



Flagship Awards Programme Recognises Achievements and Best Practices

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Rounding off a year that saw the lifting of the remaining Covid-induced restrictions which brought relief to the Hong Kong business community, the Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies (CHKLC) Annual Gala Dinner held on 14 December 2023 hosted the prestigious Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards 2023. The flagship awards programme recognises outstanding commitment to shareholders rights, compliance, integrity, fairness, responsibility, accountability, transparency, board independence and leadership, and ESG.

Delivering the welcome remarks at the Chamber's flagship dinner and awards event, CHKLC Chairperson Ms Catherine Leung said the event celebrated companies that have punched above their weight on the corporate governance and ESG fronts. Describing the winners as visionaries and leaders in the environmental, sustainability and governance domains, Ms Leung noted that their achievements are by no means a "small thing".

Citing payment systems, renewable energy and electric vehicles, Ms Leung also noted how Mainland Chinese companies continue to leapfrog industry development cycles in the innovation and technology environment. Meanwhile, closer to home, she noted how Hong Kong's science and technology developments continue to steadily grow. "Our universities are the leading force in pushing the boundaries," Ms Leung said. For example, Hong Kong's first unicorn companies — drone manufacturer DJI, founded in 2006 by Frank Wang, who built the first DJI prototypes in his Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) dorm room, and leading AI software company SenseTime, which was formed at the Chinese University of Hong Kong — can attribute their nascent beginnings to Hong Kong universities. Ms Leung added that, under various entrepreneurial and acceleration programmes provided by Hong Kong's

隨著過去一年新冠疫情限制措施的解除，香港商界情況得以紓緩，香港上市公司商會（CHKLC）在2023年12月14舉行的年度晚宴上舉辦了享負盛名的2023年度香港公司管治與環境、社會及管治卓越獎。該旗艦獎項計劃旨在表彰在股東權益、合規、誠信、公平、責任、問責、透明度、董事會獨立性和領導力，以及環境、社會及管治方面所作出的傑出貢獻。

在頒獎典禮晚宴上，商會主席梁嘉彰女士致歡迎辭時表示，是次活動表彰在公司管治與環境、社會及管治方面表現卓越的公司。梁女士形容獲獎者為環境、可持續發展及管治領域的領導和先鋒，她表示他們的成就絕不微小。

她亦以支付系統、可再生能源和電動汽車為例，指出中國內地公司在創新和科技環境中跨越行業發展週期，不斷推陳出新。與此同時，她注意到香港的科技亦在穩步發展。梁女士說：「我們的大學是推動發展的主導力量。」例如，香港首家獨角獸公司—無人機製造商大疆乃由汪滔於2006年創立，而第一台大疆原型機便是汪滔在香港科技大學（「科大」）的宿舍中製造；領先的人工智能軟件公司商湯科技在香港中文大學成立，這些初創公司皆可歸功於香港的大學。梁女士補充道，在香港各大學提供的各項創業及加速計劃的推動下，已培育100多家初創企業，並註冊近2,000項專利，包括醫學、生物技術、新能源和材料以及金融科技等領域的專利。



universities, more than 100 start-ups have been brought to fruition and close to 2,000 patents have been registered, including patents in the fields of medical science, biotechnology, new energy and materials, as well as Fintech.

In terms of putting Hong Kong on the global innovation and technology map, Ms Leung highlighted how EcoCeres, a biomass refinery company incubated by The Hong Kong and China Gas Company (Towngas) has attracted hundreds of millions of US dollars in foreign capital investment. "The company is a major global supplier of SAF, or sustainable aviation fuels, and is already profitable," Ms Leung noted.

Animoca Brands, a homegrown Web3 gaming company, has also attracted major investment from NEOM, the city which forms part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Vision 2030, that aims to achieve the goal of increased diversification economically, socially and culturally. Ms Leung concluded her welcome remarks with the observation that Hong Kong is in the midst of a major transition and in search of renewed economic strengths, where disruptive technologies and platforms will play a key part in future growth. "Those who choose to see around corners and spot the opportunities in times of crises will ultimately be winners in the long term," Ms Leung predicted.

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Committed to Exploring the Frontiers of Neuroscience

Delivering the keynote address at the CHKLC Annual Gala Dinner, Professor Nancy Ip, HKUST President and The Morningside Professor of Life Science at HKUST, outlined her career trajectory and explained how university-led healthcare innovation and industry collaboration can provide benefits to society.

Providing insights relating to advancements aimed at addressing the global health threat of Alzheimer's disease, which currently affects about 50 million people worldwide and is expected to rise as life expectancy increases, Prof Ip said partnering with industry enables healthcare innovation to be actualised. "As scientists, I believe we should work with partners for the benefit of mankind," said Prof Ip who has won several national and international academic awards, including the National Natural Science Award, L'Oreal – UNESCO's "Outstanding Women Scientists Achievement Award", and was selected as the "Star of China in Science" by Nature, a prestigious scientific journal.



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在談到將香港納入全球創新和科技版圖時，梁女士強調由香港中華煤氣有限公司（煤氣公司）孵化的生物質精煉公司怡斯萊（EcoCeres）如何吸引數億美元的外國資本投資。梁女士指出：「該公司是全球主要的可持續航空燃料（SAF）供應商，現已實現盈利。」本土Web3遊戲公司Animoca Brands亦吸引新未來城（NEOM）的主要投資，該市是沙地阿拉伯王國2030願景的一部分，旨在實現令經濟、社會和文化日益多元化的目標。梁女士在結語中表示，香港正處於重大轉型的階段，孜孜尋求新的經濟優勢，其中顛覆性技術和平台將在未來增長中發揮關鍵作用。梁女士預測：「能夠預見未來並於危機時刻發現機會的人，最終才能成為長期贏家。」

致力於探索神經科學的前沿

科大校長兼科大農興生命科學教授葉玉如教授在本會年度晚宴上發表主題演講時概述了自己的職業生涯，並解釋了大學主導的醫療創新和行業合作如何令社會受益。

葉教授就應對全球性健康威脅阿爾茲海默症的進展提供了見解，該疾病目前影響全球約5,000萬人，隨著預期壽命的延長預計這一數字還會上升。她表示，與行業的合作使得醫療創新得以實現。「作為科學家，我相信我們應該與合作夥伴合作，造福人類。」葉教授說。葉教授曾獲得多項國內外學術獎項，包括國家自然科學獎、歐萊雅-聯合國教科文組織「世界傑出女科學家成就獎」，並獲知名科學雜誌《自然》評選為「中國科學之星」。

Born and raised in Hong Kong, the world-renowned molecular neuroscientist explained how her interest in biology and chemistry was sparked during her secondary school education at St Mary's Canossian College. Securing a scholarship to study at Simmons University in Boston, USA, Prof Ip graduated with a double major in both subjects. She later gained a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Harvard Medical School and worked as a senior scientist at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals in New York, where she was on track to become the first female vice-president of the company. However, in 1993, Prof Ip decided to return

葉教授於香港出生長大，這位世界著名的分子神經科學家回憶說，在嘉諾撒聖瑪利書院就讀中學期間，對生物學和化學產生了濃厚興趣。於美國波士頓西蒙斯大學就讀期間，葉教授榮獲獎學金並順利獲得雙學位。她隨後取得哈佛大學醫學院藥理學博士學位，並在紐約再生元製藥公司擔任資深科學家，有望成為該公司首位女性副總裁。然而，於1993年，葉教授毅然決定回到香港，成為香港科技大學的一名初級教員，此時香港科技大學成立不過兩年。在加入香港科技大學時葉教授曾解釋：

Outstanding Winners

傑出獲獎者

Conferred annually since 2007 by the CHKLC and the Centre for Corporate Governance and Financial Policy, Hong Kong Baptist University, The Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards (formerly known as The Hong Kong Corporate Governance Excellence Awards) aim to foster the highest standards in corporate governance and ESG, business ethics and board leadership, recognise excellence, showcase best practices and accomplishments, and thereby promote a strong culture in corporate governance and ESG in Hong Kong.



In total, 18 awards were conferred. In the category for Hang Seng Index Constituent Companies, Awards of Excellence in Corporate Governance were made to Budweiser Brewing Company APAC Limited with an Honourable Mention made to WuXi Biologics (Cayman) Inc, Kerry Logistics Network Limited and Sinopec Kantons Holdings Limited. Also in the Category for Hang Seng Index Constituent Companies, Awards of Excellence in ESG were made to Budweiser Brewing Company APAC Limited, JD.com, Inc, Link Real Estate Investment Trust and Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. In the Category for Hang Seng Composite Index Constituent Companies, an Honourable Mention award was made to China Overseas Land & Investment Limited, WuXi Biologics, Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited, Kerry Logistics Network Limited, Sino Land Company Limited, Luk Fook Holdings (International) Limited, Sinopec Kantons Holdings Limited and Yuexiu Property Company Limited. In the Category for Others and GEM Companies, an Honourable Mention award was made to Far East Consortium International Limited and Phoenix Media Investment (Holdings) Limited.

香港公司管治與環境、社會及管治卓越獎（前稱「香港企業管治卓越獎」）自2007年起舉辦，獎項計劃每年由香港上市公司商會與香港浸會大學公司管治與金融政策研究中心聯合頒授，旨在鼓勵香港上市公司在公司管治與環境、社會及管治、商業道德及董事會領導能力方面採納最高標準，並對表現卓越的公司加以表揚，展示最佳實務及成就，從而穩固香港的公司管治與環境、社會及管治文化。

今年度共頒發18個獎項。在恒生指數成份股公司組別中，百威亞太控股有限公司榮獲公司管治卓越獎，而藥明生物技術有限公司、嘉里物流聯網有限公司及中石化冠德控股有限公司則榮獲嘉許獎。同樣是恒生指數成份股公司組別，百威亞太控股有限公司、京東集團股份有限公司、領展房地產投資信託基金及中國平安保險（集團）股份有限公司榮獲環境、社會及管治卓越獎。在恒生綜合指數成份股公司組別中，中國海外發展有限公司、藥明生物、和記電訊香港控股有限公司、嘉里物流聯網有限公司、信和置業有限公司、六福集團（國際）有限公司、中石化冠德控股有限公司及越秀地產股份有限公司榮獲嘉許獎。在其他及GEM公司組別中，遠東發展有限公司及鳳凰衛視投資（控股）有限公司榮獲嘉許獎。



Hong Kong Corporate Governance and ESG Excellence Awards 2023 Winners
Award of Excellence in Corporate Governance
Hang Seng Index Constituent Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budweiser Brewing Company APAC Limited (Stock Code: 1876) Honourable Mention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WuXi Biologics (Cayman) Inc. (Stock Code: 2269)
Hang Seng Composite Index Constituent Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry Logistics Network Limited (Stock Code: 636) Sinopec Kantons Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 934)
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Hang Seng Composite Index Constituent Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 215) Kerry Logistics Network Limited (Stock Code: 636) Sino Land Company Limited (Stock Code: 83) Honourable Mention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luk Fook Holdings (International) Limited (Stock Code: 590) Sinopec Kantons Holdings Limited (Stock Code: 934) Yuexiu Property Company Limited (Stock Code: 123)
Others & GEM Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Far East Consortium International Limited (Stock Code: 35) Honourable Mention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phoenix Media Investment (Holdings) Limited (Stock Code: 2008)

* Note: Alphabetical Listing by Company Name

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恒生綜合指數成份股公司組別 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 嘉里物流聯網有限公司 (股份編號: 636) 中石化冠德控股有限公司 (股份編號: 934)
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*註: 按公司英文名稱字母順序排列

to Hong Kong as a junior faculty member at HKUST, which had opened two years earlier. “Hong Kong is my home and I wanted to contribute to developing science and technology in the city.” Prof Ip explained when she joined HKUST, it was a small institution, barely known within Hong Kong and virtually unknown outside of the city. “At conferences I spent a lot of time explaining that HKUST was a new university and not the Hong Kong University,” said Prof Ip.

Finding herself in circumstances that many business founders could relate to, Prof Ip said, with little funding available and very few staff, her department was started from scratch. “Importantly, what we did have,” Prof Ip said, “was the determination to succeed.” Pointing out that her faculty includes world-class research scientists and scholars who have been nurtured within the University, Prof Ip said over the past three decades — a relatively short time span for a university — HKUST has developed into a globally recognised teaching and research institution.

Building on HKUST molecular neuroscience pioneering work led by Prof Ip, in 2020 the Hong Kong Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (HKCeND) was established as a research hub under the Health@InnoHK cluster for advanced research in neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer’s disease.

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Professor of Life Science at HKUST**

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Recalling the official visit President Xi Jinping made to HKCeND on 1 July 2022, Prof Ip explained how President Xi spoke about the importance he attaches to Hong Kong’s innovation and technology development and progress. Prof Ip said President Xi also encouraged strengthening HKCeND collaboration with institutes and universities in the Mainland and translating research findings into applications to benefit society. “If we partner our health care innovation at the university with industry, I believe we can elevate Hong Kong to become an internationally recognised innovation and technology centre,” Prof Ip concluded. **M**

— Chris Davis
Editor



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**香港科技大學校長兼科大農興生命科學
葉玉如教授**

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「香港是我的家，我想為香港的科技發展出一分力。」彼時香港科技大學規模尚小，在香港本地鮮為人知，在港外則幾乎無人知曉。葉教授說：「在各項會議上，我需要不斷解釋科大是一所新大學，並非香港大學。」

葉教授表示，她發現自己所處的環境能夠與許多企業創辦人產生共鳴—資金匱乏，員工人數稀少，她的部門只能從零開始。葉教授稱：「重要的是，我們擁有成功的決心。」她指出，她的教師團隊包括由大學培育的世界級研究科學家和學者。對於一所大學而言，三十年只是一個相對短暫的時間，香港科技大學卻已經發展成為全球認可的教學和研究機構。

以葉教授主導的科大分子神經科學為先驅，2020年在Health@InnoHK支持下成立了香港神經退行性疾病中心（HKCeND），其將作為研究中心致力於神經退行性疾病（包括阿爾茲海默症）的先進研究。

回顧習近平主席於2022年7月1日對HKCeND的正式訪問時，葉教授提及習主席在講話中強調香港創新科技發展和進步的重要性。葉教授表示，習主席亦鼓勵加強HKCeND與內地研究機構和大學的合作，並將研究成果轉化為實際應用，造福社會。葉教授總結道：「倘能使大學的醫療創新與產業相結合，我相信我們可以讓香港成為獲國際認可的創新科技中心。」 **M**

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