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Forum for World Education Successfully Concludes Inspiring Conference in Hong Kong

May 27, 2023, HONG KONG - The Forum for World Education is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of the Forum for World Education 2023 Regional Conference which took place on May 26th and 27th, 2023 at the Harbour Grand Kowloon in Hong Kong.



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The event held under the theme of *The Transformative Power of International Education for a Better World* brought together business leaders, policymakers, university leaders, education innovators, scholars, and young leaders from around the world to explore the transformative power of education diplomacy in enhancing global competency in the workplace, the increasing influence of AI in the future of education, and the significance of collaboration between industry and education leaders in advancing the global economy. Their collective expertise and experiences contributed to vibrant discussions and insightful exchanges throughout the event.

The conference was honored to have distinguished officials from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government deliver keynote remarks, highlighting the government's commitment to education and its crucial role in shaping a brighter future.



The Honourable Warner Cheuk
Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration of HKSAR

The Honourable Warner Cheuk, the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration of HKSAR, delivered an inspiring opening speech, setting the tone for the conference with his visionary perspectives on the significance of education in driving economic growth and sustainability. *“We are dedicated to growing Hong Kong as a regional educational hub”* he emphasized while adding that the HKSAR has committed to spending about 13 billion USD in the fiscal year of 2023-2024 on education.



The Honourable Dr.Christine Choi
Secretary of Education, HKSAR

Furthermore, the conference was privileged to have Dr. The Honourable Secretary of Education, Christine Choi, deliver a captivating keynote address. *“The prospects of individuals, the well-being of families, the qualities of people, and the progress of civilisation all hinge on education,”* she said, emphasizing the HKSAR Government's dedication to advancing education initiatives.



Ms. Edith Shih
Chair and Steering Committee Member of FWE
Executive Director of CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd.

The conference commenced with opening addresses by esteemed members such as, Ms. Edith Shih, Chair and Steering Committee Member of FWE and the Executive Director of CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd., and Ms. Jun Pan, Vice President & CEO of Fazheng Group and Board Member of FWE. Their inspiring remarks set the stage for two days of engaging discussions and knowledge sharing. In her opening remarks, Ms. Edith Shih eloquently outlined the panel sessions and their respective themes, providing attendees with a comprehensive overview of the diverse and engaging discussions to follow.



Ms. Jun Pan
Vice President & CEO of Fazheng Group
Board Member of FWE

Ms. Pan Jun, Vice President and CEO of Fazheng Group, Chairperson of Beijing Royal Charity Foundation and Board Member of FWE (Forum for World Education), delivered a keynote speech with the theme of "Reform International Education for a Sustainable Future". She suggested that human society is facing unprecedented challenges; the world influences education; and education changes the world. At a time when the war for international talent is fierce, Hong Kong, as a hub of talent and intelligence, has a new mission. In order to encourage the growth of young talents, FWE will always be committed to promoting world dialogue and cooperation, advancing educational transformation and development, striving to establish a platform for young leaders worldwide, providing opportunities for young entrepreneurs and scholars to study, exchange and collaborate, and bringing new impetus to social and economic development, calling on young people to constructively play a key role in long-term educational transformation.



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University presidents and business school administrators gathered to discuss adapting curriculum to the changing global economy, recognizing the need to equip students with relevant skills for the future workforce. Their shared perspectives emphasized the crucial role of academia in preparing individuals for evolving industries. Representatives from Hong Kong's top universities gathered from the University of Science and Technology, University of Hong Kong, the Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. From the United States, Harvard Business School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania also participated.



Professor David Pan led a discussion with young entrepreneurs, innovators, and educators about their invaluable experiences in building their own companies and teaching critical global skills in the classroom.

A diverse group of young entrepreneurs, innovators, and educators from China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States took the stage, sharing their invaluable experiences in building their own companies and teaching critical global skills in the classroom. Led by Professor David Pan, Dean of the Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University, a panel session featuring alumni of the prestigious Schwarzman Scholars program highlighted their invaluable takeaways from their yearlong participation.



FWE Young Leaders sharing diverse perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing the classrooms and workforce.

The event fostered a dynamic environment for networking and knowledge exchange, especially for global young leaders in forging meaningful collaborations and sharing diverse perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing international education. The forum acts as a “*global conduit for young leaders*” that “*establishes an unparalleled networking forum for them,*” said Ms. Edith Shih, Chair and Steering Committee Member of FWE and the Executive Director of CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd.



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The Forum for World Education (FWE) brings together business leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, researchers and other key players in the global business and education ecosystem to engage in an ambitious and far-reaching dialogue on innovative and sustainable ways to transform the future of education.

For further information about the event, please visit www.fwe2023.com.

For media inquiries and other questions, please contact: gna@fweforum.org.

You can watch the livestream of the two-day event by going to www.fweforum.org.

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