



## 會長序辭

2017年是香港回歸祖國20周年，國家主席習近平親臨香港視察，見證新任行政長官和新一屆特區政府官員就任，引領香港實現良好開局。國家全力推進“一帶一路”和粵港澳大灣區規劃建設，為香港工商經濟發展注入新動力。本會亦一如既往，全力協助會員抓緊機遇，開拓更多海內外發展商機。

### 探索區域合作機遇

“一帶一路”近年成為內地推進對外開放聯繫的焦點，粵港澳大灣區亦獲中央高度重視，相信隨着具體規劃正式出台實施，將有助全面配合“一帶一路”發展步伐，進一步提升區域經濟合作優勢與功能。

中總在促進工商界參與“一帶一路”和大灣區建設一直不遺餘力。去年5月，時任全國人大常委會委員長張德江接見中總訪京團，對本會擔當聯繫海內外企業的橋樑角色予以肯定，並寄語香港趕搭國家經濟增長快車，充分發揮“超級聯繫人”作用。中總亦組團赴廣州，與省市領導就深化大灣區建設、促進粵港合作交換意見，更就相關課題向特區政府和內地單位呈交意見書。

本會透過舉辦不同類型論壇及考察活動，協助會員了解“一帶一路”和大灣區最新發展；我們亦就加強香港與東盟經貿合作積極出謀獻策，並欣見雙方正式簽署自貿協定，有利彼此貿易與投資往來邁向更深層次合作。年內，我們舉辦“香港高峰論壇”，邀請內地和東盟國家經貿部長、政府官員、商界領袖及企業精英等，共商“一帶一路”與東盟最新形勢和投資商機。我們亦在埃及協辦“一帶一路工商論壇”，並分別與印尼、越南等地合辦經貿研討會，促成工商企業和團體簽署合作協議，進一步深化彼此經貿往來合作空間。

我們更首次舉辦“中總一帶一路續FUN遊”，透過美食、表演、文化交流及遊戲，冀在推動經貿發展之餘，讓市民了解“一帶一路”沿線文化，增廣見聞。

### 搭建經貿交流平台

中總也積極發揮與內地和海外網絡聯繫優勢，為會員搭建交流平台。去年，本會接待內地多個省市領導來訪，亦組團前往廣東、江蘇、雲南和寧夏等地考察，並出席廣交會、中博會、廈門投洽會等活動，協助會員了解當地發展和商機。我們亦參與合辦在台北舉行的海峽兩岸暨港澳經貿論壇，探索兩岸四地區域合作機遇。

此外，本會繼續舉辦“解讀‘兩會’論壇”，剖析國家重要政策對香港發展的啟示。我們亦肩負“世界華商大會”召集人組織的責任和使命，積極協助海內外華商加強合作，並組團赴緬甸參加第14屆世界華商大會，探索內地、東盟和國際市場發展商機。

### 協助反映業界訴求

過去一年，全球經濟逐步回穩，內地保持中高速增長，香港經濟亦有不俗表現。然而，美國息率走向、英國“脫歐”，以至地緣政治等因素，均為環球政經局勢帶來不明朗因素，也對本港工商發展增添變數。

中總時刻關注經濟與營商環境變化，年內透過施政報告、財政預算案和各項政策諮詢途徑，適時就重要經濟政策與社會發展向特區政府表達會員意見及訴求，維護業界利益，包括就強積金對沖、一地兩檢等備受各界關注的議題積極與特區政府官員溝通。我們亦繼續舉辦“中總論壇”、會董會講座和各類專題活動，推動本港政商界與社會各界加強互動交流。

### 構建穩定和諧社會

本會一直秉持愛國愛港優良傳統，全力支持特區政府依法施政，致力維護社會穩定發展。去年行政長官選舉期間，中總18名選委一致支持林鄭月娥女士，對其順利當選深感鼓舞。

去年發生了立法會宣誓風波，亦出現鼓吹“港獨”言行等事件，嚴重違反國家憲法和抵觸《基本法》，本會予以強烈譴責，並明確表達我們支持全國人大常委會主動釋法的立場。我們相信，釋法令《基本法》相關條文更能清晰和有效落實執行，減少對香港社會帶來的衝擊，讓立法會和社會能重回正軌。

除關注工商經濟發展，本會亦十分重視青年培育。過去一年，我們繼續資助本港學生赴內地實習、舉辦培訓班和交流活動，包括贊助“大學生實習交流計劃”、“少年太空人體驗營”等項目，加深年青人對祖國的認識。與此同時，我們亦繼續履行社會責任，推動會員積極參與公益事務，並透過“中總愛心行動”和地區事務委員會舉辦不同活動，凝聚及傳遞工商界愛心與關懷。

### 共迎經濟發展新時代

總結2017年，本會各項工作與計劃得到順利開展，有賴全體會董鼎力支持、各委員會悉心籌劃和會員踴躍參與，我謹此表達衷心感謝。同時，我亦對秘書處同儕的辛勤努力表示讚賞。

2018年是國家改革開放40周年，也是“十九大”開局之年，國家將邁進新時代與新形勢發展。中總也將全力融入國家發展大局，重新定位，不單成為服務香港的中華總商會，更是服務全中國的中華總商會，配合國家所需、發揮香港所長，善用香港“一國兩制”和自由經濟的獨特優勢，在“一帶一路”、粵港澳大灣區和人民幣國際化等戰略發展進程中，為國家、香港及工商界作出應有貢獻。

第50屆會長



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## Chairman's Statement

2017 marks the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong returning to China. President Xi Jinping made a personal visit to Hong Kong to witness the swearing in of the SAR's new Chief Executive and the new government, igniting the vision of a brighter outlook for Hong Kong. The "Belt and Road Initiative" and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area devised by the Central government are meant to inject new momentum into Hong Kong's industrial and economic development. As always, CGCC is dedicated to helping its members take advantage of all opportunities and develop more business both at home and abroad.

### Exploring Regional Partnerships

In recent years, "Belt and Road Initiative" has been a focus of continued efforts to open up Mainland China even further. The Bay Area has also received extensive support from the central government, and we are confident that, as more detailed implementation measures are put in place, this program, in conjunction with "Belt and Road Initiative", will create even more advantages and possibilities for regional economic cooperation.

CGCC spares no efforts in fostering participation in both "Belt and Road Initiative" and the Bay Area. Last May, the then NPC Chairman Zhang Dejiang met with representatives from CGCC in Beijing, commending it for its efforts to act as a bridge linking companies from around the world with Chinese enterprises, while encouraging Hong Kong to take advantage of China's rapid economic growth and make the best of its role as a "super-connector". CGCC also visited Guangzhou, meeting with provincial and municipal leaders to exchange views on how to press forward with the Bay Area program and drive cooperation between Hong Kong and Guangdong. After the meeting, CGCC also submitted proposals of the discussed topics to the SAR Government and Mainland offices.

CGCC also organized a range of forums and visits to keep its members abreast of the latest developments of "Belt and Road Initiative" and the Bay Area. We actively provided recommendations on how to strengthen trade and economic exchange between Hong Kong and ASEAN nations. We were happy that Hong Kong and ASEAN entered into a free trade agreement, which is an important next step in deeper cooperation that will benefit mutual trade and investment. During the year, we held the "Hong Kong Summit", inviting ministers of economy and trade, government officials, as well as business leaders and elites from both Mainland China and ASEAN nations to discuss the latest trends and opportunities for investment in "Belt and Road Initiative" and ASEAN. We also held the "Belt

and Road Industrial and Commercial Conference" in Egypt, organized trade seminars with Indonesia and Vietnam, and facilitated the signing of partnership agreements between enterprises and groups, further expanding the possibility of trade between these countries.

We also hosted the first-ever "CGCC Belt & Road FEST" that aimed to raise the public's understanding and exposure on the culture of various countries along the "Belt and Road" by showcasing their food, performances and games.

### Building a Platform for Trade Exchange

CGCC has made use of its network with the Mainland and the global business community to provide members with a platform for exchange. Last year CGCC welcomed leaders from a number of provinces and municipalities in Mainland China and organized exchange visits to Guangdong, Jiangsu, Yunnan and Ningxia. We attended the Canton Fair, Expo Central China and Xiamen's International Investment Forum to help our members learn about local development and business opportunities. We also co-hosted the Cross-Straits, Hong Kong and Macau Trade Forum, exploring opportunities for expanded cooperation among the cross-strait four regions.

In addition, CGCC has maintained a regular "Insights into China's 'Two Sessions'" Forum, examining the impact of important central government policies on Hong Kong's development. We have also taken on the responsibility and mission of forging participation in the World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC), actively working to strengthen cooperation among Chinese entrepreneurs around the world. Most recently, we led a delegation to Myanmar to attend the 14th WCEC, where market opportunities in Mainland China, ASEAN nations and across the globe had been discussed among participants.

### Giving Industry a Voice

Over the last year, the global economy has begun to stabilize. Mainland China has maintained medium to rapid economic growth and Hong Kong's economy has also done well. However, changes in interest rates in the United States, "Brexit" and geo-politics have created uncertainty in global politics and economy, which has increased the number of variables in Hong Kong's development.

CGCC constantly keeps its finger on the pulse of economics and business. Using the consultative channels of the Policy Address, the Budget and other policy decisions, we provided the SAR Government with opinions and views from our members, which serves to protect industry interests. We also actively communicated with SAR Government officials on key issues like the offsetting mechanism of the MPF and the co-location arrangement. We continued to hold the “CGCC Forum” and seminars for committee members to strengthen interaction between business and society in Hong Kong.

### **Building a Stable and Harmonious Society**

CGCC has always maintained a tradition of patriotic love for both China and Hong Kong, supporting the SAR Government in its administration and promoting stable social development. During the election for the Chief Executive, all the 18 Election Committee members of CGCC gave their full support for Carrie Lam. We were encouraged by her assumption as the Chief Executive.

Last year, the LegCo oath-taking row as well as views and acts advocating Hong Kong independence were in direct violation of China’s constitution and in conflict with the Basic Law. CGCC strongly condemned these actions and clearly expressed our support of the NPC Standing Committee in its position for proactive legal interpretation. We believe that documents related to the interpretation of the Basic Law will ensure its clearer and more efficient implementation, reduce the harm on Hong Kong and ensure that the Legislative Council and society can function normally again.

In addition to industrial and economic development, CGCC also pays close attention to youth education. Over the past year, we have continually facilitated internship opportunities, training courses and exchanges for Hong Kong students in Mainland China, including programs like the “Internship and Exchange Program for Tertiary Students” and the “Young Astronaut Training Camp”, to foster understanding and knowledge of China among Hong Kong youth. At the same time, we keep doing social outreach work, encouraging our members to actively participate in programs that benefit society. Through the “We Care • We Share” program and the District Affairs Committee, various events were organized for the well-being of the society.

### **Welcoming a New Era of Economic Development**

To conclude, in 2017, the various projects and schemes of CGCC would not have been carried out smoothly without the overwhelming staunch support of all our Committee

Members, the meticulous planning by various committees and the active participation of member companies. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you all. I must also highly commend our colleagues at the Secretariat for their hard work.

2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the reform and opening-up of China as well as the implementation of the policy direction laid at the 19th National Congress. China is about to enter a new era and new phase of development. CGCC will set its course in the context of this development and reposition itself as a Chinese General Chamber of Commerce that serves not just Hong Kong but the whole China. We will support the needs of the country and uphold Hong Kong’s strength, making the most out of “One Country, Two Systems” and the edge as a free market economy. We will keep making contributions to the nation, Hong Kong and the industrial and business sector by leveraging the advantage of a range of strategic development opportunities like the “Belt and Road Initiative”, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area and internationalization of the RMB.



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