innovative" proposals

According to the assessment made by Deng Zongliang, Deputy Secretary-General of the CPPCC National Committee, the CPPCC's performance last year was "proper, thorough, solid and innovative". "Proper" means it properly dealt with essential social tasks such as poverty alleviation; "thorough" means it worked in an orderly manner to resolve issues through different approaches such as policy conferences, consultative conferences and biweekly consultative forums; "solid" means its work was solid and in-depth,

as Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee Yu Zhengsheng attached great importance to the CPPCC's investigative work and stressed mutual cooperation and support between investigation and consultation; and "innovative" means it dared to innovate, accommodating different forms of meetings with a view to facilitate indepth discussion.

Deng believes that a number of policy measures introduced at this year's CPPCC session have significant impacts on society. An example is the industrial transformation and upgrade of the Three Northeastern Provinces, which is a large-scale research study in recent years. Many opinions and suggestions have been incorporated into the Opinions on Some Measures Intended to Accelerate the Economic Stabilization and Improvement in Northeast China formulated by the State Council, which shows the practical effectiveness of the session.

Deng said that this year's session received a total of 5,210 proposals, of which 4,526 are put under review, offering valuable advice on different areas of social development.

### Wang Yiming: Kick start a new stage of sustainable medium-to high-speed growth

Wang Yiming, Vice-President of the **Development Research Centre of the** State Council, pointed out that along with the ongoing supply-side structural reform, the Mainland economy is gradually stabilizing and the recovery of the Producer Price Index is leading to improvement in corporate profits, which will help improve enterprises' investor confidence. However, structural economic imbalances still exist. Too many resources are gravitating towards real estate, leading to concurrent high property prices and high inventory levels in addition to increased financial risks. He stressed that the Mainland must adhere to the overall tone of seeking progress while ensuring stability, and continue to cut overcapacity, reduce excess inventory, deleverage, lower costs and strengthen areas of weakness to heartily kick start a new stage of sustainable medium-to highspeed growth.

Wang also has high hopes for the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area. He looks forward to its achieving several functional

objectives, which include: building an infrastructure system that is adaptable to regional economic and social development; becoming a platform for Mainland enterprises to "go global" and then build into a new landscape of opening up for the "Belt and Road" initiative; forming a core financial hub in the Greater Bay Area with Hong Kong as the spearhead, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Macau and Zhuhai as auxiliaries, and Nansha. Qianhai and Hengqin as nodes; building an innovation community in the Greater Bay Area to be the world's major innovation center for the technology industry; and building the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area into a world-class green city cluster that is suitable for living, work and travel, with culture, education, employment and environmental protection as the starting point.

# Shen Danyang: Grasp opportunities arising from "Belt and Road" initiative

Shen Danyang, Spokesman and Director-General of the Policy Research Department of the Ministry of Commerce, pointed out that cooperation in customs clearance with regions along the "Belt and Road" routes should be further strengthened in the future in order to effectively improve facilitation of trade and investment and step up mutual recognition and interaction with countries along the routes and construction of freetrade zone networks. He mentioned that the global industrial structure is in a period of accelerated changes, with the majority of countries along the "Belt and Road" in a period of accelerated industrialization and urbanization, and oil-producing countries and resource-rich countries in a period of structural adjustment. Countries along the "Belt and Road" routes may establish a mechanism for cooperation in production capacity with China.

Besides the above-mentioned areas, Shen pointed out that "Belt and Road" has given rise to eight new business opportunities: professional services, financial services. engineering and construction, high valueadded shipping services, talent and education services, tourism services, exhibition and festival services, and upgrade of overall competitiveness. He believes that as Hong Kong's professional services are of international and professional standards, they are its core soft power for participation in "Belt and Road". Hong Kong's financial, accounting, legal, shipping and tourism industries can also benefit, which brings about a win-win and mutually beneficial situation.

年論壇增設環節,邀請港區 全國人大代表譚惠珠及廖長 江,全國政協常委陳永棋, 全國港澳研究會副會長、全國政協委 員劉兆佳,從香港角度暢談"兩會" 政策帶來的啟示。

### 譚惠珠:支持候任行政 長官團結香港

回應最高人民法院及最高人民檢察院的報告,譚惠珠強調,近年國家司法水平"突飛猛進",如四年前她曾親身視察廣西的法庭,發現早於當時市民已可於網上跟進立案、審訊進度。而最高人民法院去年開始,所有庭審皆可即時於網上觀看,體現極大透明度。

談及行政長官選舉結果,譚惠珠認為,林鄭月娥高票當選顯示建制派大和合,團結有助她未來施政。"林鄭月娥能力很高,但我們每一個人衛要陪她多走一里路才能成事。"她續指,港區全國人大代表與全國政協委員關大代表與全國政協委員為國大代表與全國政協委員為兩制"內涵,以及香港社會各種矛盾,未來應貫徹"港人治港"精神,在林鄭月娥領導下,團結建制派促進和諧。

世界正踏入"第三次工業革命",人工智能或逐步在工作上取代人力。譚惠珠表示,部分人失去工作機會將造成社會不穩,若經濟轉差,問題更會如雪崩般出現。因此,她認為香港應利用粵港澳大灣區規劃尋找新機遇,即使他日社會經濟結構出現巨大變化,仍不失發展空間。

### 廖長江:香港是國際 仲裁不二之選

對於今年的《政府工作報告》,廖長 江對兩方面予以高度肯定:其一是當 中所展示的遠見,面對日益複雜的國 際環境,國家未有守株待兔,而是致 力開拓自主性的三大戰略:"一帶一 路"建設、"京津冀經濟帶"及"長

# 港區人大政協剖析"兩會"對港啟示

# Hong Kong NPC Deputies and CPPCC National Committee Members: the "Two Sessions" and Their Implications for Hong Kong

江經濟帶"發展,致力完善內需市場,實現"求人不如求己"的發展之路。其二是中央的宏觀調控,各個指標間的平衡拿捏準確,例如去產能及失業率之間的平衡、環境污染與經濟增長之間的平衡等。

"一帶一路"沿線國家數目達65個之多,文化、法律與宗教俱有差異。廖長江認為,國家間的合作一旦出現紛爭,仲裁是解決的不二之選。香港作為國際城市,法治於國際上亦有良好信譽,有條件擔任仲裁角色。他亦建議,各國參與協商制訂共同的商法典,以便日後的商務糾紛有法可依。

### 陳永棋:人大政協充當 橋樑

陳永棋認為,現有兩名港人擔任全國 政協副主席,充分顯示國家對香港的 重視。他指出,港區全國人大代表 全國政協委員,以至內地省市大大的 委員在社會上俱為有影響力人大的, 個有責任與義務,擔當中央與不 之間的橋樑:"讓香港市民真正, 時,要在內地多點發揮作用,協助中 中央,要在內地多點發揮作用,協助中 中央更了解香港的問題,從而令中央處 理香港事務更加靈活。"

陳永棋又提到,發展粵港澳大灣區是 香港的一大機遇,香港必須改變過 去"閉關自守、畫地為牢"的心態,融入國家經濟發展,否則將來會被邊緣化。他認為香港在粵港澳大灣區規劃上不能"走雞",必須與珠三角地區攜手合作。有見於香港目前的住屋問題,他稱只要改善區內交通配套,港人日後可考慮遷往內地鄰近城市居住,紓緩情況。

### 劉兆佳:融入大灣區 發展應對挑戰

"面對不同城市群之間的競爭,香港不能單打獨鬥。"劉兆佳呼籲香港積極融入粵港澳大灣區發展,可發揮在金融和專業服務等多方面的獨特優勢,與廣東和澳門相互配合,滿足國家需要。他又指出,中央近年改變思路,嘗試主動帶領香港參與內地經濟發展項目,提升香港在國家發展中的地位和角色。

劉兆佳指出,國際形勢雖然不斷變動,甚至出現混亂狀態,但卻為"一帶一路"戰略提供更大發展空間。他認為,隨着英國脱歐、歐洲與美國減少對外承擔,以及全球經濟增長乏力的情況下,更多國家願意與中國加強經濟聯繫,希望中國帶動新一輪全球化的推進。他相信,"一帶一路"未來將有更大政治及經濟意義。◆



n this year's forum, Maria Tam and Martin Liao (NPC deputies), Chan Wing-kee (Standing Committee), and Lau Siu-kai (Vice-President of the Chinese Association of Hong Kong & Macao Studies and member of CPPCC National Committee) were invited to speak at the new segment known as "Discussion on 'Two Sessions' by Hong Kong NPC Deputies and CPPCC National Committee Members". The significance of "Two Sessions" policies was discussed from the Hong Kong perspective.

# Maria Tam: Supporting the Chief Executive-Elect in unifying Hong Kong

In response to the report of the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate, Tam highlighted the "giant strides" made in the State's standards of justice administration in recent years. For example, the public can now follow up with the progress of case filing and hearing

online. All court hearings at the Supreme People's Court can now be viewed online, which demonstrates an extremely high level of transparency.

Speaking on the outcome of the Chief Executive election, Tam commented that the landslide winning of Carrie Lam showed a general consensus within the pro-establishment camp and a unity that would prove favorable in helping Lam's administration in the future. "Carrie Lam is a person of high caliber, but we must walk that extra mile with her to make things happen." Tam added that Hong Kong NPC deputies and CPPCC national committee members should carry forward the spirit of "Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong" in the future; the pro-establishment camp should be united to promote harmony under the leadership of Carrie Lam.

As the world steps into "the Third Industrial Revolution", artificial intelligence is gradually replacing manpower. Tam said that certain job losses will trigger social instability. She believed that Hong Kong should leverage on the planning of the Guangdong-Hong

Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area and seek new opportunities, which would help us secure room for growth even if drastic changes in the socio-economic structure occur in the future.

# Martin Liao: Hong Kong is an international arbitrator of choice

Commenting on this year's Report on the Work of the Government, Martin Liao has high appreciation on two aspects. The first one is the vision demonstrated by the Central government. As the global environment becomes increasingly complex, the country strives to exploit its autonomy through three main strategies: 1) the construction of the "Belt and Road", 2) the development of the "Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Economic Belt" and 3) the "Yangtze River Economic Belt". It is committed to enhancing the domestic market to set the country onto a self-sufficient growth trajectory. The macro-control measures of the Central Government are yet another

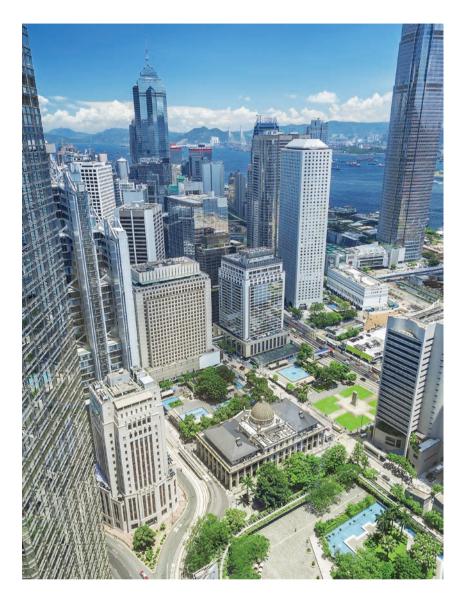
noteworthy aspect. Accuracy is evident in balancing various indicators, such as that between reducing over production capacities and unemployment, as well as that between environmental pollution and economic growth, amongst others.

With as many as 65 countries along the "Belt and Road", the presence of cultural, legal and religious differences is only natural. Liao believed that arbitration is the preferred choice for handling disputes amongst countries. As an international city, Hong Kong has a sound legal system that is highly regarded at the global level. It has what it takes to be an arbitrator. He also suggested that countries should take part in formulating a common Commercial Code, which could provide a basis for business disputes in the future.

# Chan Wing-kee: NPC deputies and CPPCC national committee members should act as a bridge

According to Chan Wing-kee, the fact that there are two Hong Kong Vice-chairmen of the CPPCC National Committee indicates how the State regards Hong Kong highly. He pointed out that, Hong Kong NPC deputies and CPPCC national committee members, as well as provincial and municipal CPPCC members have the responsibilities and obligation to act as a bridge between the Central Government and Hong Kong. "They should work to make sure that Hong Kong people truly understand the policies of the Central government and how it supports Hong Kong. At the same time, we must help the Central Government understand the issues of Hong Kong to bring more flexibility in handling affairs of the SAR."

Chan also mentioned that developing the Greater Bay Area would be a major opportunity for Hong Kong. Hong Kong should change its old mindset of isolating itself and restricting its scope of growth and should join hands with the Pearl River Delta area, otherwise it will eventually be marginalized in the future. Seeing the current housing issues of Hong Kong, Chan commented that by improving the transportation networks in the region, Hong Kongers could consider moving to neighboring Mainland cities to alleviate the situation.



# Lau Siu-kai: Integrating into the growth of the Greater Bay Area to respond to challenges

"To stay in the competition amongst city clusters, Hong Kong can never be a lone fighter." Lau Siu-kai urged Hong Kong to take an active role in integrating into the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, in which it could exert its unique strengths in finance and professional services to complement those of Guangdong and Macau. He also pointed out that the Central Government has shifted its way of thinking in recent years; it has been actively leading Hong Kong to take part in economic

development projects in the Mainland as a way to elevate Hong Kong's position and role in the State's development.

Lau pointed out that the constant changes, or even chaos, in the global landscape, have indeed made more room for growth for the "Belt and Road" strategy. He reckoned that following the Brexit as well as Europe and the US reduction of their external commitments, together with the lack of momentum in the global economy, more and more countries are willing to strengthen their economic ties with China hoping that China could bring traction to the next round of globalization. He believes that the "Belt and Road" initiative will have much stronger political and economic significance in the future.







# 印尼總統與 香港商界經貿交流

# Meeting between Indonesian President and Hong Kong Business Community

"一帶一路"將為香港和印尼等東盟國家帶來巨大發展潛力,香港有着"一國兩制"的優勢,此刻更應加強與相關國家的經貿關係。有見及此,本會早前在港舉辦"印尼-香港商界交流會",兩地政商機構代表探討經貿合作前景,並簽署合作備忘錄。

The "Belt and Road Initiative" will unlock great development potential for Hong Kong, Indonesia and other ASEAN countries. Hong Kong, with its unique "One Country, Two Systems" advantage, should now strengthen economic and trade relations with these countries. In view of this, the Chamber recently hosted the "Indonesia-Hong Kong Business Meeting" in Hong Kong, where representatives from political and business organizations of the two places discussed the prospects of economic and trade cooperation and signed memorandums of cooperation.

着粤港澳大灣區迅速發展, 東盟國家未來將與大灣區城 市群建立更緊密經貿關係, 香港的"超級聯繫人"角色更形重 要,香港與東盟國家的投資和貿易往 來將更見頻繁,可謂機遇處處。

印尼是東盟國家中重要一員,本會早前與印尼駐港總領事館聯合主辦"印尼-香港商界交流會",邀得印尼總統佐科·維多多及香港特別行政區行政長官梁振英,簡介印尼及香港的營商與投資狀況,並探討雙方以至整個東亞地區的經貿合作前景。印尼貿易部長Enggartiasto Lukita 及投資協調委員會主席Thomas Lembong並介紹當地貿易與投資最新情況和相關政策改革措施。本會會長蔡冠深、印尼



工商會館總主席羅善分別致辭,並聯同多間工商機構及團體簽署合作備忘錄和啟動合作項目,為印港經貿合作揭開新的一頁。

#### 推動香港與印尼建立更緊密聯繫

梁振英在交流會上指出,香港和印尼一直保持着良好的商貿夥伴關係。在"一國兩制"優勢下,香港可在金融、專業服務等方面,為內地及印尼的商業往來互動、市場拓展擔當重要商樑。粵港澳大灣區的推展將更有效提升香港作為聯繫東亞地區與內地市場的中介功能,讓印尼與香港雙邊關係邁向更全面合作發展。

佐科·維多多亦強調,印尼政府近年 積極完善公共開支分配,提升基建、 醫療等範疇的支出,開展新的包括 、道路等基建工程,並推動包括放 寬監管和税務等一系列改革措施,構 建便利的營商環境。印尼當局更特別 在旅遊推廣方面投放更多資源和拓展 新的項目。他相信連串改革措施將進 一步提升營商環境和競爭力,有助吸 引內地和香港企業投資印尼市場。他 認為香港在基建融資、旅遊等領域將 可發揮重要作用,歡迎香港、內地與 國際商業夥伴一起到印尼拓展商機, 相信未來印尼與香港在各範疇的交流 聯繫將繼續全面深化。

#### 區域經貿合作潛力巨大

出席交流會的印尼貿易部長和投資協調委員會主席亦分享了印尼政府在促進當地貿易與投資市場發展的最新政策,並就香港與印尼在促進自由貿易與投資往來、兩地生活文化交流、旅遊、教育,以至支援中小企業發展等不同範疇跟與會者交流意見。

### 加強合作實現互惠共贏

中總與印尼工商會館簽署合作備忘錄;此外,包括印尼貿易部、香港貿易發展局及其他多家來自印尼和香港的主要工商機構亦簽署多份合作協議,並於交流會上公佈多個合作項目,為進一步加強雙邊經貿往來及工商企業合作邁出重要一步。





"一帶一路" 獎學金計劃吸引印尼優秀學生(後排)來港升學。
The Hong Kong Scholarship for "Belt and Road" attracts outstanding Indonesian students (back row) to pursue undergraduate studies in Hong Kong.

ong Kong's role as a "super connector" becomes more important as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area develops rapidly. Investment and trade interactions between Hong Kong and ASEAN countries will be more frequent and present abundant opportunities.

Recently, the Chamber and the Indonesian Consulate General in Hong Kong jointly hosted the "Indonesia-Hong Kong Business Meeting" and invited Indonesian President Joko Widodo and HKSAR Chief Executive CY Leung to brief participants on the business and investment situations in Indonesia and Hong Kong and explored the prospects for economic and trade cooperation between the two places and the whole of East Asia. **Indonesian Trade Minister Enggartiasto** Lukita and Investment Coordinating **Board Chairman Thomas Lembong** presented the latest developments in local trade and investment and related policy reform measures. Jonathan Choi, the Chamber's Chairman and Rosan Roeslani, Chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, delivered speeches at the Meeting as well as signed memorandums of cooperation and kick-started cooperation projects with several industrial and commercial organizations and groups, opening a new chapter in Indonesia-Hong Kong economic and trade cooperation.

### Promoting closer ties between Hong Kong and Indonesia

At the Meeting, Leung pointed out that Hong Kong and Indonesia have always maintained a good business partnership. With its "One country, Two systems" advantage, Hong Kong can play an important role in business interaction and market development between the Mainland and Indonesia in financial and professional services

Joko Widodo believes that Indonesia's series of reform measures will further enhance its business environment and competitiveness, which will help attract Mainland and Hong Kong enterprises to invest in the Indonesian market. He thinks that Hong Kong will be able to play an important role in areas such as infrastructure financing and tourism. He welcomes business partners from Hong Kong, the Mainland and the international community to Indonesia to tap business opportunities, and believes that interaction and ties between Indonesia and Hong Kong in various areas will continue to deepen in the future.

### Great potential for regional economic and trade cooperation

During his speech, Choi said that Hong Kong and Indonesia should actively play to their respective unique strengths to promote business relations in the region and lead industrial and commercial enterprises to grasp the huge opportunities arising from economic and trade cooperation. Rosan Roeslani also said that as trade and investment interactions between Hong Kong and Indonesia have always been close, there will be a huge space for development in many areas such as infrastructure operations.

At the Meeting, the Indonesian Trade Minister and Investment Coordinating Board Chairman also shared the Indonesian government's latest policies for the development of local trade and investment markets. They also exchanged views with participants on different areas such as promoting free trade and investment between Hong Kong and Indonesia.

### Strengthening cooperation to achieve mutual win-win situation

CGCC and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed a memorandum of cooperation. In addition, the Indonesian Ministry of Trade, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and many major industrial and commercial organizations from Indonesia and Hong Kong also signed a number of cooperation agreements and announced several cooperative projects at the Meeting, thus taking an important step forward to further strengthen bilateral economic and trade exchanges as well as cooperation between industrial and commercial enterprises.



香港國際機場是少數於客運與貨 運俱名列世界前茅的機場。**香港** 機場管理局行政總裁林天福指 出,機場不僅是交通節點,更是 推動整個地區經濟發展的引擎, 未來希望把機場打造成覆蓋整個 大珠三角的航空樞紐。 Hong Kong International Airport is one of the few airports in the world ranking near the top both in passenger and cargo volumes. Fred Lam, Chief Executive Officer of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, points out that the airport is an engine that drives the economic development of an entire region, and he hopes that ours will become the aviation hub of the entire Greater Pearl River Delta (GPRD) in the future.

年香港國際機場客流量自次突破7,000萬。林天福指出,現時機場總旅客人數名列世界第八,若單以國際航班旅客計算,更位居全球第三,僅次於杜拜國際機場及倫敦希斯路機場。林天福

相信,香港國際機場可望在未來兩、 三年間取代希斯路機場,躋身世界 第二位。

除了客運量有所增長,去年本港機場 貨運量亦見突破,以452萬公噸的總 貨運量領先全球。林天福指出,目前 全國機場貨運量總和仍不及香港,可 見本港空運發展之驚人。但他亦表 示,香港作為少數客流與貨運俱處於 世界前列的機場,因而面對更大的 挑戰。





香港機場容量將達飽和,再難以滿足 航空公司的流量需求。

林天福形容機場間之競爭為 "零和遊戲",當內地各個城市都積極建設機場或增建跑道,或為吸引航空公司而建立新航線,若香港機場仍然停滯不前,就連原有的流量亦會流失。已於去年動工的機場三跑道系統雖然工程浩大,但他認為對機場以至香港長遠發展至為重要。

### 大灣區、港珠澳橋增潛力

香港機場的定位不應局限為香港人的 機場。林天福坦言有更大願景,就是 打造成為亞洲航空樞紐,效益覆蓋整 個大珠三角。為此機場禁區已設有 天客運碼頭,方便旅客下機後可直接 前往珠三角或澳門,機管局亦正與內 地政府商討,研討如何令過關手續更 加便利。

### 優化旅客體驗 着眼電商物流

旅客體驗亦是一個機場成功與否的關鍵,深明此點的林天福表示,為旅客 打造難忘、舒適、豐富的體驗是另一 重點工作。他透露,禁區內的美食廣

### 不進則退 三跑突破瓶頸

有別於巴士站,林天福坦言,機場不 只是乘搭航班的交通地點,而是推動 整個地區經濟發展的引擎。目前機場 仍然是香港的優勢之一,優秀的客流 量和貨運量固然重要,但檢視機場的 長遠發展,必須宏觀考慮如何為整個 地區帶來經濟效益。

為達到上述目標,機場的硬件提升必不可少。林天福謂,目前機場面對的最大問題是容量不足,而跑道正是增加機場容量的瓶頸。他解釋,機場現有的兩條跑道容量已差不多達到設計的頂點,但據推算,未來數年世界客運與貨運將以每年增加5%的速度增長,亞太區甚至可達6%。不出數年,



場將於未來兩年翻新,引入更多知名食肆,獲米芝蓮評級的餐廳亦是羅致之列。購物方面,特別開闢香港品牌的區域,一方面為香港品牌提供向外推廣的平台,旅客亦可選購具香港特色的產品。此外,機場將廣泛應用科技提升營運水平,如旅客可透過手機應用程式預先點餐或選購貨品、務求旅客能夠享受省時、便利的機場體驗。

随着跨境電子商貿的興起,商貿形式 由以往的 B2B 趨向 B2C。林天福預 料,日後大批量的運輸將會減少,未 來空運將更倚重客機而非貨機。他認 為,此趨勢有利香港鞏固既有的空運 優勢,並計劃將機場打造為跨境電子 商貿貨品分發中心,同時開發高增值 中轉業務及如藥物等高端貨品物流, 充分發揮機場的潛能,結合香港整體 經濟的發展。

ast year, the number of passengers handled by Hong Kong International Airport passed the 70 million mark for the first time. Lam points out that the airport currently ranks eighth in the world by total passenger traffic and even ranks third by international flight passenger volume, only trailing Dubai International Airport and London's Heathrow Airport.

In addition to passenger volume growth, the volume of air cargo handled by Hong Kong Airport also achieved a breakthrough last year, leading the world with a total volume of 4.52 million tonnes. Lam says that our air freight has been growing astronomically, and to date Hong Kong's air cargo volume is still greater than the total of all Mainland airports. Having said that, he does admit Hong Kong Airport, as one of the few airports with world-leading passenger and cargo volumes, naturally faces greater challenges.

### Not to advance is to go back — Clear the bottleneck with 3RS

Lam says frankly that unlike a bus terminus, an airport is not just a transport facility where people come to board their flights, but the very engine that drives economic growth of the entire region. At present, Hong Kong's airport is still a competitive advantage. Impressive passenger and cargo volumes are undoubtedly important, but when looking at the long-term development of the airport, we must see the whole issue from a macroscopic perspective and consider how to bring economic benefits for the entire region.

To achieve the above goal, upgrade of airport facilities is indispensable. Lam says the runway system is a bottleneck that could delay the expansion of the airport's capacity. While the existing two runways are fast approaching their maximum

intended capacity, global air passenger and air cargo volumes are estimated to grow by 5% annually in the next few years. Lam describes competition between airports as a "zero-sum game". Just when Hong Kong Airport's capacity is outstripped by the airlines' traffic demand, Mainland cities are vying to build new airports or more runways. Against such competition, Hong Kong will not be able to retain even her original traffic volume. He feels that the three-runway system (3RS), which already commenced building last year, is of vital importance to the long-term development of the airport as well as Hong Kong.

### **Greater Bay Area and HZMB** create new potential

Hong Kong Airport should not be positioned only as an airport for Hongkongers. Lam shares his broader vision, which is to transform it into Asia's aviation hub and offer benefits to the entire GPRD. To this end, SkyPier has been set up in the airport restricted area to offer travelers convenient and direct transfer to the Pearl River Delta or Macau after stepping off the plane. The Airport Authority is also discussing with the Mainland government how to simplify immigration clearance.

Both the completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) and the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area increase Hong Kong Airport's growth potential. Lam explains that when HZMB comes into service, it would only take half an hour to travel from Hong Kong Airport to Shenzhen by car, while the traveling time to Zhuhai or Macau is merely 40 minutes. To some Mainland passengers, it would be more convenient to use Hong Kong Airport rather than Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport. With the rapid development of the Greater Bay Area city cluster, Hong Kong



Airport will be located at the center of the Bay Area. All the major cities within the Area can be covered within two or three hours' driving. High-end travelers from this region will be an important customer base for Hong Kong Airport in the future.

### A better traveling experience with emphasis on e-commerce and logistics

Travelers' experience is also a decisive factor for an airport's success. Understanding this well, Lam reveals that the food court in the airport restricted area will be refurbished in two years' time. More famous restaurants, including Michelin-starred eateries, will be introduced. As for shopping, the new area featuring Hong Kong brands offers special products with a local flavor. Travelers can also enjoy a more time-saving and







With cross-border B2C e-commerce catching on fast, Lam expects a decrease in mass transit cargo in the future, and air cargo will depend more on passenger flights rather than cargo flights. He plans to position Hong Kong Airport as a distribution center for cross-border e-commerce goods while develop high value-added freight forwarding services and logistics of highend products such as medicine. The goal is to fully realize the airport's potential for promoting Hong Kong's overall economic development.





## 特朗普時代的中美博奕

### **China-US Relations in the Trump Era**

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早前習特莊園峰會,中美雙方達成共識,同意就四大範圍建立新的高級對話機制合作報之新的高級對話機制合作。 架:外交安全、全面經濟文文法及網絡安全與社會和人文文 法及網絡安全與社會和人文對話,這些都是元首會晤帶來積極豐富的實際成果,亦支持極豐富的實際成果,美關係健康發展。 At the Xi-Trump summit held at Mar-a-Largo earlier on, China and the US agreed to establish new top-level dialogue mechanisms and cooperation frameworks in four areas, namely diplomatic and security, comprehensive economic, law enforcement and cyber security, as well as social and people-to-people dialogues. These were the positive and concrete outcomes brought about by the meeting of the state leaders, which support and encourage the healthy development of China-US relations on a new starting point.

年4月,正是特朗普總統入 主白宮的兩個半月,亦迎來 他面臨國際關係對外政策最 重大的考驗 — 中國國家主席習近平應 邀到特朗普位於美國東南方海邊佛羅 里達州的莊園進行比較個人化,非國 事訪問的兩國元首峰會。

#### 兩大聚焦:北韓問題、雙邊經貿

峰會前兩周以來的美國官方消息指 出,這次中美峰會將聚焦兩大議題: 第一是國際區域性的戰略平衡與多國 的國家安全關注,就是北韓(朝鮮)的 非核化;第二個核心討論議題就是對 雙邊經濟關係基本的調整,這關乎中 美貿易之不平衡。特朗普希望重振美 國的國內經濟,為美國工人入職就業 製造大規模新機會,並目讓美國產品 以比較公平、更為有利的條件推銷海 外市場;同時亦要打壓不正常和不健 康的貨幣操控,造成某些國家輸往美 國的產品享有不公平的有利條件,從 而在美國市場有不合理的佔有率。這 兩大議題都可被視為有相當嚴謹的大 戰略考量基礎,帶引出大國之間不可 避免亦非談不可的議題。

而最近白宮高層就這兩議題所作的頭 條新聞式言論,總的來說是比較植材 於現實與切合美國本身的重大利益, 亦是美國維持在亞太區域主導權及 護主要盟國的安危而不能不高調 言。當然這些言論從內容及格 詞,較去年特朗普在共和黨黨內 及之後作為共和黨提名的總統候選事 及之後作為共和黨提名的總統候選事 基礎、邏輯不全,甚至嚴重貶損、同 責中國的所謂競選語言,着實大不同

### 薩德系統破壞中美韓關係

有關國際大戰略的北韓非核化議題,實在是超乎中美雙邊的範圍,是中國一直以來的國防與外交的重點項目(尤其是過去十多年來,中國曾多次出任"六方會談"的主席國及主導者)。面對北韓金家朝廷的多元複雜局面,美國在最基本的原則立場上有很嚴重的自相矛盾,因為特朗普一方面認為中國對平壤有巨大影響力,故若中國

所以,最近半年北京與南韓的關係迅速倒退,就連中國民眾已對南韓的商貿甚至旅遊作出強烈的反對與杯葛。由此觀之,美國希望借助北韓危機,在南韓佈防薩德系統,連中國部分強之也可能納入薩德系統的監控範圍土也可能納入薩德系統的監控範圍,北京認為美國以北韓威脅為藉口國家中國國國外,絕對是不友善的行為。那麼中國為何要協助美國解決北韓核化問題?

從地緣政治的角度來看,過去幾年奧 巴馬政權大力推行"重返亞洲"的策略,鼓勵日本加強軍備化,把美日協 防條約的範圍擴大到與中國有領土爭 議的釣魚島,更鼓勵日本大規模伸展 軍事爪牙到南中國海域。有美國作復 盾,日本甚至主動借出軍艦予東圍 國家以擴大其的軍事影響力範圍和日本 解決北韓核化問題?

#### 東北亞同盟集團存在矛盾

事實上,北韓核武器的發展,美國之外最自然的目標就是日本(部分老電的南韓民眾至今不能夠忘記或寬應之次大戰前日本佔據朝鮮半島的內南北,甚至有韓國學界人士認為南南北,甚至有韓國的鼓勵下,甚至東國的鼓勵下,日本軍國主義的韓大日本南韓引起不安,甚至有韓人士聲言如北韓核武器攻擊目標是日



本,南韓不應該反對,可見美國在東 北亞的同盟集團裏,也存在內部矛 盾。因為美國的縱容,日本在大戰時 留下的軍國主義和侵略,至今尚未完 全清除償還,對日本的仇恨成為美國 東亞集團內部分裂的導火線。

過去十幾年,北京與南韓的關係友好,經貿合作有一定成果。2015年9月3日,北京天安門抗日勝利的大閱兵典禮,當時的南韓女總統親自出席。中韓友好關係曾經令美日擔心。若北京能在薩德防衛系統方面與南韓達成某些諒解,有助擴大中國在朝鮮半島的戰略平衡空間,亦更有本錢向特朗普的美式盲動主義"説不"。

#### 特朗普施政失利不佔上風

直到4月6日下午,習近平抵達佛羅 里達州進行莊園外交之前,一切客觀 資料顯示,特朗普政權上任100多天



來,一直處於國內外政治的出師不 利,其所推行的重點政策都遭遇極大 阻力, 暫時都無法推行, 全部無功而 退。例如在對外問題上,特朗普禁止 回教國家旅客入境美國的禁令,被美 國聯邦法庭禁止執行,後來白宮第二 回合的修定版再次被聯邦法院暫時擱 置。在內政上,特朗普競選政綱的重 點項目,被宣揚為特朗普首要的大手 術,廢除所謂"奧巴馬醫保"的全民 醫療健康制度法案,因無法取得共和 黨議員的支持,已無法在以共和黨人 佔多數的下議院通過,只好黯然撤回 法案。在雙重內外施政敗退之外,最 近數星期白宮高層亦被 "俄國涉嫌干 預去年美國大選"陰影爭議籠罩。同 時美國多項民意調查,特朗普的民意 支持度為歷來美國總統最低,一般民 意認為特朗普的管治團隊人手尚未齊 備,自然錯漏百出,所以對它今後的 施政效益未敢樂觀,甚至認為特朗普 一開局已經淪為弱勢總統,在國際舞 台上能取得突破成果機會不高。從比 較中美雙方的實力來看,美方在莊園 峰會前不佔上風,反而中國不必作出 大的讓步。

#### 美空襲敘利亞形勢有變

但4月6日在佛羅里達州的元首晚宴的前後,形勢有所轉變。因特朗普決定採取軍事行動攻擊使用化學武器內害平民的敘利亞政權。特朗普此舉,令其民眾支持程度大大提升。空襲敘利亞有一石三鳥的效果:一,懲罰敘利亞以化學武器襲擊無辜平民;二,向北韓發出警告;三,向北京傳達信息,特朗普是有能力為美國利益在對外事務上採取單獨軍事行動。

事至如今,敘利亞的軍事行動並未令 特朗普打出他的如意算盤 — 與普京領 導下的俄國加深友好合作關係,從而 令莫斯科親近美國,弱化甚至破壞今 日中國在國際事務戰略武器供應方面 最重要的夥伴俄國。若美俄友好,中 俄疏離,則美國可以更有辦法孤立中 國,從而施加壓力,佔據上風,取得 中國的讓步。

#### 中國不須急於配合讓步

當前白宮及有關的對外部門,如國務 院、商務部的高層團隊人手不全,對 亞洲的研究專家尚未就位。未來"俄 羅斯間諜門"可能再有驚人的內幕爆 出,不只特朗普第一任的國家安全顧 問弗林因為捲入"通俄" 醜聞被迫辭 職,其他團隊的主要人物也可能中箭 墮馬,潰不成軍。屆時特朗普將成為 美國史上首位甫上台就變成"跛腳鴨" 政權,只能高談闊論,實際執行推動 政策的能力卻欠奉。相對而言,中國 有的是時間,不必急於向反覆無常、 口是心非的特朗普妥協。特朗普擁有 豐富的商場經驗但政治經驗不足,最 喜歡以商家生意手法促成交易,中國 要堅拒有損自身利益和原則的交易。 因此,特朗普要全盤否定前朝奧巴馬 總統所有作為絕不容易, 甚至一出手 已章法大亂。舉例説,特朗普取消以 美國為主導的"跨太平洋夥伴關係協 定",對中國而言是美國自毀長城, 中國應對此樂觀其變。

#### 習特會有實際成果

中國絕對不必急於過度配合特朗普的 要求,甚至勉強作出重大的經貿讓步 及中美聯手遏制北韓行動。因為在可 見將來,特朗普政權有走下坡路的趨 勢。從更長遠來説,特朗普可能經歷 初期失敗後,日後美國要重建與中國 在雙邊議題上的友好合作和共同利益 妥協。這次習特莊園峰會,中美雙方 達成共識,同意就四大範圍建立新的 高級對話機制合作框架:外交安全、 全面經濟、執法及網絡安全與社會和 人文對話,並推行中美"百日貿易談 判"(以刺激美國出口及減低中美兩 國貿易的美方赤字),給特朗普有下台 階。所有這些都是元首會晤帶來積極 豐富的實際成果,亦支持鼓勵在新起 點上推動中美關係健康發展。

wo and a half months after Donald Trump sworn in as the new US president and leader of the Whitehouse, the most significant test for his international relations and foreign policies came up – Chinese President Xi Jinping was invited to Trump's manor, Mar-a-Lago, in coastal Florida in the southeastern part of America, where a more personal, non-state visit presidential summit was carried out.

### Two main foci: North Korea and bilateral trade

Two weeks before the summit, official US news reported that this meeting would focus on two main topics. The first is the global strategic balance of the region and concerns over multi-country national security, i.e. the denuclearization of North Korea. The second core topic was adjustments to the fundamental bilateral economic relation. This relates to the imbalanced China-US trade. One could say the two main topics are both based on stringent and significant strategic consideration, which brings out what power nations could not avoid from discussing.

The recent headline-like messages given by the highest levels of the Whitehouse on these two topics, overall, were more rooted in reality and fit in with the major interests of the US These messages could not be low-profile as the US must maintain its dominant role in the Asia-Pacific and protect its main allies. Certainly, from the perspective of their contents and styles, these messages were very different from the so-called "campaign language" used by Trump during his primary election amongst the Republicans, and as a presidential election candidate nominated by the Republicans.

### THAAD destroys relationships amongst China, the US and South Korea

The grand international strategy about the denuclearization of North Korea, in fact, is beyond the scope of the bilateral talks between China and the US. It has always been a major item in Chinese defense and diplomacy (especially when China hosted and dominated the "six-sided talks" over the past decade). Facing the diverse and complicated landscape in the Kim-family empire of North Korea, the US is seriously self-contradictory on its most basic principles and standpoints. On one hand, the US hopes China could take an active role in suppressing Pyongyang, but on the other, it is the most important ally and

military protector of South Korea. Using the excuse of counterbalancing the nuclear threat of North Korea, the US has already put much effort on setting up the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system in South Korea. The actual effective scope of detection of this defense system, in fact, covers a large part of eastern and northern China. Therefore, THAAD is not only used to guard against North Korea, but also to gather military intelligence in China. From the perspective of Beijing, this is absolutely a threat to China's national security.

Thus, there has been a rapid retrogression in relationship between China and South Korea over the past six months. Even Chinese people have started to strongly oppose and boycott the commerce, trade and tourism of South Korea. Beijing thinks that the US is using the threat of North Korea as an excuse, and the military setup in South Korea is directly threatening China's national interest. This is not at all a friendly move. Then, why is China helping the US in handling the nuclearization of North Korea?

From the perspective of geopolitics, Obama's administration had vigorously pushed ahead the "return to Asia" strategy and encouraged Japan to strengthen its military build-up in the past few years. With the US backing, Japan has even been actively lending its warships to Southeast Asian countries to expand the scope of its military influence. Similarly, why would China assist the US and Japan in resolving the nuclearization problem of North Korea?

### **Conflicts in the Northeast Asia Alliance**

In fact, the development of nuclear weapons in North Korea is, naturally, targeted at Japan after the US (Some older South Koreans are still unable to forget or forgive the Japanese for their cruel ruling when they occupied the Korean Peninsula. Certain Korean academics even believe that both South and North Korea share this historic lesson learnt - Japan is their common target for taking revenge for the past insult). With encouragement from the US, Japanese militarism has revived and causing unrest in South Korea. Certain South Koreans have even said that if North Korea should target its nuclear weapons at Japan, South Korea should not oppose against it. This shows that internal conflicts exist within the northeastern Asian alliance of the US. Because of the connivance of the US, Japan's militarism and invasion left behind from World War II are yet to be fully eliminated or paid back. The grudges towards Japan would become the fuse for internal division in the US-East Asia alliance.

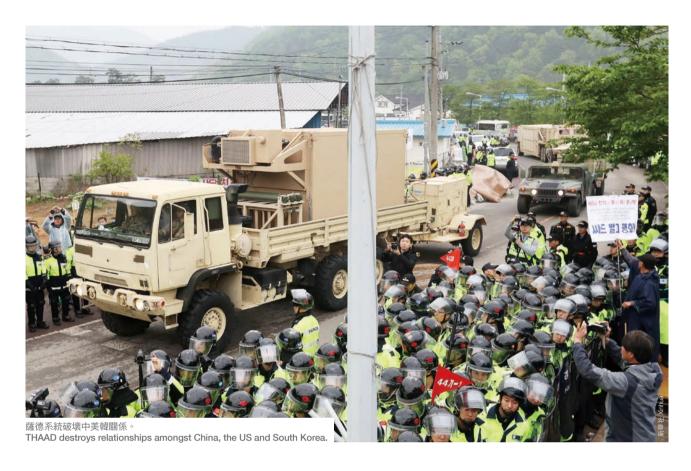
Over the past 10 odd years, China and South Korea have maintained a friendly relationship and made certain achievements in economic and trade cooperation. If China could reach certain understanding with South Korea regarding the THAAD system, it would help expand China's space for strategic balance on Korea Peninsula. It would also have leverage to say no to Trump's American putschism.

### Trump's administrative blunders leave him without an upper-hand

100 days after Trump assumed his new political power, he has been stumbling in politics at home and abroad. His main policies have all been met with strong resistance and have made no progress. Externally, for example, Trump's "Muslim ban" that bars visitors from Muslimmajority countries was suspended by the US Federal Court. After it has been revised by the Whitehouse, the second version was once again temporarily halted by the Federal Court. Domestically, a major item on Trump's election platform was to dismantle the American Health Care Act, the so-called "Obamacare". Since it failed to pass at the House of Representatives in which Republicans are the majority, Trump could only unwillingly withdraw the bill. Double failures in domestic and external administration aside, senior officials of the Whitehouse have also been shadowed by the "alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US election" over the past few weeks. A number of opinion polls in the US indicate that Trump's presidential approval rating has dipped to an all-time new low. The public is generally not optimistic about the administration effectiveness of the Trump government as its governance team is yet to be completely established. Some even reckon that, since Trump has become a minority president as soon as he sworn in, he would be highly unlikely to gain groundbreaking achievements in the international arena. By comparing the strengths of China and the US, the Americans do not hold an upper-hand at the manor summit, implying China has no need to make major concessions.

### US raid in Syria changed the situation

Circumstances have changed around the time of the state leader dinner on 6 April, when Trump decided to take military actions and attacked the Syrian regime which harmed civilians with chemical



weapons. Public support for Trump surged after his move. The Syrian raid has killed three birds with one stone. First, it punished Syria for attacking innocent civilians with chemical weapons; secondly, it served as a warning to North Korea; thirdly, it sent a message to Beijing that Trump has the capacity to take independent external military actions for the interest of the US.

So far, the military action in Syria has not achieved what Trump wishfully wanted – to strengthen the amicable cooperation with Russia under the leadership of Putin so as to draw Moscow closer to the US and to weaken or even destroy the partnership between China and Russia in terms of the supply of strategic weapons and in international affairs. If the US and Russia become closer and China and Russia become more distant, then the US could find a way to isolate China, from which further pressure can be exerted to gain an upper hand and China's giving-in.

### No rush for China to make concessions

At present, the senior personnel of the Whitehouse and relevant foreign affairs

departments are yet to be filled; experts on Asian studies are yet to assume their positions. Going forward, there may be more shocking scoop about the "Russian spy scandal" to be made known. By then, Trump will become the first ever president in the US history to head a "lame duck" administration as soon as he sworn in. By contrast, China has time on its hand. It does not have to make rash compromises with the vacillating, double-faced Trump. Trump is a seasoned businessman, but inexperienced in politics. He has a preference towards closing deals like a businessman. China must decline any dealing that could hurt its interest and principles. Therefore, it would be extremely difficult for Trump to fully negate all that had been done by his predecessor Obama - he might even become confused and disorganized as soon as he makes the first move.

### Concrete outcomes from Xi-Trump talks

China should never be hasty in overaddressing the requests of Trump; it should not unwillingly back down with huge trade concessions, or join hands with the US to suppress North Korea's actions. In the foreseeable future, the Trump administration tends to go downhill. In the much longer run, however, Trump may go through initial failure before making compromises to rebuild the bilateral discussion to seek amicable cooperation and common interests. The Xi-Trump summit resulted in the two countries reaching consensuses and agreeing to establish new top-level dialogue mechanisms and cooperation framework in four areas, namely diplomatic and security, comprehensive economic, law enforcement and cyber security, as well as social and people-to-people dialogues. The "100-Day Plan" for China and US trade to stimulate export of the US and reduce the trade deficit of America in China-US trade would also be implemented to serve as a graceful stepping stone for Trump. These were the positive and concrete outcomes brought about by the meeting of the state leaders, which support and encourage the healthy development of China-US relations on a new starting point.

# 適當規管電力市場 Proper Regulation of Electricity Market



公眾期望政府能夠確保電費價格 合理,並創造彈性回應減碳要 求,以新思維推動可再生能源發 電的發展。 The public look to the Government to ensure reasonable electricity tariffs, make flexible response to calls for carbon reduction, and promote the development of RE power generation with a new mindset.

力是社會重要的戰略物資,亦是市民日常生活及工商活動不可或缺的環節和成本,

電費對於基層家庭及用電量高的中小型企業來說,都會構成相當負擔。操控電力供應並壟斷市場的電力公司, 負有比一般公司更高的社會責任,故政府必須從保護公共利益的角度適當 規管電力供應和市場。

#### 多角度全方位制訂政策

兩間電力公司("兩電")的十年管制協議明年到期。然而,政府在談及能源政策多着眼於與電力公司商討新的《管制計劃協議》時,會研究如何進一步推動節能及可再生能源發電,以應付香港能否履行與國際社會共同應對氣候變化的承諾,即在2030年把碳強度由2005年的水平降低六成半至七成。可是,能源政策是一項重要的民生和經濟議題,必須從多角度、全方位來處理這項議題。

#### 雷費釐定機制詬病已久

政府曾經透露商談中的新協議條款, 當中幾個方向都是社會翹首以待的, 包括尋求下調電力公司的准許回報 率、改善燃料成本收費機制、引入機 制推動私營機構發展可再生能源,以 及要求電力公司為未來引入潛在的新 供電者鋪路。但是,由於未有具體內 容,新協議最終能否符合公眾期望, 社會只能抱觀望態度。

一般的說法是,若希望有更潔淨的能源,電費自然有上升的壓力,但其實還有很多因素影響電費,包括早已為人詬病對消費者不公平的電費釐定機制。今年年初兩電宣佈減電費,其實是明減實加,兩電分別加了基本電費3.7%及3.2%,只因要回吐過往多收了用戶燃料費共70億元,又有政府退回多收的地租和差餉可供發放特別回扣,所以淨電費(即實收的電費)可以分別減價2%及17.2%。

#### 新協議須確保價格合理

然而,社會上一直有聲音要求改革本港的電力市場。舉例説,現行《管

制計劃協議》下的准許利潤回報達 9.99%,從電力行業自然壟斷的低風 險及多年的低息環境來看,是否過 高?過往政府聘請的獨立顧問檢討過 電力市場的無風險收益率、股本及借 貸成本後,都曾建議可將准許回報率 下調至6%至8%,在新協議下,這 個回報率可以有多大的下調空間?此 外,現時電力公司直接向用戶收取燃 料費,等同將國際燃料價格波動的風 險悉數轉嫁到市民身上,電力公司又 何來誘因尋求更便宜的燃料?凡此種 種問題,公眾都期望政府能夠趁商討 新協議的契機理順,確保電費價格合 理,並創造彈性回應減碳要求,以新 思維推動可再生能源發電的發展。

長遠來說,可再生能源發電更有望協助穩定電價。舉例說,數年前中央政策組一項研究指出,本地太陽能發電潛力大,屋頂光伏板發電可達一年的

一成總發電量,並預期隨着裝置成本 持續下跌,又有政府補貼,太陽能發 電的價格最終無須補貼亦可與傳統燃 煤發電競爭。

#### 擬藍圖扶助可再生能源

lectricity is not only an important strategic resource in society, but also an indispensable element and cost in people's daily life as well as industrial and business activities. Electricity tariffs impose a considerable burden on grassroots families, and SMEs with high electricity consumption. Power companies, which control the supply of electricity and monopolize the electricity market, have a higher social responsibility than ordinary companies. Therefore, the Government must properly regulate the electricity supply and market with the aim of safeguarding public interest.

### Policy formulation from multiple perspectives in a holistic manner

The Government's 10-year Scheme of Control Agreements (SCAs) with the two power companies will expire next year. When discussing the energy policy, the Government often focuses on negotiating the new SCAs with the power companies to further promote energy conservation and renewable energy (RE) power generation to cope with whether Hong Kong can honor its undertaking to collaborate with

the international community to tackle climate change, which is to reduce Hong Kong's carbon intensity by 65%-70% by 2030 compared with the 2005 level. However, as energy policy is an important issue affecting people's livelihood and the economy, it must be dealt with from multiple perspectives in a holistic manner.

### Electricity price-setting mechanism criticized for long

The Government has disclosed some terms of the new SCAs under negotiation. Among them are several measures that the public are eagerly looking forward to being implemented, which include seeking to reduce the permitted rate of return of the power companies, improving the charging mechanism for fuel costs, introducing a mechanism to promote the private sector's development of RE, as well as demanding the power companies to pave the way for future potential electricity providers. However, as specific details are not yet available, the public can only wait and see as to whether the new SCAs eventually meet their expectations.

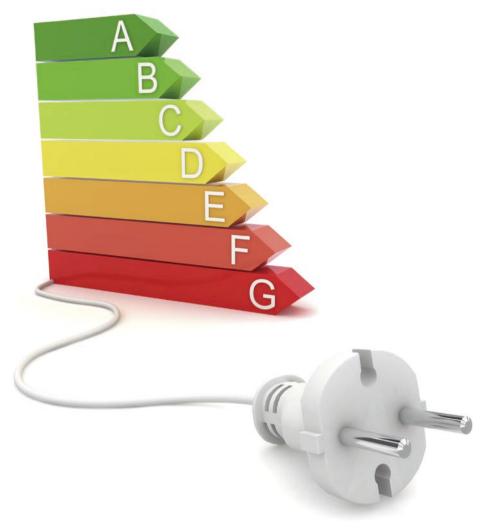
While it is generally believed that cleaner energy will naturally lead to upward

pressure on electricity tariffs, there are actually many other factors that influence the tariffs, including the electricity pricesetting mechanism that has long been criticized for being unfair to consumers. Early this year, the two power companies announced tariff reductions, but these reductions are actually increases in disquise, with their basic tariffs rising by 3.7% and 3.2%, respectively. The two power companies' net tariffs (i.e. actual electricity tariffs to be received) can be lowered by 2% and 17.2% respectively only because of the need to return a total of HK\$7 billion by which users have been overcharged for fuel costs, as well as the availability of special rebates arising from a government refund of overpaid rent and rates

### New SCAs must ensure tariffs are reasonable

There have long been calls from the public for a reform of Hong Kong's electricity market. For instance, given the low-risk natural monopoly in the power sector and the low interest rate environment that has persisted for many years, isn't the permitted rate of return of 9.99% under the existing SCAs too high? The Government once commissioned independent consultants to review the risk-free rate of return, the cost of equity and the cost of borrowing in the electricity market. They suggested that the permitted rate of return could be reduced to 6%-8%. How much room is there for lowering the rate of return under the new SCAs? In addition, given that the power companies directly charge users for fuel costs currently, which is tantamount to passing on all the risk of fluctuations in international fuel prices to the public, what incentives are there for them to look for cheaper fuel? The public look to the Government to take the opportunity arising from negotiating the new SCAs to resolve all these issues in order to ensure reasonable electricity tariffs, make flexible response to calls for carbon reduction, and promote the development of RE power generation with a new mindset.

In the long run, RE power generation opens up a stronger possibility for helping stabilize electricity tariffs. For example, a study conducted by the Central Policy Unit a few years ago pointed out that Hong Kong has great potential for solar power generation, and roof-top photovoltaic panels may account for as much as 10% of Hong Kong's annual total power generation output. It is expected that with continuously falling installation costs and



subsidies granted by the Government, solar power generation will eventually be able to compete on price with traditional coal-fired generation, even without subsidies.

### Drawing up blueprint to support renewable energy

Regrettably, Hong Kong's development on this front has been lagging behind other places that have long adopted new business models to develop solar power. Seoul is one example. In recent years. in addition to asking energy companies to invest at least HK\$5 billion to develop solar projects, it also leased out public facilities at preferential rates to encourage development of private solar projects. The citizens can also invest in these projects by subscribing for specific funds. Singapore is another example. Under the SolarNova program it launched three years ago, buildings with small solar potential are grouped together so that private solar companies can bid to operate solar systems on them, and building owners can also raise funds through a crowdfunding platform to allow investors to obtain regular rewards. Therefore, the public hope that the authorities will adopt a new mindset for drawing up a comprehensive blueprint to support the development of RE and help promote a green economy.

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### 告別老調的旗袍 Farewell to Old-world Cheongsams

電影《花樣年華》中,女主角蘇麗珍穿着長衫,舉手投足搖曳生姿,惹人遐思。身兼模特兒與時裝展策劃人的80後時裝設計師蔡毅明創立旗袍品牌"Yi-Ming",推出時尚型格旗袍品牌,設計保留傳統東方味,亦注入年輕人的時尚。

In the film "In the Mood for Love", the female protagonist Su Li-zhen Iulls the audience into reverie with her graceful movements in cheongsam. Post-80 **fashion designer**, model and fashion show curator **Grace Choi** has launched trendy cheongsam brand Yi-Ming to celebrate this traditional expression of beauty. Her creations blend oriental charm with youth vogue.



活化旗袍 告別老調

毅明模特兒出身,自言獨鍾 旗袍,喜歡旗袍的獨有東方 味。她在2011年起推出自 家時裝品牌,其後一直推出新款,今 年由網上店擴充成實體店。

創立旗袍品牌意念之所以萌生,乃因 她從朋友口中得知香港的旗袍品牌及 款式不多,且定價高昂,屬奢侈品市 場。年輕人雖然欣賞,卻選擇不多。 "試想想,為何外國人會如此珍重他 們的傳統服裝?"她舉例,在日本街 頭不難找到穿着和服的人,然而中國 旗袍卻漸漸埋沒於時代塵埃。她希望 活化旗袍,加入新穎元素,使之不失 東方味道,又能令人耳目一新。

#### 新時代 新衣料

現代人生活三餐豐足,難保持姣好身形。蔡毅明做市場調查時,發現不少現代女性擔心旗袍太貼身,容易暴露身形缺點。因此她在用料上特別用心,將傳統的絲質料改為蕾絲及有彈力的萊卡料,以迎合不同女士身形。至於設計方面,她保留傳統旗袍領口,但在衣身加入時裝的流行元素,

例如在旗袍下擺以斜線剪裁,有別於 傳統固定的高叉款式。

#### 獲本地企業青睞

銷售方面,蔡毅明為品牌開設了網上 商店,不少客人在網店看到設計後 前來辦公室試穿,合適便會即時 下。她亦接訂造的訂單,又安排出 於個別時裝店和百貨公司寄聞限, 如,她就曾在裕華國貨作期間 店。起初只是打算測試市場反應,沒 想到寄賣後,不少客戶追尋服裝品 牌。由於顧客反應好,百貨公司邀請 她固定合作,以吸引年輕一輩顧客, 薈萃特色品牌,成為旗袍集中地。

目前,蔡毅明的品牌亦與本地企業開展不同形式的合作,如美麗華集團旗下的精品酒店 Mira Moon 就請她為酒店員工設計旗袍制服,在中國傳統服裝加入時尚元素,更能展示酒店中西合璧的特色。她特別設計了兩種款式,讓酒店員工分別在日夜穿着。就是這點別具心思的元素,使 Mira Moon 酒店形象脱穎而出。

### 結合新科技 弘揚中華風

此外,隨着3D打印技術愈趨成熟,



蔡毅明更在旗袍中加入最新製衣技術。一般人覺得旗袍花紋始終過於傳統,故她棄用牡丹花及龍鳳,改用時尚及抽象的花形圖案。特別的是,花形圖案之產生是她先把在世界各地拍下的花卉照片設計成不同的圖案,再以3D技術打印在布料上,可謂別具心思。

社交媒體普及,蔡毅明也善用網上平 台銷售,當中除了詳列旗袍尺寸,更 提供一對一銷售服務,顧客若擔心衣 不稱身,可以直接與售貨員對話,他 們會提供專業意見。在品牌推廣方 面,特別設立 Facebook 和 Instagram 專頁,上載產品圖片及目錄,能針對 目標客戶群組,減低宣傳成本費用。 她自言,利用網絡宣傳需要學習不 同技巧,例如在帖子加上主題標籤 (hashtag),可以提升用戶的關注度。

蔡毅明團隊雖然人數少,但借助社交 媒體,這個初創企業突破了資源限 制。"網絡世界變化很快,很多事都 要從頭學起。與時並進,才能貼近年 輕市場。"網絡平台也使她的品牌走 輕香港,面向國際市場,不少歐美客 戶就是這樣得來。看見東方文化能於 歐美弘揚,蔡毅明身為推手,喜悦莫 過於此。◆

### Revitalizing the old-world cheongsam

former model, Choi started her own fashion brand in 2011. With new releases out regularly, she has gone from online store to brick and mortar this year.

"Just think about it. Why do people in other countries value their traditional costumes so much?" For example, she says, it is easy to find people in kimono in the streets of Japan whereas the Chinese cheongsam is getting buried by the times.

#### New age and new materials

Many modern women are discouraged by the figure-hugging cheongsam, worrying that it will reveal imperfections of their





以3D 技術打印在布料上 Attractive patterns are then designed and printed on fabrics with 3D technology

bodies. She addresses this issue by selecting special materials to suit individual silhouettes. Her creations are designed with classic cheongsam collars but the bodices highlight the fluidity of modern fashion.

Noting that a tailor-made cheongsam easily takes three to six months to complete and often carries a hefty price tag, Choi has handpicked a range of stretch fabrics so that it does not have to be made to measure. Customers can try it on in the shop and take it home right away. This is in rhythm with the fast-paced lifestyle of the younger generation and she hopes to make cheongsams popular again with this novel design concept.

### Winning the favor of local companies

As for marketing, Choi makes her products to order and also sells them in fashion boutiques and department stores on consignment. She had a pop-up store at Yue Hwa Chinese Products Emporium. Response was so good the store proposed permanent partnership to attract young customers.

Her brand is now engaged in different forms of cooperation with a number of local companies. One such example is Mira Moon, a boutique hotel of Miramar Group. She was commissioned to design cheongsam uniforms for its staff. She came up with two designs for day and night respectively. These cheongsams have created a unique image for Mira Moon that stands out in the hospitality industry.

### Showcasing Chinese chic with new technology

Advances in 3D printing have presented new possibilities. Choi is employing the latest garment-making technologies in her cheongsams while using stylish and abstract floral patterns. These floral patterns are unique in that they are based on photographs of flowers she took in different parts of the world. Attractive patterns are then designed and printed on fabrics with 3D technology.

With social media fast becoming part of everyday life, Choi is making good use of online sales platforms. She offers one-onone sales service that enables direct chat between customers and sales consultants. To promote the brand, she has set up pages on Facebook and Instagram and uploads product images and catalogs to save publicity cost. She says to promote products online effectively one needs to master various techniques. For example, adding hashtags to posts can boost follower traffic.

With only a small team, this startup has overcome the obstacle of limited resources on the strength of social media. Online platforms have also helped her brand to take off from Hong Kong to get into the international market. She has attracted many of her customers in the western world through these channels. As a keen promoter of Eastern culture, Choi has great joy seeing our heritage blossoming in Europe and America.





"好感衍生信任,信任締造合作機會,人總傾向與信任的人合作。"企業管理培訓公司 Presence 行政董事謝英許相信,商業演講一如做人處世,在對方心目中建立信心,實在至關重要。

"Good impression gives rise to trust and trust creates opportunities for cooperation, as people tend to cooperate with people they trust." **Tse Ying-hui**, **Managing Director of Presence**, a corporate **management training company**, believes that delivering a business speech is like conducting oneself in society, it is vital to gain the confidence of the audience.



### 成敗七秒間

國19世紀末著名動作片演員威爾·羅傑斯說過:"你沒有第二次機會來創造第一印象。"美國霍士新聞創辦人Roger Aisle 甚至指出,第一印象在首次接觸的七秒鐘已經留下。對於推銷員來說,這七秒鐘更加是決定了有沒有訂單的關鍵時刻。

#### 爭取注意 活用實例

演講成功,除了靠內容紮實,還需要有一定的技巧。謝英許指出,不少演講者上台墨守成規,永遠先來幾句客套說話,令人難留深刻印象。謝英許建議講者應甫開始就力求吸引聽眾注意:例如採用多媒體素材或向聽眾發問。

另外,他更以"TEA"來分析演講內容的結構。T代表 Theory(理論/論點),E代表 Example(例子),A則代表 Application(應用)。講者欲講解一個理論或觀點,必須輔以實例和闡釋,才足以説服觀眾。假設現在要宣傳一款新的產品,講者除了介紹產品獨特之處(T),更須配合生活例子(E),以及解釋產品如何帶來效益(A),才算完成一個"TEA"。

#### 不貪多 不讀稿

謝英許續指,有些講者空懷熱誠,欲忽略現實限制。限時五分鐘的演講,竟準備了十多頁的稿。"其實五分鐘內可以完成一個'TEA'的論述已經不容易了。"另外,他也提醒講者更注意總結,因為結尾處理不當,可能會去毀了整個演講。"總結應以'TEA'中的 A (應用)為主,使對象易於了解。"

至於寫稿,謝英許說一流的演講者 也許都會預先寫稿,但一定不會依 賴。"將講稿簡化成重點便夠。內容 既已熟悉,大膽脱離講稿才能'説 人話'。"

#### 留意遣詞用字

正所謂"魔鬼在細節中",謝英許認為講者遣詞用字實在不能輕視。講者應事先對聽眾背景有所了解,繼而決定講辭中專業名詞多寡,務求通達易懂。他也提到,講者發言宜留有餘地,毋須把話說得太死,以免得失聽眾,予人口實。

遇有需要比較,也切勿詆譭對手。他示範:"這幾個品牌的質量都相當不錯,我們突出之處在於……"如此陳述,既能突出優勢,又具大將之風,使聽者心悦誠服。

#### 知己知彼 適當交流

演講的肢體語言能成為講者的標誌, 例如美國總統特朗普幾個演講時變換 的手勢成為了他的招牌動作。雙手適 當的比劃,有助講者解釋一些概念, 但動作不宜太多和太大,以免分散觀



眾注意力。謝英許認為,比劃動作該 像捧着電視機,不高於下巴、不低於 皮帶的位置就剛剛好。有些講者過於 緊張,手握一枝筆或遙控器也許有助 紓緩。至於一些無助表達的小動作, 在講台上則應該避免。

謝英許還提到,講者必須留意聽眾反應:"如果有觀眾身體前傾、皺眉,恐怕是對演講內容有疑問。"同時,他建議容易緊張的講者勿被聽眾打可欠、看錶、按手機等小動作自亂轉腳。"不要因為少數人的小動作影響自己,或許看錶的聽眾只是為了趕着



接孩子放學,打呵欠那位可能要接連聽幾個講座。"若有需要,他建議講者可找尋面帶微笑的聽眾,講者多與 他們互動,使演講更生動。

自信在演講中非常重要,但也不要將對方震懾。謝英許提醒,如果講者的自信心會為聽眾帶來自卑感和壓迫感,則是過猶不及。"使對方感到舒適放鬆,能正確地接收信息,才是你演講的原意。"

ill Rogers, a famous American action movie star in late 19th century, once said: "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." Roger Ailes, founder of Fox News in the United States, even pointed out that a person has only seven seconds to make a first impression. For a salesperson, these seven seconds are a crucial moment that decides whether the order is secured or not.

Tse believes that the pace of walking to the podium to deliver a public speech should be one to two steps faster than usual. Before reaching the podium, you must not rush to talk. Instead, make yourself at ease, glance at the audience, and then

start calmly. He explained that people already start to evaluate the speaker quietly as soon as he or she enters the venue. Therefore, it is very important to always keep smiling.

### Using practical examples to attract attention

The success of a speech not only depends on a strong content, but also requires certain skills. Tse pointed out that many speakers stick to the rules and always start with some polite greetings, which is unlikely to leave a deep impression.

In addition, he used "TEA" to analyze the structure of a speech. T stands for Theory/

View, E for Example, and A for Application. To explain a theory or view, the speaker must supplement it with examples and details in order to convince the audience.

### Less is more and don't read from script

Tse added that some speakers are passionate but they neglect practical constraints. They go as far as preparing more than 10 pages for a five-minute speech. He also reminded speakers of paying attention to the final conclusion, because it may ruin the entire speech if handled improperly.

Regarding preparing for the speech, Tse said that topnotch speakers may perhaps write a script beforehand, but will certainly not rely on it. "It is sufficient to simplify the script into key points. The speaker can only speak naturally after knowing the content by heart and then boldly stay away from the script."

#### Choice of words is important

Tse believes that the importance of choice of words cannot be ignored. The speaker should have an understanding of the background of the audience in advance, and then decide on the number of specialized terms to use in the speech, and they must be easy to understand.

If comparison is required, do not slander the competitors. He demonstrated: "All these brands have very good quality, but what make ours stand out are..." Such a statement not only highlights the strengths but also presents a generous disposition, and is likely to convince the audience.

### Knowing yourself and others; communicating appropriately

The body language used during a speech embodies the speaker. Appropriate hand gestures can help the speaker explain some ideas, but they should not be too many and too pronounced so that the audience will not be distracted. Useless small gesticulations should be avoided on the podium.

Tse also mentioned that the speaker must pay attention to the reaction of the audience: "If the audience lean forward or frown, they may have questions about the speech." At the same time, he advised speakers who get tensed up easily not to panic when people in the audience yawn, look at their watch or use their mobile phone. If necessary, he suggested they look for smiling faces in the audience and make the speech more vivid and lively by interacting with them.

Self-confidence is very important during a speech, but do avoid intimidating the audience. Tse reminded that it is going too far if the speaker's self-confidence makes the audience feel inferior and oppressed. "Make the audience feel comfortable and relaxed so that they can accurately receive the message, and this should be the intention of your speech."









### 解讀"兩會"論壇 Insights into China's "Two Sessions"

會與香港友好協進會合辦"解讀'兩會'論壇",中聯辦副主任楊健蒞臨主禮。 論壇上,全國人大常委會副秘書長竇樹華、全國政協副秘書長鄧宗良、國務院發展研究中心副主任王一鳴、商務部政策研究室主任兼新聞發言人沈丹陽分別發表專題演講,分析今年"兩會"重要政策及中國宏觀經濟形勢發展。今年論壇又增設"港區人大政協論兩會"環節,邀請港區人大代表譚惠珠及廖長江,全國政協常委陳永棋,全國港澳研究會副會長、全國政協委員劉兆佳擔任嘉賓,從香港角度暢談"兩會"政策帶來的啟示和香港未來發展機遇。(7/4) ❖

(演講內容請見"政經縱橫"欄目。)



he Chamber co-organized the forum "Insights into China's 'Two Sessions'" with the Friends of Hong Kong Association, invited Yang Jian, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central Government in the HKSAR, as the officiating guest. Guest speakers in this year were: Dou Shuhua, Deputy Secretary-General of NPC Standing Congress, Deng Zongliang, Deputy Secretary-General of CPPCC National Committee; Wang Yiming, Deputy **Director of the Development Research** Center of the State Council; Shen Danyang, Director-General of the Policy Research Department and Spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce. They examined the key policies and the wide picture of Chinese economic development discussed in the "Two Sessions". This year, a new session was added. Maria Tam and Martin Liao. NPC Deputies: Chan Wing-kee, CPPCC National Standing Committee Member; Lau Siu-kai, CPPCC National Committee Member and Vice-President of Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Macao Studies were invited to discuss the inspiration and opportunities brought by "Two Sessions" from Hong Kong's standpoint. (7/4)

Please refer to the "Spotlight" section for content of the speeches.







### 訪江蘇探尋 新機遇

### **Visiting Jiangsu for Exploring Opportunities**



李強(右) Li Qiang (left)



前會長蔡冠深,副會長劉鐵成,永遠榮譽會長李 **德麟、馬忠禮,長三角委員會主席謝湧海**率團到 南京、無錫、張家港三市考察,分別獲江蘇省委 書記李強、省長石泰峰、南京市委書記吳政隆、市長繆瑞 林,無錫市委書記李小敏,張家港市委書記朱立凡等領導 會見,了解江蘇省及各市最新發展情況,並探討在"一帶 一路"戰略下如何優勢互補,共謀發展。

李強指香港是江蘇省最大的外資來源地,高端服務業發 達,希望兩地能深化合作;石泰峰向團員介紹了該省情 況,希望兩地在江蘇的升級轉型上能有更多合作,共謀發 展;吳政隆讚揚本會一直積極參與國家建設,對南京經濟 社會發展有重要貢獻。李小敏表示,無錫將進一步優化營 商環境,希望加強與香港交流合作;朱立凡説,張家港投 資發展前景廣闊,盼更多香港工商界前來考察投資。(27-30/3)



ed by the Chamber's Chairman Jonathan Choi, Vicechairman Brandon Liu, Life Honorary Chairmen William Lee and Lawrence Ma and Chairman of YRD Committee Tse Yung-hoi, the Chamber organized a study tour to Nanjing, Wuxi and Zhangjiagang. The delegation was



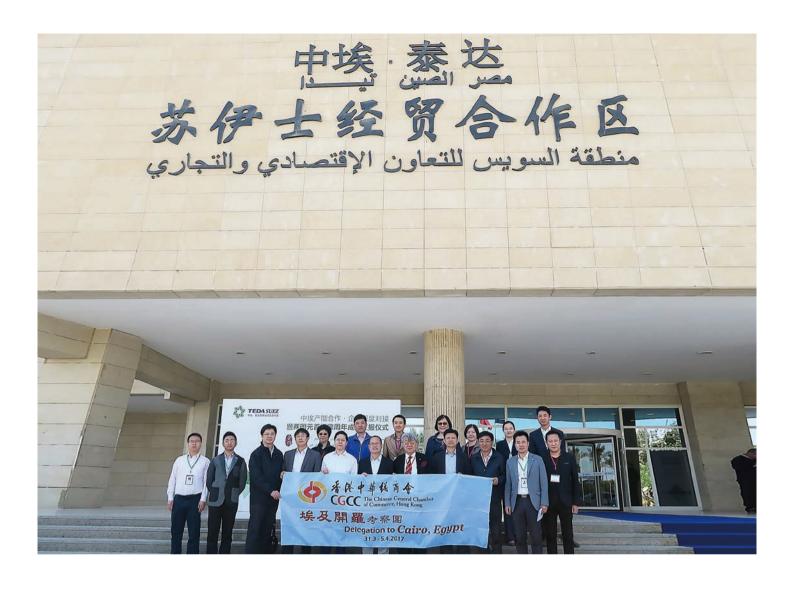






received by Secretary of CPC Committee of Jiangsu Li Qiang, Governor of Jiangsu Shi Taifeng, Secretary of CPC Committee of Nanjing Wu Zhenglong, Secretary of CPC Committee of Wuxi Li Xiaomin, Secretary of CPC Committee of Zhangjiagang Zhu Lifan. During the meeting, the delegation had a better understanding of the development of Jiangsu and the cities. They also explored the opportunities for cooperation under the "Belt and Road Initiatives".

Li Qiang said Hong Kong is the largest source of foreign investment in Jiangsu. As Hong Kong's high-end service industries are flourishing, he hoped the cooperation between Jiangsu and Hong Kong can be deepened. Shi Taifeng introduced Jiangsu to the delegation, he hoped there will be more cooperation in upgrading and restructuring between two places. Wu Zhenglong praised the Chamber for its initiative in participating in the development of China and its social and economic contribution to Nanjing. Li Xiaomin said Wuxi will further improve economic environment. He hoped communication and cooperation between Wuxi and Hong Kong can be enhanced. Zhu Lifan said there is bright future for investment in Zhangjiagang. He hoped more members from Hong Kong industrial and business sector will come. (27-30/3)



### 訪埃及促進相互了解

### **Visiting Eqypt for Enhancing Mutual Understanding**

前會長蔡冠深率團考察埃及,出席於開羅舉行,由中總協辦之"一帶一路工商論壇",探討香港與埃及在一帶一路建設中的合作機遇,並向埃及、來自其他非洲國家、阿拉伯國家等500多名政商界人士介紹香港的優勢產業,以及香港在一帶一路建設中發揮的獨特作用。在埃及期間,考察團並拜訪中國大使館,以及參觀當地企業。

考察團一行拜訪了中國駐埃及大使宋愛國,他向代表團介紹埃及近年的社會及經濟發展情況、中埃雙邊關係、以及非洲和中東等地的情況。代表團其後出席了大使館經濟商務參贊處公參韓兵介紹近

年中埃貿易及當地中資企業的投資情況。他認為,資源深加工產業、技術密集型產業在當地的發展前景較好,而埃及與歐盟及一些非洲國家達成了貿易互惠協議或自由貿易協議,埃及貨品出口到這些市場可享有優惠,唯外商亦需注意當地的外匯管制及匯率波動情況。

此外,團員亦前往中埃·泰達蘇伊士經貿合作區參觀,考察區內的中資企業發展情況。今次埃及考察團大部份團員均為首次踏足埃及,在論壇期間,除了與埃及有關部門及工商界領袖交流外,亦與來自其他阿拉伯國家的工商機構負責人見面,建立聯繫,並對當地營商環境及機遇加深了解。(31/3-6/4)









ed by the Chamber's Chairman Jonathan Choi, the Chamber organized a study tour to Cairo in Egypt for participating the "Belt and Road Industrial & Commercial Conference". The delegation explored cooperation opportunities in the establishments of "Belt and Road" Initiatives between Hong Kong and Egypt. They also introduced the industries where Hong Kong enjoys clear advantages and the unique position of Hong Kong in the "Belt and Road" establishments to 500 politicians and business people from Egypt and other African and Arabian countries. During the time in Egypt, the delegation also visited Chinese Embassy and local enterprises in Cairo.

The delegation met with **Chinese Ambassador to Egypt Song Aiguo**. Song introduced the recent social and economic development in Egypt, bilateral relations between Hong Kong and Egypt and the recent updates on Africa and Middle East. Later, the delegation participated the discussion forum held by Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy in Egypt.

Minister Counselor of Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy in Egypt Han Bin talked about China-Egypt trading and the investment situation of Chinese enterprises there. He was optimistic about the future of resources processing industry and skill intensive industry in Egypt. At the same time, Egypt has reached reciprocal agreements or free trade agreements with EU and some other African countries. Egypt's export would also benefit in these places. Yet, Han reminded the foreign investors had to pay attention on local exchange control and the fluctuation of exchange rate.

Participants also visited China-Egypt Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone for studying development of the Chinese enterprises there. Most of the members of the delegation were the first time visitor to Egypt. During the trip, they communicated with the related departments and leaders, and also met with the head of the industrial and business organizations in other Arabian countries. Mutual communication and understanding were enhanced. (31/3-6/4)







### 2017互聯網經濟峰會 Internet Economy Summit 2017







會早前與其他香港幾家商會合辦 "商會論壇:網上營商攻略",此為互聯網經濟峰會下的五個專題論壇之一,行業領袖分享在互聯網 + 年代發展電子商貿的經驗。

是次論壇邀得城中知名講者和貴賓蒞臨演說,吸引超過600名人士出席。獲邀的講者包括**行政長官梁振英**以及多間大型企業的創辦人、行政總裁和主管,如 Amazon、Facebook、香港電視、香港機場管理局、莎莎、周生生、八達通、AsiaPay、錢方好近,以及 Indiegogo 等。

論壇上,與會者有機會了解行業的最新動態和未來發展趨勢,並與一眾贊助商建立商務聯繫及發掘策略性夥伴合作機會。論壇的最後環節為三場專題討論,分別重點討論企業創新轉型、電子支付的發展,以及全新的網上營商模式。(11/4) ◆

arlier, the Chamber co-organized a forum entitled "Forging Ahead with Doing Business Online" with some other industrial and business organizations in Hong Kong. The forum is one of the five forums of Internet Economy Summit. In the era of Internet+, Leaders from different industries shared their experiences in e-commerce.

Popular speakers and guests were invited to the forum and there were over 600 participants. Among others, guests were included **Chief Executive C Y Leung** and the founder, CEO or head from several large-scale enterprises like Amazon, Facebook, HKTV, Airport Authority Hong Kong, Sasa, Chow Seng Seng, Octupus, Asiapay, QFPay and Indiegogo.

In the forum, participants were able to have a better understanding about the industry and its development in future. They could build up connection and explore chances for cooperation. The last part of the forum consisted of three discussion sessions. They talked about business transformation, future of e-payment and the whole new mode of e-commerce. (11/4)



## 廣交會揭示粤港澳大灣區機遇

### **Canton Fair Reveals Bay Area Opportunities**





會會長蔡冠深率領代表團出席 "第121屆中國進出口商品交易會" 開幕式,期間會晤商務部副部長房愛卿、廣東省副省長何忠友、廣州市市長溫國輝及副市長蔡朝林等領導。房愛卿指

廣州市市長溫國輝及副市長祭朝林等領導。房愛卿指出,在"一帶一路"建設中,港澳有獨特的優勢,可與內地企業在沿線國家共同開拓市場和投資。至於粵港澳大灣區城市群的規劃,將可促進三地資源分享,優勢互補。何忠友亦表示,三地要把握機遇,發揮好粵港澳大灣區作用。港澳在全球貿易上有經驗和人脈,粵港澳可聯手"走出去"。

在廣州期間,代表團應邀出席由廣州市工商聯舉辦的 "慶祝第121屆中國進出口商品交易會開幕活動", 蔡冠深代表致辭。代表團成員尚包括**副會長曾智明及** 永遠榮譽會長霍震寰、林銘森等。(14-15/4) he Chamber's Chairman Jonathan Choi led a delegation to join the opening reception of "the 121st Session of China Import and Export Fair" and met with Fang Aiqing, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce; He Zhongyou, Vice-governor of Guangdong Province; Wen Guohui and Cai Chaolin, Mayor and Vice-mayor of Guangzhou respectively. Fang said with the unique position of Hong Kong and Macau, it is possible for the two cities to explore new markets and opportunities with the Mainland enterprises under the "Belt and Road Initiatives". With the plan of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, resources could be shared and strengths could be complemented among them. He Zhongyou also agreed that both three places should grasp the opportunities by making best use of the Bay Area. Three places could "go out" together with the global trade experience and network from Hong Kong and Macau.

The delegation also attends a celebrating activity organized by Guangzhou Federation of Industry and Commerce, with Choi representing the Chamber to deliver speech. Among others, members of the delegation include **Vice-chairman Ricky Tsang** as well as **Life Honorary Chairmen Ian Fok** and **Lam Ming-sum**. (14-15/4)



### 同唱高歌 支持港樂

### **Choir in Support of HKPhil**

港管弦樂團假文化中心音樂廳舉辦籌款音樂會, 適逢今年音樂會的主題為 "Your HK Phil·Our Community",本會除捐獻善款,亦組織逾130人的合 唱團,在管弦樂團的出色伴奏下獻唱〈始終有你〉及〈真的漢 子〉兩曲。是次活動由婦女委員會、青年事務委員會及地區事 務委員會共同組織,合唱團成員包括本會會長蔡冠深、副會長 袁武、劉鐵成、李應生、楊華勇、一眾會董、會員友好以及警 務人員。(25/3)

ong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra organized a fundraising concert at Cultural Centre Concert Hall. Responding to the concert's theme of "Your HK PhilOur Community", apart from donation, the Chamber formed a choir and performed two songs together with the Orchestra. The choir consists of over a 130 members, including the Chamber's Chairman Jonathan Choi, Vice-chairmen Yuen Mo, Brandon Liu, Tommy Li and Johnny Yu, members and friends of the Chamber as well as representatives of the Hong Kong Police Force. (25/3)











### 接待嘉賓 Reception of Guests









中聯辦副主任陳冬(前排左四)認為,隨着國家經濟發展與國際地位不斷提升,香港與內地有着龐大的合作發展空間,青年人應努力捉緊機遇,跟隨國家步伐一起成長。他希望中總能在參與"一帶一路"戰略與粵港澳大灣區發展的進程中,攜手為青年人創造更多機會,構建平台走向世界。(12/4)

Chen Dong (fourth from left, first row), Deputy Director of Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, stated that Hong Kong and the Mainland has a huge space for cooperation, along with the national rise in economic and international status. He urged the younger generation to seize the opportunity arose. He is looking forward to cooperate with the Chamber to provide the youngsters more opportunity to step forward to the world, through the development of "Belt and Road" initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.





- 1. 淮安市副市長顧坤(前排左三)(11/4) Gu Kun (third from left, first row), Deputy Mayor of Huaian
- 2. 吉林省外事辦公室副主任張玉奪(右)(11/4) Zhang Yuduo (right), Deputy Director-General of the Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Jilin Province
- 3. 山西省外事僑務辦公室副主任冉莉萍(前排中)(24/4) Ran Liping (middle, first row), Deputy Director-General of the Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Shanxi Province
- 安徽省商務廳副廳長楊本清(左三)(13/4)
   Yang Benqing (third from left), Vice-Director of Department of Commerce of Anhui Province
- 5. 南京市江寧區委統戰部常務副部長張斌(左五)(19/4) Zhang Bin (fifth from left), Executive Vice-Minister of the United Front Work Department of Jiangning District Committee, Nanjing

- 葡萄牙投資署委員會主席 Miguel Frasquilho(右二) (6/4)
  - Miguel Frasquilho (second from right), President of the Board of Directors of Portuguese Trade and Investment Agency
- 7. 加拿大華創會代表團團長胡定旭(前排右六) Anthony Wu (sixth from right, front row), Leader of Canada China Club Delegation
- 8. 伊朗駐港總領事 Mehdi Fakheri (左二) (10/4)
  Mehdi Fakheri (second from left), Iran Consul General in Hong
  Kong and Macao





### 會員活動 Members' Activities

1. 對外事務委員會舉辦午餐講座,邀請 Hong Kong-APEC Trade Policy Group 執行董事杜大偉分享香港加入 APEC 對商界的重要性,以及如何擴大香港的商機及發展。(10/4)

External Affairs Committee organized a luncheon session and invited **Executive Director of Hong Kong-APEC Trade Policy Group David Dodwell** as guest speaker to elaborate the importance of joining APEC for Hong Kong business community.

- **2.** 婦女委員會舉辦午餐專題簡報會,邀請港區全國人大代表劉佩瓊及全國政協 委員張賽娥,介紹今年"兩會"情況,並分享體會。(6/4)
  - NPC Deputy Lau Pui-king and CPPCC National Committee Member Cheung Choi-ngor were invited to be the guest speakers for the "Two Sessions" luncheon organized by Ladies' Committee.
- 3. 油尖旺區聯絡處安排"佛山文化風情美食二天團",一眾會員親友一同遨遊沙灣古鎮及嶺南名園"寶墨園"等景點,並品嚐當地美食。(8-9/4) Yau Tsim Mong District Liaison Group arranged a two-day trip to Foshan. They visited famous scenic spots including Shawan Ancient Town of Panyu and Baomo Scenery. Participants were treated with local cuisines.

