

## “UNESCOHK Day” Successfully Held

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2021, “UNESCOHK Day” was successfully held by UNESCO Hong Kong Association (UHKA) in Central Market Hong Kong. The event comprised of 4 sections: publishing of UNESCO World conference on Education for sustainable development - China Education for Sustainable Development Country Report - 『 Hong Kong Regional Report 』 , Sharing Session on Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) , Voice from Youth and Sharing Session on Architecture Conservation and Culture Inheritance. Experts from a wide variety of industries were invited and the event was also broadcasted on Facebook live streaming, attracting Hong Kong citizens from all walks of life, across all age groups to take part.

The publishing of UNESCO World conference on Education for sustainable development - China Education for Sustainable Development Country Report - 『 Hong Kong Regional Report 』 was announced during the opening speech delivered by **Prof. Karen Q.Cheung**, Executive President & Secretary-General of UNESCO Hong Kong Association and Director of Hong Kong Institute of Education for Sustainable Development (HiESD). Over the past 18 years, UHKA and HiESD, as the member of the *Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (CNFUCA)*, have established strong international and national networks, including: regional reporting member of *United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)*, member of *the China Academic Committee of the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (UN PRME)*, registered association of *United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)* – Partnership for SDGs, expert advisory organization and service provider of the *United Nations Industrial Development Organization(UNIDO)*, member institution of the *United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN)* and networks of member schools, expert committee and partner institutions.

Prof. Cheung also shared the latest updates from the 2021 UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development held in Berlin, including: “Education for Sustainable Development A roadmap - ESD for 2030”, “Learn for our Planet” and “Berlin Declaration on ESD”. To practically implement and promote the SDGs in Hong Kong, HiESD takes the responsibility of research, development and training, the “Sustainable Development Planning” teaching system was developed and the *World Institute of Sustainable Development Planners (WISDP)* was also established. She also highlighted that various regional cases were included in China’s Country Report, for example, “the building of SDG lifelong learning system in Hong Kong” was included in Chapter 3: Implementation Strategies; project by Education University of Hong Kong entitled “Life Education and Citizen Science through Tree Protection and Conservation”, and a HiESD project named “Smart Healthy School” were included as implementation examples in section 5.



*Publishing of UNESCO World conference on Education for sustainable development - China Education for Sustainable Development Country Report - 『Hong Kong Regional Report』 and Opening Speech delivered by Prof. Karen Q.Cheung*

**Prof. Thomas CC. Wong**, Chairman of Sustainable Development Committee at Chinese Manufacturers Association hosted the “Hi 17SDGs” sharing session. The session was based on the podcast show “Hi 17SDGs”, in which Certified Sustainable Development Planner (CSDP) were invited to each episode. **Prof. Albert Lee**, Vice President of UNESCO HK Association and Clinical Professor of The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, **Dr Stephanie Lee**, Associate Division Head, Division of Social Sciences, Humanities and Design, PolyU, **Dr Jason Chan**, Head of IT at College of Professional and Continuing Education, PolyU, **Dr Aaron Tong**, Founder, Managing Director and Principal Consultant of TQM CONSULTANTS CO. LIMITED, **Dr Tommy Ho**, Founder and Chairman of Central Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Environmentalist, **Ir Ho Chi-Shing**, Chairman of the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency and **Mr. Roy Lo**, Chairman of Accountancy Training Board of the Vocational Training Council attended the event to discuss the SDGs from multiple dimensions, including Health and society, Innovative technology, Environment and Resource management, Green Bonds and ESG. **Prof. Karen Cheung** summarised the session by emphasizing the importance of Sustainable Development Planning and CSDP in promoting sustainable development and building a better future for all.



“Hi 17SDGs” sharing session (From left: **Prof. Thomas Wong**, **Prof. Albert Lee**, **Dr Stephanie Lee**, **Dr Jason Chan**, **Dr Aaron Tong**, **Dr Tommy Ho**, **Ir Ho Chi-Shing**, **Mr. Roy Lo**, **Prof. Karen Cheung**)



*Presentation of Certificates to Guest Speakers*

In the “Voice from Youth” section, UNESCO Hong Kong Green Citizen Youth Ambassadors expressed their passion and commitment towards promoting sustainable development in Hong Kong. Active participation by the youth is the driving force for a more sustainable future.



*Voice from Youth*

In the sharing session on architecture conservation and culture inheritance, **Ir Alvin Yip**, Principal Fellow and Former Director, PolyU expressed his vision of integrating

Architecture Conservation into the daily life of Hong Kong citizens using a few interesting examples. **Ir Edward Leung**, Former Chair at Heritage & Conservation Committee, HKIA also used well-known examples such as The Mills and Murray House to introduce the concept of Conservation of Modern Architecture in Hong Kong. **Dr Prudence Lau**, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural and Creative Arts (CCA), The Education University of Hong Kong, joined these two experts in the following panel session, which marked the successful closing of the event.



Keynote by Ir Alvin Yip



Keynote by Ir Edward Leung



Panel session on architecture conservation and culture inheritance and presentation of certificates