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NEW CHIEF FOR HKETO



Chinese Ambassador to Singapore, Mr Wei Wei (centre), toasting with HKETO colleagues at a reception on July 6 to farewell outgoing HKETO Director, Ms Subrina Chow (third left) and welcome new Director, Mr Fong Ngai (third right).

r Fong Ngai, formerly the Assistant Commissioner for Labour in Hong Kong, succeeded Ms Subrina Chow as the Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Singapore on July 18.

Starting his civil service career in Hong Kong in 1995, Mr Fong was appointed the Assistant Director-General of HKETO in London from 1998 to 2001. After more than 10 years, Mr Fong opted to work in HKETO in Singapore to take the helm to promote Hong Kong in the ASEAN region.

"The ASEAN is one of the fastest growing economic zones in recent years. On bilateral trade, the ASEAN region as a bloc has become Hong Kong's second largest trading partner. The growing potential in the region is immense. There are lots of things to do in the region and I'm interested in doing new things," Mr Fong told *Hong Kong Files*.

He said being a gateway to the booming Mainland China and the springboard for mainland companies to go overseas, Hong Kong as an international business and financial hub plays an important bridging role.

Comparing to his work at the HKETO in London just after Hong Kong's reunification with Mainland China,



Former HKETO Director, Ms Subrina Chow, welcoming new Director, Mr Fong Ngai, at a reception in Kuala Lumpur on July 11.

Mr Fong said the international world at that time had been skeptical about Hong Kong's future. "However, over the past 14 years, the 'One Country, Two Systems' principle has been implemented successfully. Hong Kong continues to enjoy a high degree of autonomy, exercise well-established rule of law and capitalise on its comprehensive financial networks," he noted.

Mr Fong continued, "Now our office must let the ASEAN countries know how Hong Kong further thrives and integrates with the Mainland under the 'One Country Two Systems' framework for the benefits of Hong Kong, Mainland China and also the world." To achieve this, he stressed that it was very important to enhance mutual understandings between the peoples, adding that the HKETO in Singapore would continue to organise seminars, roadshows, exhibitions, film festivals, and other business and cultural activities in a bid to expand and deepen various bilateral relationships between Hong Kong and the ASEAN.

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ROADSHOWS TO PROMOTE RMB BUSINESS IN INDONESIA & MALAYSIA

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor K C Chan, visited Indonesia and Malaysia in May to co-host a roadshow with the Director of the Shanghai Municipal Government Financial Services Office, Mr Fang Xinghai, to promote Renminbi (RMB) business.

This was the first time that Hong Kong and Shanghai have jointly staged a roadshow for overseas promotion. Other officials joining the roadshow included representatives from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Shanghai Head Office of the People's Bank of China. The delegation organised a luncheon in Jakarta on May 24 and a seminar in Kuala Lumpur on May 25 entitled "Hong Kong and Shanghai: Internationalisation of Renminbi Markets" to encourage financial institutions, chambers of commerce and multinational corporations in Indonesia and Malaysia to take part in the related RMB business.

At the roadshows, the financial leaders from Hong Kong and Shanghai explored with local business leaders, bankers and fund managers in Indonesia and Malaysia the subject of the internationalisation of RMB markets and the related business opportunities. In his keynote speech, Professor Chan pointed out that blessed with a world-class business infrastructure and flushed with opportunities arising from spectacular growth in China and the rest of Asia, Hong Kong has emerged as the largest offshore RMB business hub, a regional asset management centre and a global equity funding leader.

Sharing what Hong Kong could offer to Southeast Asian businesses to tap into the opportunities of the RMB market, Professor Chan said, "Shanghai is the biggest onshore RMB market and Hong Kong is the biggest offshore RMB market. With the gradual opening of the capital account, we believe there will be increasing interaction between the onshore and offshore pools of funds through intermediation between the two markets. We look forward to cooperating with Shanghai to propel the progress of RMB internationalisation forward."

During his visit, Professor Chan met with financial leaders of the two countries, including Indonesian Minister of Finance, Mr Agus Martowardojo; Chairman, Capital Market and Financial Institution Supervisory Agency of Indonesia, Ibu Ir. Nurhaida; Governor, Bank Indonesia, Dr Darmin Nasution; Governor and



Professor Chan (centre) and Dr Fang Xinghai (right) at the Kuala Lumpur seminar. On the left is a panel speaker of the seminar, Mr Tee Choon-hong, Managing Director, Regional Head of Capital Markets, North-East Asia, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited



Professor Chan at a meeting with the Indonesian Minister of Finance, Mr Agus Martowardojo

Chairperson, Bank Negara Malaysia, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz; and Chairman, Securities Commission Malaysia, Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar. He also called on the Chinese Ambassador to Indonesia, Ms Zhang Qiyue; and met the Chinese Ambassador to Malaysia, Mr Chai Xi, at the seminar in Kuala Lumpur.

THIRD ISSUE OF RMB SOVEREIGN BONDS IN HK

The Chinese Ministry of Finance on August 17 launched the issue of RMB sovereign bonds totalling RMB20 billion (approx. US\$3.11 billion) in Hong Kong, among which RMB15 billion (approx. US\$2.34 billion) will be issued for institutional investors and RMB5 billion (approx. US\$0.77 billion) for retail investors. It is the third issue of its kind and the amount of RMB20 billion for the current issuance exceeds the aggregate of bond issuances in the past two years.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) Government welcomes the Central Government's plan to issue RMB sovereign bonds in Hong Kong again. The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, said this round of issuance of bonds demonstrated clearly the Central Government's support for Hong Kong's development as an offshore RMB business centre, as announced in the 12th Five-Year Plan.

HK A POPULAR CITY FOR OVERSEAS INVESTORS

ong Kong attracted a staggering US\$68.9 billion of foreign direct investment (FDI) last year, representing a 31.5 per cent increase over 2009. The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, thanked the overseas and Mainland investors which had set up offices or expanded businesses in Hong Kong during the past year at a cocktail reception held in June in Hong Kong.



The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang (right); Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Gregory So (second left); and Director-General of Investment Promotion at Invest Hong Kong, Mr Simon Galpin (left) thanks overseas and Mainland investors for their confidence in the business environment of Hong Kong.

Addressing the audience, Mr Tsang said, "Over the past decade, the value of our trade in goods and services has grown by 104 per cent. Air cargo is up 153 per cent. Port cargo by 36 per cent. The capitalisation of our stock market has increased more than four-fold."

"While much has changed, other key aspects of Hong Kong have remained the same. These include our common law legal system underpinned by an independent judiciary, zero tolerance of corruption, freely convertible currency, low tax regime, free flow of information and liberal

immigration policies. We are committed to maintaining these business-friendly advantages. They provide a familiar and secure base for businesses from all over the world."

Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Simon Galpin, noted that Invest Hong Kong has already assisted 198 overseas and Mainland companies to set up or expand their business operations in the city in the first half of 2011, which is an all-time high since the establishment of the department in July 2000.

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)'s World Investment Report 2011 (WIR) released in July, Hong Kong was the world's third largest recipient of FDI flows in 2010. For the 13th consecutive year, Hong Kong continued to be the second largest FDI recipient in Asia, after Mainland China.

Meanwhile, a new research by property consultant CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) found that Hong Kong is the most popular city for international businesses, with 68.2% of international companies surveyed represented there. Released in July, *Business Footprints* is the first study of its kind that analyses the office locations of 280 of the world's largest companies across 232 cities. Hong Kong is closely followed by Singapore, home to 67.5% of surveyed companies.

ASEAN investors in HK

No Signboard Seafood Restaurant from Singapore started its first outlet in Hong Kong in May. The seafood restaurant is located in Paterson Street, Causeway Bay, a district famous for its dining and shopping. The restaurant is planning to open the second outlet in Kowloon soon.

Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion of Invest Hong Kong, Mr Andrew Davis, welcomed the setting up of No Signboard Seafood Restaurant in the city to enrich the choices in seafood cuisine and enhance Hong Kong's status as Asia's culinary capital.



Hong Kong, as Asia's culinary capital, attracts overseas restaurants to make presence in the city.

Invest Hong Kong has facilitated other companies from the ASEAN region to establish or expand their business presence in Hong Kong in the past year. They included Ice Media Ltd and Lightfoot Travel from Singapore, AMA Computer Learning Centre HK from the Philippines, as well as Launchpad Ltd from Malaysia.

The CBRE researcher commented, "Hong Kong holds a unique position from which international businesses can operate globally, due to its location, lack of foreign ownership restrictions, tri-lingual mix and international, highly-skilled workforce. It is the key gateway city for accessing China and is set to benefit most from the gradual liberalisation of the Chinese financial services markets."

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HK delegation visits Hanoi & Brunei for

The Secretary for Education, Mr Michael Suen, led a higher education delegation to Hanoi, Vietnam and Brunei Darussalam

from April 17 to 21 to promote Hong Kong as a regional education hub. The trip formed part of Hong Kong's ongoing efforts to promote the city's education services in Asian countries, following similar visits to Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea, Japan and India last year.

Besides publicising Hong Kong's initiatives to further internationalise and diversify the higher education sector, the visit also aimed to encourage students in Vietnam and Brunei Darussalam to pursue studies and engage in exchange programmes in Hong Kong. Speaking at a networking luncheon entitled "Nurturing Talents in a Globalised World" in both countries, the Secretary for Education highlighted that the closer collaboration in the education front would achieve a win-win situation for all sides.

Outlining the launch of a ground-breaking education reform in Hong Kong, Mr Suen said, "Hong Kong aspires to be a regional education hub. It is our vision not only to attract and nurture talent for Hong Kong, but also for Asia as a whole. We want to prepare a strong cadre of people who can flourish in this era of regionalisation and globalisation."

Mr Suen first stopped at Hanoi to meet the Vietnamese Vice Minister of Education and Training, Mr Bui Van Ga; and call on the Chinese Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr Sun Guoxiang. The delegation also toured the Vietnam National University and the United Nations International School Hanoi.

Continuing the visit to Brunei Darussalam, Mr Suen and the delegation met the Acting Minister of Education of Brunei

EDUCATION EXCHANGES



SINGAPORE-HONG KONG EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



Director of HKETO in Singapore, Mr Fong Ngai (front row, seventh right), attending the Closing Ceremony of the Singapore leg of 10th Singapore-Hong Kong Exchange Programme held at Ang Mo Kio Secondary School on July 22. On his right is the Director-General of Education from Singapore's Ministry of Education, Ms Ho Peng.

Sixty students from Hong Kong visited Singapore in July under the Exchange Programme. They were provided with an invaluable opportunity to learn to respect different cultures, values and perspectives through studying with the Singaporean students, who will then visit Hong Kong in exchange in November. Since its launch in 2000, more than 1000 students from Singapore and Hong Kong have participated in the annual exchange programme.

Darussalam, Dato Seri Setia Hj Yusoff Hj Ismail; and the Chinese Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Mr Min Yongnian. The delegation then visited the Jerudong International School and the Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

The delegation comprised representatives from the City University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Baptist University, the Lingnan University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Institute of Education, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the University of Science and Technology and the University of Hong Kong.



HK future depends on EDUCATION

ong Kong was honoured by the presence of Education Ministerial Officials from Mainland China, Australia, Austria, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Macau at its first education ministerial roundtable held in July.

The roundtable was part of the International Education Forum and Expo (IEFE) hosted by the Education Bureau between July 14 and 16 to showcase the successes of Hong Kong's education reform and the articulation of the New Academic Structure (NAS) with education systems around the world.

The NAS, implemented since September 2009, is a key education reform in Hong Kong to better prepare students for the demands of a dynamic, knowledge-based global village.

Themed "Learning Journey for the Globalised World", the three-day event comprised a Ministerial Roundtable, an International Conference, and an Education Expo. The event signified the launch of Hong Kong's NAS in the international arena.



Speaking at the opening ceremony of IEFE, the Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang, said Hong Kong has long recognized the importance of education, with education spending its top priority.

In Hong Kong, every child is entitled to 12 years of free education. Education takes up more than one-fifth of the entire government spending every year. In the current financial year, it amounts to US\$7 billion in recurrent spending alone.

Mr Tsang said, "Education provides our young people with the knowledge and experience they need to contribute to society. It helps lift young people out of poverty and provides them with opportunities to build a better life. It empowers young people to pursue their dreams, and to become the leaders of tomorrow."

At the Ministerial Roundtable, the education officials discussed and exchanged views on how different nations bring forth the desired quality of human resources for sustainable development, and new competencies in facing the ever-changing challenges of today's globalised world.

On the other hand, the International Conference brought together internationally renowned scholars and local and international speakers to discuss how global trends and reform in school and higher education contribute to human resource development. Overseas speakers included Professor Ruth Hayhoe of University of Toronto, Sir Michael Barber of McKinsey & Company, Professor Geoff Hayward of University of Leeds, and Professor Lee Wing-on of National Institute of Education Singapore.

In addition, the Education Expo featured about 60 exhibition booths, including 12 overseas exhibitors, to highlight the articulation of the NAS with local and international education systems.

EVENTS IN BANGKOK

ASIA FORUM

bout 300 guests attended the Asia Forum 2011 Luncheon Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand on July 8. Sponsored by the HKETO in Singapore and Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), the Luncheon Seminar was the highlight of the Asia Forum 2011. The Asia Forum is an annual event co-organised by Thai-Hong Kong Trade Association (THTA), Hong Kong Singapore Business Association and Hong Kong Business Association Vietnam.

Featuring keynote speakers Dr Tan Khee Giap, Associate Professor at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, and Chair of Singapore National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation; and Mr Jackie Mau, Head of Commercial Banking, Corporate Sales, Global Markets, HSBC, the Luncheon Seminar discussed the economic outlook of China and the ASEAN region; as well as the RMB opportunities.

In her welcome remarks at the Luncheon Seminar, the then HKETO Director, Ms Subrina Chow, said in terms of trade, the ASEAN, taken as a bloc, surpassed the European Union last year to become Hong Kong's second largest trading partner, stressing the fast-growing relationships between Hong Kong and the ASEAN countries.

VISIT OF ICAC COMMISSIONER

t the invitation of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade of Thailand, the Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Dr Timothy Tong, attended an anti-corruption conference entitled "Against Corruption: Thailand's Turning Point" in Bangkok on June 1 to share Hong Kong's anti-corruption experience with over 600 delegates from the Thai government and business sectors, education institutions and nongovernmental organisations. Dr Tong noted that economic developments would better be attained without corruption and Hong Kong's experience proved that investors often see economic freedom, including freedom from corruption, as the reason for their coming to Hong Kong.

During his visit, Dr Tong and his ICAC delegation met with the then Thai Prime Minister Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva and other officials to exchange views on anti-corruption work and explore further mutual cooperation. In addition, during Dr Tong's visit, THTA invited him to meet its members at a reception sponsored by the HKETO in Singapore. Over 30 THTA members attended and discussed with Dr Tong on Hong Kong's successful experiences in anti-corruption and the roles of business sector in anti-corruption campaigns.



Ms Subrina Chow (third right) at the Asia Forum Luncheon Seminar with HKTDC Regional Director, Southeast Asia and India, Ms Loretta Wan (second right); Mr Tan Khee Giap (first right); Mr Jackie Mau (first left); THTA President Mr Andrew Wong (second left); and CEO of HSBC Thailand Mr Matthew Loher.



Dr Timothy Tong (fifth left) and members of THTA

FIGHTING INFLATION: iBOND & SCHEME HK\$6,000

The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, stressed in his Budget speech in February that fighting inflation was a major task this year. In his annual budget, he unveiled plans to issue HK\$5 billion (approx. US\$641 million) to HK\$10 billion (approx. US\$1.28 billion) worth of inflation-linked retail bonds (iBond) to provide Hong Kong residents with another investment option for coping with inflation while promoting the development of the local retail bond market.

At the close of the subscription period on July 19, a total of 155 835 valid applications were

received for over HK\$13 billion (approx. US\$1.67 billion) in the principal amount for the bond. The Government said the total number of applications and total application amount were up to expectation. Both were at high levels as compared with those for recent retail bond offerings. The iBond was issued on July 28 with the final issue amount at HK\$10 billion. Listing and dealings of the iBond on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange became effective on July 29.

In addition, the Financial Secretary decided to launch "Scheme \$6,000" to leave wealth with the people. Under the Scheme, a sum

of HK\$6,000 (approx. US\$770) will be given to each holder of a valid Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card (HKPIC) aged 18 or above. Anyone who is aged 18 or above and holds a valid HKPIC on March 31, 2012 meets the eligibility criteria of the Scheme.

Depending on their individual circumstances, eligible persons may register for the Scheme through banks or the Hongkong Post from August 28, 2011 to December 31, 2012. Registrants confirmed to have met the eligibility criteria will receive payment. More details of the Scheme are available at www.scheme6000.gov.hk.

HK'S HEALTH CHIEF ATTENDS MEDICAL CONGRESS IN SINGAPORE

The Secretary for Food and Health, Dr York Chow, visited Singapore to attend the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine on July 21. At the Congress, he delivered a speech entitled "Bridges and Gaps in Healthcare", briefing participants on the latest progress of Hong Kong's health-care reform. He then shared his experiences and views with the participants on health-care financing.

Prior to the Congress, Dr Chow met with Singapore's Minister of Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong, and exchanged views with officials of the Ministry of Health on issues including regulation of public hospitals, health-care manpower, the e-Health system and medical cost containment. Dr Chow also had meetings with the Medical Council and the National Medical Research Council respectively to learn more about the medical manpower situation, as well as the latest developments and advancements of medical research of the country. In addition, he called on the Chinese Ambassador to Singapore, Mr Wei Wei.



Dr York Chow delivering a speech at the 45th Singapore-Malaysia Congress of Medicine.

During his visit in Singapore from July 20 to 22, Dr Chow also saw for himself the operation of Sengkang Polyclinic, a leader in family medicine providing seamless, patient-centred and preventive health care that is affordable and accessible to all; and the Jurong Medical Centre, an integrated ambulatory centre for outpatient treatment and day surgery.

WHO chief

The Chief Executive, Mr Donald Tsang said the Hong Kong SAR Government welcomed and fully supported Dr Margaret Chan's plan to run for a second term as Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO). "We take pride in the nomination of an outstanding public health official from Hong Kong," Mr Tsang said.

Dr Chan worked in the Hong Kong civil service for 25 years before she retired as the Director of Health in 2003. She was appointed the post of WHO Director-General in 2006 and her current term will last until June 2012.

ART HK PUTS THE CITY FIRMLY ON WORLD ART MAP



Mr Henry Tang (third right) is pictured with arts and cultural professionals at the reception. From left are Co-Founder, ART HK, Mr Sandy Angus; Co-Director, Art Basel, Ms Annette Schonholzer; Co-Founder, ART HK, Mr Will Ramsay; Managing Director, Deutsche Bank, Mr Michael West; Ms Monique Burger of Burger Collection; and Member of Museum Committee, WKCD Authority, Ms Claire Hsu.

Strong sales of work by artists from around the world to collectors from Asia, Europe and America reconfirmed the status of Hong Kong International Art Fair (ART HK) as Asia's premier art fair. The four-day fair, which ran from May 26 to 29, attracted 260 galleries from 38 countries presenting works by more than 1 000 artists. The number of visitors reached a record of over 63 000 – a 38% increase from 2010 and a similar number of visitors to Art Basel in 2010.

The Chief Secretary for Administration and Chairman of the Board of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority, Mr Henry Tang, hosted a reception for over 100 local and overseas arts and cultural professionals taking part in ART HK.

Mr Tang said ART HK had gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2008 and become one of the most anticipated events on the international art calendar. "The announcement of the world renowned organiser of Art Basel and Art Basel Miami Beach taking a majority ownership stake in the owners of ART HK demonstrated the success of ART HK and would put Hong Kong firmly on the international art map," he said.

He mentioned that Hong Kong was one of the new driving hubs of the global art market, noting that the Government had adopted various initiatives to prepare Hong Kong's cultural and creative industries for take-off.

Sharing his vision for the WKCD, Mr Tang said he was looking forward to seeing WKCD become a grand stage to showcase the inclusive and multifaceted nature of Hong Kong. He added, "WKCD will not only be a cultural landmark in the heart of Hong Kong, a destination on its own, but a magnet to artists and audiences from around the world that will propel Hong Kong into becoming a major cultural capital in Asia."

Impressed by the successful event this year, many artists, gallerists and collectors have expressed their keen interest to come again to ART HK 12, which will take place from May 17 to 20 next year.

FILM FESTIVAL FILM

4TH HK FILM FESTIVAL IN SINGAPORE

The Hong Kong Film Festival (HKFF) 2011 in Singapore was launched on July 13 with a gala premiere well attended by more than 250 invited guests from the government, diplomatic, business, cultural and media sectors. The film festival was co-organised by the HKETO in Singapore and Cathay Cineplexes, featuring 10 films including four new and four iconic 1990s Hong Kong films from the action and romantic comedy genres, as well as two series of short films.

Speaking at the gala premiere, the then Director of the HKETO in Singapore, Ms Subrina Chow, said the HKFF was supported by close to 1000 Singaporean movie-lovers last year. Encouraged by such enthusiastic response, the office held the 4th HKFF this year to continue with the effort to introduce quality Hong Kong movies that are less often seen in Singapore cinema.



cheong (left) and General Manager, Singapore of Hong Kong Airlines, Mr Samuel Lou (second left), congratulating the winner (second right) of 1990s iconic Hong Kong films voting contest. The grand prize was a Hong Kong travel package sponsored by Hong Kong Airlines.

Ms Chow said, "The film industry is no doubt the flagship of Hong Kong's creative industries. In the past decade alone, Hong Kong movies and film talents won over 300 international awards, including those at the Cannes, Berlin and Venice Film Festivals."

She added that movies co-produced by Hong Kong and the Mainland of China were also enjoying huge success in the Mainland market. Last year, seven out of the top 10 domestic box office films in the Mainland were Hong Kong-Mainland co-productions.

Opened with the premiere of award-winning film *Gallants*, the one-week HKFF was held from July 14 to 20. Other new Hong Kong films to premiere at the film festival included the action drama *Rebellion*, the youthful romance *Break Up Club* and *Give Love*. They were joined by four retrospective films, *Swordsman II*, *Once Upon A Time in China II*, *A Chinese Odyssey: Pandora's Box* and *All's Well*, *Ends Well*, which were the best-loved 1990s titles chosen by some 450 voters from the Singaporean public via Facebook and SMS in May.

Adding variety to the line-up was *Quattro Hong Kong I and II*, which comprises a total of eight short films created by renowned Hong Kong and Asian filmmakers to portray the cityscape of Hong Kong. The project was commissioned by Brand Hong Kong and produced by the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society.

The HKFF received good support from Hong Kong's filmmakers. The producer of *Gallants*, Mr Lam Ka-tung, and one of the actors and himself a new-generation director, Mr Law Wing-cheong, flew in from Hong Kong to attend the gala premiere. They also met the Singaporean audience at a post-screening dialogue session and conducted a talk at Ngee Ann Polytechnic to share their experience in film making with film students.



HKFF opened with the premiere of *Gallants* supported by over 250 invited guests.



Full house at the post-screening dialogue session of Gallants.



Mr Lam Ka-tung, Mr Law Wing-cheong and Singaporean film students after a talk on film making in Hong Kong at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

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