<u>Seminar on "The 14th Five-Year Plan and the Sustainable Development of</u> <u>Hong Kong Manufacturers" Held Successfully</u>



Seminar on "The 14th Five-Year Plan and the Sustainable Development of Hong Kong Manufacturers" (the "Seminar"), co-organized by <u>UNESCO Hong Kong Association</u> and <u>the Chinese Manufacturers'</u> <u>Association of Hong Kong</u>, was conducted successfully on 3 May 2021. <u>Mr. Leung Chun-ying GBM, GBS, JP, the Vice-chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)</u>, was honourably invited as the officiating guest to deliver a keynote speech. The Seminar advocates the leverage of the historical opportunity presented by the 14th Five-Year Plan, and pushes forward the achievement of the sustainable development goals by the Hong Kong industrial and commercial sectors, in order to take the geographical advantages of Hong Kong with international elites, while making innovation and sustainable development in the national and international dual circulation.



In the Seminar's welcoming speech delivered by **Dr. Allen Shi Lop-tak, the President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA)**, it was stated that following the national success of "completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects", economic development in the future would emphasize more on quality and the breakthrough of sustainable development. Hong Kong manufacturers should break with conventional mindset and follow the general trend under national development by strengthening the application and innovation of environmental technology in product design, production process and supply chain management.



Mr. Leung Chun-ying GBM, GBS, JP, the Vice-chairperson of CPPCC, shared in his keynote speech the national green development concepts in the 14th Five-Year Plan. Stating that mainland development was advanced by leaps and bounds with beautiful scenery and perfect order, he called on Hong Kong manufacturers to grab the opportunities given by the 14th Five-Year Plan and look for new business opportunities, for example, the <u>"three steps"</u>: <u>research studies</u>, <u>"dual propagation"</u> by explaining to the mainland the development in Hong Kong and to Hong Kong society the opportunities in the mainland, as well as <u>good connectivity</u>, for a better implementation of commercial plans.



Professor Karen Zhang, Executive President of UNESCO Hong Kong Association (UHKA), shared on the Seminar that UNESCO Hong Kong Association, with a wide national and global network, had built school network, professional committees and partner relationships in Hong Kong in the recent ten years.

With the data analysis in the Sustainable Development Goals Report 2020, and the comparative analysis in terms of policy concepts, economic goals and industrial emphasis from the 12th to 14th Five-Year Plans, Professor Zhang pointed out that in the new stage of promoting sustainable development goals (SDGs) globally, UHKA would nurture elites, provide technical services and independent certification based in Hong Kong, backed by the motherland, while facing the world, so as to help Hong Kong manufacturers start off again together with the assistance of the national 14th Five-Year Plan and the innovative development of the UN SDG Action Campaign in the national and international dual circulation.



Mr. Jackson Leung Siu-yin, the Vice-president of CMA and Chief Executive Officer, C & C Joint Printing Co., (HK) Limited, and Mr. Orr Ka-yeung, Kevin, Group Vice President & Chief Investment Officer of Winner Medical Group & General Manager of Winner Medical (Hong Kong) Limited shared their thoughts regarding the realization of sustainable development planning and actions, including real actions like environmental protection, Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG), digital reform, and de-plastination. All industry members were urged to be of one mind to reverse climate change to speed up the attainment of the SDGs.



Hosted by **Professor Thomas Wong, the Chairman of Sustainable Development Committee**, CMA, an interactive live discussion session is held, allowing officiating guests and other respected guests to respond to questions from online audience. The officiating guest, Mr. C.Y. Leung, concluded in the end that Hong Kong manufacturers may grasp opportunities under the 14th Five-Year Plan to advance sustainable

development, during which industries and corporations should undergo reformation and transformation, provided that the mainland sets an enormous new platform for Hong Kong development. He encouraged Hong Kong manufacturers and young people to have more visits in the mainland, enhance interactions between mainland chambers of commerce and local manufacturers, and share development outcomes.



Fig. 1: A photo of Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice-chairperson of CPPCC plus officiating guest (left 3), Dr. Allen Shi Lop-tak, President of CMA (right 3), and Prof. Karen Zhang, Executive President of UHKA (left 2) with Prof. Thomas Wong, Chairman of Sustainable Development Committee (right 2), Mr. Jackson Leung Siu-yin, the Vice-president of CMA and sharing guest (right 1), and Mr. Orr Ka-yeung, Kevin (left 1).



Fig. 2: A photo of Mr. Leung Chun-ying, the Vice-chairperson of CPPCC (right 4), and Dr. Allen Shi Lop-tak, President of CMA (right 3), with Prof. Karen Zhang, Executive President of UHKA (left 4), Prof. Enoch Young, Vice-president of UHKA (left 3), Mr. C. S. Ho, Green and Sustainable Development Finance Committee Convener (right 1), Mr. Wilson Chan (left 1), Ms. Wong Chi Mei, SDG Campus Director (right 2), and Mr. Cheung Siu Tung Tony, Project Steering Committee Member (left 2).



Fig. 3: A photo of Mr. Leung Chun-ying, the Vice-chairperson of CPPCC, Prof. Karen Zhang, Executive President of UHKA with Dr. Allen Shi Lop-tak, President of CMA and CMA general committee members.



The Seminar was broadcast live and online on the "UNESCO Hong Kong Association" official Facebook page, attracting hundreds of people from the manufacturing, commercial, educational sectors and media.



The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA) was founded in 1934, and now is one of the largest and most representative non-profit-making industrial organization in Hong Kong. With more than 3,000 member companies, CMA is committed to promote Hong Kong's industrial and commercial development such as to lead the local industry, to expand overseas markets such as ASEAN countries and cities in Belt and Road Initiative, as well as to take a middle-man role to bridge business opportunities between cities in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). In this respect, the advantages of the synergistic effects between the world and Hong Kong will be fully maximized. Earlier this year, The China Government released the 'Outline of the 14th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035' (the 14th Five-Year Plan) and has identified 'sustainable development' as a top priority. Viewing the trend, this seminar will focus on Hong Kong businesses' sustainability under the 14th Five-Year Plan.

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