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Ronnie C. Chan

Chairman of Hang Lung Properties



Mr. Ronnie C. Chan is Chairman of Hang Lung Group Limited and its subsidiary Hang Lung Properties Limited, both publicly listed in Hong Kong, with the latter being a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index. Founded in Hong Kong in 1960, the Group expanded into mainland China in 1992, developing, owning and managing world-class commercial complexes in key cities like Shanghai, Tianjin, Shenyang, Wuxi, Jinan, Dalian, Kunming, Wuhan, and Hangzhou.

Mr. Chan is Co-founder of Morningside, an international investment group established in 1986 with venture capital and private equity investments in manufacturing, TMT, and biotechnology. Morningside is strongly committed to social responsibility through the Morningside Foundation.

In Hong Kong and mainland China, Mr. Chan is Chairman of the Executive Committee of The Better Hong Kong Foundation, Convener of Hong Kong Development Forum, a Vice President of The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, and a Governing Board member of the China-United States Exchange Foundation. He founded and chairs the China Heritage Fund which restores cultural relics in China, and is a co-founding Director of The Forbidden City Cultural Heritage Conservation Foundation in Beijing. He is founding Chairman of the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society, and founding Chairman Emeritus of Asia Business Council. He is a former government appointed Non-Executive Director of Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, former Chairman of the Hong Kong-United States Business Council, former Chairman of the Executive Committee of One Country Two Systems Research Institute, and former Vice President and former Advisor of the China Development Research Foundation in Beijing.

Internationally, Mr. Chan is Chairman Emeritus of Asia Society and Chairman of its Hong Kong Center, a founding Trustee of African-Asian Society and a Director of the Board of Peterson Institute for International Economics. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Committee on United States-China Relations, and Committee of 100. Mr. Chan is a former director of Standard Chartered PLC, Motorola, and Enron. He is a former member of the governing boards of World Economic Forum, East-West Center, Pacific Council on International Policy, Eisenhower Fellowships, and The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. He is also a former member of the advisory board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Jakarta.

Mr. Chan is active in education. He is an Honorary Court Member of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, a Trustee of the University of Southern California, and a Governing Board member of the Indian School of Business. He serves on the President's Council on International Activities at Yale University. He is an Advisor on Strategic Development to Tsinghua University, a Co-Chairman of Hang Lung Center for Real Estate at Tsinghua University, and a Vice Chairman of the International Advisory Board of the School of Management at Fudan University. Mr. Chan previously served as a Trustee of China Foreign Affairs University, a Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Center for Real Estate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a member of the Advisory Council of Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University, the International Advisory Committee of The Pacific Basin Institute at Pomona College, and the International Advisory Committee of the Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies at Waseda University. He was a Brittingham Visiting Scholar at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Notable philanthropic programs and projects initiated or supported by Mr. Chan include: Morningside Music Bridge; International Congress of Chinese Mathematicians (ICCM) where the Morningside Medals of Mathematics are awarded; Morningside Center of Mathematics at the Chinese Academy of Sciences; the Morningside College at The Chinese University of Hong Kong; endowed professorships at Harvard University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and The University of Hong Kong; and various scholarships and programs in Hong Kong and mainland China which has supported over 10,000 students. Since 2014, the Morningside Foundation has given US\$350 million to endow the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, named after Mr. Chan's late father. In the same period, Mr. Chan and his wife gave US\$20 million to endow the Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California.

Mr. Chan is a frequent speaker at international conferences, and has published numerous articles in Financial Times, International Herald Tribune, Newsweek, Fortune, Asian Wall Street Journal, Far Eastern Economic Review, and Japan Times. Mr. Chan holds an MBA from the University of Southern California, and was conferred honorary doctorate degrees by The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Tel Aviv University. Mr. Chan has received many awards for his contributions to society, which includes: Builder of Bridges Award (Asia Society) for strengthening ties between Asians and Americans; The "Passing the Torch -Outstanding Figures of Chinese Cultural Heritage Protection" Award (China Foundation For Cultural Heritage Conservation); Asa V. Call Alumni Achievement Award (University of Southern California); Alumnus of the Year Award (California State University, Los Angeles); US-Asia International Public Service and Philanthropy Award (US-Asia Institute); Philanthropy Excellence Award (Committee of 100); Chern Prize (ICCM) for exceptional public service in support of mathematics; Grand Bauhinia Medal (HKSAR Government) in recognition of his long and distinguished community service; Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership (Hong Kong Association of New York); Rockefeller Award for Distinguished Philanthropic Service (International House); Dwight D. Eisenhower Global Leadership Award (Business Council for International Understanding); and the inaugural "Friends of Diplomacy" Award (Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR). Mr. Chan is 69 years of age and resides in Hong Kong with his wife.