

Review on Directors' Symposium 2015

「董事研討會2015」回顧

2015



Directors' Symposium was launched by The Hong Kong Institute of Directors (HKIoD) as the "Directors' Conference" back in 2009. It serves the purpose of providing a viable platform for directors and senior executives to take an evening from their hectic schedule to get updated on the latest corporate governance information.


Every year, the Directors' Symposium strove to pick a relevant and current topic as theme. After years of being conducted, the event has elicited positive rapport from different sectors. It also has strong support from sponsoring organisations, notably the Companies Registry of Hong Kong, which has been a sponsor of the event for the past seven years. Today, Directors' Symposium is a key annual project of HKIoD. It also offers a rare social opportunity for participants to catch up with one another over a nice dinner on top of getting the latest tidbits on the ways of governance. More than that, Directors' Symposium is recognised as a "continuing professional training" event. Company directors, lawyers, accountants and engineering professionals can get

accredited for attending the event.

This year, the event was held on 22 September with the theme, "Hong Kong: City of Opportunities?" Hong Kong is blessed with market principles including diversity of culture, a fair and open playing field in terms of competition and a highly open and unfettered economy. These elements provide a fertile breeding ground for opportunities. Even so, the operating environment can be unpredictably changeable. It was high time to explore if Hong Kong could continue to create opportunities for development. A line-up of six guest speakers with an international perspective did precisely that at this past Symposium, engaging participants in discussions and offering them market statistics and the latest governance trends as food for thought.

The Symposium involved three parts. In the first part entitled "Economic Outlook", Jonathan Lowe, JP Morgan Asset Management's Managing Director, talked about how to make management decisions in today's economic environment. In the second part, Professor Jean du Plessis, the Chair in Law at Deakin University of

Faculty of Business and Law, gave attendees a rundown on the latest global governance developments. Lastly, at the seminar or third part of the Symposium, panelists engaged the audience to express viewpoints and raise questions to examine the subject of opportunity. Panelists included: Mr Jason Chiu, Chief Executive Officer of Cherrypicks; Professor James Lee, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Ir Dr Derrick Pang, Deputy Chairman and Executive Director of Chun Wo Development Holdings Limited; and Ms Malini Thadani, Head of Corporate Sustainability, Asia Pacific, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.

Since 2012, this official magazine of HKIoD has been inviting guest speakers of Directors' Symposium to contribute articles to each year's last issue. Symposium attendees thus can review the highlights while absentees can get a synopsis of the most important points. Please turn to page 8 (through page 17) to read the contributed write-ups by some of the symposium's speakers. 



▲ Mr Jonathan Lowe (left) and Deputy Chairman Dr David Wong.
▲ Jonathan Lowe先生(左)和本會副主席黃友嘉博士。



▲ (Left to right) The Symposium's OC Chairman Dr Christopher To, Registrar of Companies Ms Ada Chung, Chairman Mr Henry Lai and CEO Dr Carlye Tsui.
▲ (左起)香港董事學會副主席兼「董事研討會2015」籌委會主席陶榮博士、公司註冊處處長鍾麗玲女士、主席賴顯榮律師和本會行政總裁徐耐玲博士。



▲ (Left to right) Professor James Lee, Ms Malini Thadani, Deputy Chairman and session host Ir Edmund K H Leung, Ir Dr Derrick Pang and Mr Jason Chiu.

▲ (左起)李中清教授、唐丹妮女士、本會副主席梁廣瀨工程師、彭一邦博士工程師和趙子翹先生。



▲ Professor Jean du Plessis
▲ Jean du Plessis教授



▲ Over 160 participants attend Directors' Symposium 2015.
▲ 逾160名觀眾出席「董事研討會2015」。

「董

事研討會」由香港董事學會主辦，前身為「董事論壇」，在2009年開始舉辦第一屆，活動旨在提供一個理想的平台，讓平日工作繁忙的董事和高層人員，能夠利用一晚的時間，汲取企業管治資訊。

「董事研討會」每年的選題，均務求探討當年最貼身，最熱門的題目。項目經過多年的經營，得到社會各界的正面迴響，亦得到贊助商的鼎力支持，其中公司註冊處更連續七年擔任贊助組織，現時「董事研討會」已發展成為香港董事學會其中一項年度重點項目。此外，節目亦提供一個難得的聯誼機會，讓與會者在聆聽董事之道之餘，了解彼此近況，更可同享豐富的晚宴。此外，「董事研討會」迎合來自不同專業的參加者，來自董

事、律師、會計師或工程師專業的出席人士可透過研討會取得持續專業進修學分，滿足各行業對持續專業進修的要求。

「董事研討會2015」在9月22日舉行，並以「香港：機會之都？」為主題。長久以來香港擁護多元化、公開競爭及經濟高度自由化等市場原則，有創造機會的土壤，但營商環境變幻莫測，香港能否繼續創造機會，值得深入探討。當晚六位具國際視野的嘉賓講者就帶領出席人士討論，並提供市場數據和最新的企管趨勢作為參考。

今次活動由三部份組成，首先是「經濟展望」環節，由熟悉金融經濟環境的摩根資產管理常務董事Jonathan Lowe先生主講，詳談董事在今日的經濟環境下該如何作決策；第二部份由來自澳洲迪肯大學的Jean

du Plessis教授主講，他介紹了企業管治的世界趨勢；最後一部份為「專題討論」環節，參與討論的分別是創奇思行政總裁趙子翹先生、香港科大人文與社會科學學院院長及講座教授李中清教授、俊和發展集團副主席兼執行董事彭一邦博士工程師及滙豐亞太區企業可持續發展總監唐丹妮女士，眾嘉賓圍繞「香港：機會之都？」的主題，引發更多新觀點，鼓勵台下聽眾提出問題並帶出更深層次的思考。

自2012年起，《廿一世紀董事》作為香港董事學會的官方雜誌，在每年的最後一期均邀約擔任「董事研討會」的嘉賓供稿，讓參與者可以重溫要點，而當日未能出席的人士亦可得到這些重要的董事資訊。部份講者的特約文章已刊於今期雜誌，請詳見第8-17頁。