



To : Heads / Coordinators of Chapters / Associations

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From : Federation Secretariat

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Subject : Federation Chairman's Message

Dear fellow colleagues,

2020 has been an eventful year. Despite the unprecedented challenges and uncertainties brought by COVID-19 and the heightening geopolitical tension, Hong Kong has persevered and stayed strong and intact. Its world rankings remain high in terms of foreign exchange market, global offshore RMB business, stock market capitalisation, FDI stock, trade in merchandise and commercial services. And the city continues to be one of the busiest international air cargo hub and container ports. As one of the core engines of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) development, Hong Kong is well positioned to provide immense collaboration opportunities for the Hong Kong business associations worldwide.

With less than two months left in 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my visions of Federation's goals for the year ahead.

Moving forward, I envisage that the Federation would -

- Act as a bridge between the East and the West, foster global co-operation, communication exchange and synergy among the Hong Kong business associations worldwide;
- Provide a unified global voice through our HKBAs worldwide by facilitating business and investment opportunities in and through Hong Kong;
- Continue to build up our global youth development and engagement initiatives;
- Put special emphasis in promoting Industries of the Future such as AI, e-commerce, telecommunication, environmental engineering, smart cities, and technology, as well as health sectors such as research, biotechnology and biomedicine.

Since its formation in 2000, the Federation has spared no effort in promoting closer business links between Hong Kong and the world. The role of our 46 Hong Kong Business Associations as Hong Kong's global ambassadors has become more important than ever in helping to retain international confidence in Hong Kong. The Federation will continue its commitment to promoting international partnerships through Hong Kong.

Taking this opportunity, I would also like to invite all our members to join the upcoming [Hong Kong Forum](#) 1-3 December 2020. Going digital for the first time this year, the Forum will cover the latest update on the new economic landscape and business opportunities post COVID-19. A dedicated session on Young Executive Programme (YEP) will also be held to encourage the engagement and exchange with young members from this global network. More importantly, participants would be able to have 'real time' networking with each other using our online platform to continue the business momentum.

I hope you all stay healthy in this challenging time, and I look forward to meeting you online at the upcoming Hong Kong Forum this December.

Best regards,



Dennis Chiu
Chairman
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