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International experts to gather at inaugural Global Prosperity Summit 2024

Hong Kong's first geopolitical conference will facilitate in-depth discussion on global prosperity by opinion-shapers including a Nobel laureate, top academics and business leaders

(Hong Kong, 23 April 2024) Global Prosperity Summit Hong Kong (GPSHK), founded by a group of local academic, business and thought leaders with support from the Savantas Policy Institute and Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS), today announced the launch of the inaugural Global Prosperity Summit 2024 (GPS 24). The first geopolitical conference to be hosted in Hong Kong, GPS 24 will bring together a constellation of leading lights from varying continents, backgrounds and disciplines to engage in in-depth exchange on the most pressing issues impacting global prosperity.

As one of Hong Kong's mega events of the year, GPS 24 is set to take place at The Fullerton Ocean Park Hotel Hong Kong for three consecutive days from 13 to 15 May 2024. By leveraging the city's distinctive advantages of having strong support from the Mainland as well as extensive international network, the Summit aims to enhance Hong Kong's roles as a facilitator for dialogue and communication among parties with diverse interests and as an intermediary between Mainland China and the rest of the world, under the "one country, two systems" formula. GPS 24 comprises five Thematic Panels and a Young Leaders' Forum.

Professor Roger D. Kornberg, Nobel laureate in Chemistry and international authority on structural biology, will be GPS 24's keynote speaker. He is a Professor of Structural Biology at Stanford University's School of Medicine and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2006 for his research on the "Molecular Basis of Eukaryotic Transcription".

GPS 24 will comprise five Thematic Panels focusing on five distinct areas: Globalisation and De-globalisation; Risks of Pan-securitisation and the Impact on Development; Science and Technological Co-operation and the Future of Mankind; Great Power Competition and Peaceful Co-existence; and Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Panels will feature speakers including influential scientists, business leaders, and experts from numerous countries and regions. In addition to Prof. Kornberg, other speakers include **Professor Steve Hanke**, Professor of Applied Economics and founder and co-director of the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise at Johns Hopkins University; **Professor Yang Jiemian**, Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council of the SIIS; **Ms Susan A. Thornton**, Senior Fellow and Visiting Lecturer of the Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School; **Professor Andrew Chi-Chih Yao**, A.M. Turing Award laureate and Dean of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Sciences at Tsinghua University; **Dr Michael Spence**, President and Provost of University College London; **H.E. Madame Irina Bokova**, Former Director General of UNESCO, Patron of the International Science Council (ISC) and Co-chair of the ISC's Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability; **Professor Huang Ping**, Executive Vice President of the Chinese Institute of Hong Kong; and more. (Please see Annex for more details.)

Mrs Regina Ip, a founder of GPS 24 and Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the Savantas Policy Institute, said, “GPS 24 is a ground-breaking project to maximise Hong Kong’s value as a platform for frank, objective and nuanced discussions among global business and thought leaders, help connect minds, build bridges and make friends.”

“Given Hong Kong’s unique advantage of strong support by Mainland China and close connections with the world, GPS is well-positioned to leverage the city’s extensive network and relationships built over the years and across many sectors, to promote friendship and build common ground,” Ms Ip continued. “With GPS 24, we hope to enhance Hong Kong’s function as a hub for international exchange so the city can play an even more important role on the world stage.”

The Summit will also feature a Young Leaders’ Forum that will bring together visionary young entrepreneurs from across Asia to brainstorm the region’s economic future. The three-day summit is expected to attract more than 200 representatives from business organisations, academia and think tanks from Hong Kong, Mainland China, the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia.

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Mrs Regina Ip, a founder of GPS 24 and Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the Savantas Policy Institute, hopes that the Summit will bring together business, academic and thought leaders from different continents and geopolitical backgrounds to engage in frank, objective and nuanced discussions on the most pressing issues impacting global prosperity.



About Global Prosperity Summit Hong Kong

Global Prosperity Summit Hong Kong is initiated by a group of business, academic and thought leaders in Hong Kong to provide a platform for frank, objective and rational discussions of dominant issues impacting global prosperity.

About Savantas Policy Institute

Savantas Policy Institute (SPI) was founded in 2006 by a group of Hong Kong belongers with overseas experience who cared deeply about Hong Kong. The core vision of SPI is to enhance Hong Kong's transformation into a knowledge-based economy. SPI engages mainly in conducting public policy research and analysis; and recommending appropriate long-term developmental strategies; as well as promoting public understanding of and participation in the economic and social development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

About Shanghai Institutes for International Studies

Established in 1960, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) has played a crucial role in conducting strategic research, providing policy recommendations, and contributing to the understanding of international politics, economics, security, and other related fields. It has evolved into an important institution informing and shaping China's foreign policy and global engagement, and has been accredited as one of the most influential think tanks in China and around the world.

Annex

Details of the five panel discussions at the “Global Prosperity Summit 2024” are set out below:

Theme 1: Globalisation and De-globalisation

As countries seek to pursue supply chain diversification in the name of homeland economic safety, the collateral impact on economic growth remains unknown, placing global economic development at risk.

Moderator: Ms Henny Sender
Managing Director, Senior Advisor to the office of the CEO and Chairman of Blackrock in New York

Speakers: Mr Iñaki Amate
Chairman of The European Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

Professor Steve Hanke (via Zoom)
Professor of Applied Economics and founder and co-director of the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise at the Johns Hopkins University

Dr Eric X. Li
Chairman of Chengwei Capital

Professor Liping Xu
Director, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies
Chief, Department of Asia-Pacific Social and Cultural Studies
National Institute of International Strategy, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CAAS)

Theme 2: Risks of Pan-securitisation and the Impact on Development

The increasing emphasis on national security in national policy has been taking a toll on business and investments, as discussions on “de-risking” versus “de-coupling” threaten to impact global prosperity.

Moderator: Mrs Regina Ip
Former Secretary for Security, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (1998-2003), and Convenor of the Hong Kong Executive Council, Member, Hong Kong Legislative Council

Speakers: Professor Huang Ping
Executive Vice President, Chinese Institute of Hong Kong

Ambassador Kurt Tong
Managing Partner, The Asia Group

Theme 3: Science and Technological Co-operation and the Future of Mankind

As humanity continues to struggle with global challenges that cannot be solved by individual governments and communities working alone, promoting scientific and technological cooperation is vital to developing sustainable and innovative solutions for future generations.

Moderator: Professor Nancy Y. Ip
President of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Speakers: Professor Roger D. Kornberg
Professor of Structural Biology, Stanford University School of Medicine

Dr Michael Spence
President and Provost of University College London

Professor Wang Xiaodong
Director and Investigator, National Institute of Biological Sciences, Beijing

Professor Andrew Chi-Chih Yao
Dean, Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Sciences at Tsinghua University

Theme 4: Great Power Competition and Peaceful Co-existence

The resurgence of great power competition in global politics has led to concern that major state actors are spiraling down the “Thucydides trap”. The management of the conflicts and tensions in their relationships will be critical to mitigating the risks of great power collision.

Moderator: Professor Cheng Li
Formerly Director and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution’s John L. Thornton China Center and now the Founding Director of the Centre on Contemporary China and the World at The University of Hong Kong

Speakers: Bapak Hashim Djojohadikusumo

Ambassador Jean De Ruyt
Co-Chair, Europe – Asia Center

Ms Susan A. Thornton (via Zoom)
Senior Fellow and Visiting Lecturer, Paul Tsai China Center, Yale Law School

Professor Yang Jiemian
Chairman of Academic Advisory Council of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)

Theme 5: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

The intensifying effects of climate change have highlighted the urgent need for co-operation between states to save the planet and foster sustainable development for the generations to come.

Moderator: Mr Chiang Tung-keung
Chief Executive Officer, CLP Holdings Limited

Speakers: H.E. Madame Irina Bokova
Former Director General of UNESCO, Patron of the International Science Council (ISC) and Co-chair of the ISC's Global Commission on Science Missions for Sustainability

Mr Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges
Chief Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Jockey Club

Professor Ye Qi
Chair Professor of the Society Hub, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), and Professor of the School of Public Policy & Management, Tsinghua University

Young Leaders' Forum

The Young Leaders' Forum will bring together visionary young entrepreneurs from across Asia to brainstorm the region's economic future.

Participants: Mr Melvyn Pun
Chief Executive Officer of Yoma Strategic

Mr Jesse Choi
Director of Sunwah Group

Mr Patrick Walujo
Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Northstar Group, Singapore

Ms Dee Poon
President of Brands and Retailing for Tessellation Group

Ms Olivia Xia
Co-Head of Investment Strategy Group in Asia, Goldman Sachs