

A Conversation with President Jimmy Carter

ISLAND SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, HONG KONG
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More than 200 business executives, philanthropists, government officials and university students from Hong Kong, China, Asia and the US attended a special luncheon in honor of President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Mrs. Rosalynn Carter on December 13th, 2011 at Island Shangri-La Hotel in Hong Kong.

President Carter and Deng Xiaoping began the legacy of a closer bilateral relation when they made the decision to establish diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the United States in 1978. The normalization, together with Deng's domestic reform, constituted the beginning of China's phenomenal economic growth and political transformation. Since leaving the White House in

1981, at the invitation of successive generations of top Chinese leaders, President Carter has visited China numerous times and continues to engage multiple stakeholders in China in an effort to reduce misperceptions and improve the bilateral relationship between China and the United States.

Guests of honor include **Mr. Stephen Lam Sui-lung**, GBS, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration, The Government of the Hong Kong; **The Honorable Mr. Stephen M. Young**, Consul General, U.S. Consulate Hong Kong; **Mrs. Anson Chan Fang On-sang**, GBM, GCMG, CBE, JP, Former Chief Secretary for Administration, The Government of the Hong Kong; **Prof. Tony F. Chan**, President, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; **Dr. John Hardman**, M.D. President and Chief Executive Officer, The Carter Center; **Mr. Liu Chang-le**, JP, Chairman, Phoenix Satellite Television Holdings; **Dr. Michael H. H. Mak**, JP, Vice-Chairman of Hong Kong University Science and Technology Council; **H. R. H. Tunku Naquiyuddin ibni Tuanku Ja'afar**, Malaysia; **Mr. Richard Vuylsteke**, President, The American Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong.



We have received overwhelming positive feedback and comments from those who attended the luncheon. They were inspired by President Carter.



Coincided with the special luncheon with President and Mrs. Carter, a breakfast discussion on philanthropy was convened with a panel of distinguished speakers — **Mr. Steve Davis**, Global Director of Social Innovations, McKinsey & Co.; **Dr. Ray Yip**, Country Director of China, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; **H. R. H. Tunku Naquiyuddin**, Chairman of YTN Foundation; **Ms. Regina Lopez**, Managing Director of ABS-CBN Foundation; and **Mr. Chiang Sheng-Yang**, Anchor of Phoenix Satellite Television as the moderator. The discussion helped raise awareness of the inequality challenge and its impact on the cost of living, economic mobility and stability of societies. How should philanthropy help close the inequality gaps? What motivates philanthropists? What influence their approaches to philanthropy? How do you create the change that helps close the inequality gaps, and achieve stable, sustainable and prosperous



societies?

To mark this special occasion, 16 exceptional students selected from 30 universities in Beijing traveled to Hong Kong for a four-day study tour. The group attended the luncheon with President and Mrs. Carter,

visited the headquarters of major corporations including **Microsoft Corporation, Standard Chartered Bank and American Express Company**, connected with students, faculty and Dean at the **HKUST Business School** at the magnificent university campus and visited Hong Kong Disneyland for fun and play. At the end of the trip, the 16 students returned home with new relationships, knowledge, and inspiration that hopefully make a difference in their lives.

All in all, the special luncheon with President Carter, a breakfast panel discussion on philanthropy and a Hong Kong study tour were very successful. We appreciate the support of **American Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong**. Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of our lead sponsors **Barclays Wealth and Cathay Pacific Airways**.



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