



Boost to financial hub Signs of hope as summit signals revival

As we emerge from the pandemic, global finance leaders gathered for an upbeat event to reinforce Hong Kong's status as a key international financial centre.

More than 200 leaders from around 120 financial institutions were represented at the three-day *Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit*. Organised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) (the city's central banking institution), the event centred on the issues of common interest to the financial sector around the world.

"We were, we are, and we will remain one of the world's leading financial centres. And you can take that to the bank," the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr John Lee told the delegates. In his keynote address, Mr Lee was confident that "the worst is behind us". He said Hong Kong has restored stability and touted the city's uniqueness: its proximity and seamless connection with the Mainland "that affords Hong Kong advantages available to no other economy".

Back to business

Mr Lee used the occasion to highlight policies that aimed at boosting Hong Kong's competitiveness, including a plan

to use fiscal reserves to steer economic development, a HK\$3.8 billion fund to attract businesses by co-investing in them, and a plan to lure talent, including visas for graduates from the world's top 100 universities.

It was very much a case of "back to business" for Mr Lee, who referred to the event as the "Hong Kong On-stage Again Summit".

Mr Lee acknowledged the continued effects of Covid which still lingers in the region. "We are – all of us – living through uncertain times. The world is working its weary way out from an unprecedented pandemic, now nearly three years in the making, and the unmaking of our economies and communities. Political turmoil is rife and geopolitical tensions rising. Inflation is soaring, the global economy weakening." But he was also confident of growth, thanks to Government policies including a low and simple tax regime, the free flow of capital and longstanding status as a freeport.

An eco-future

In his speech, the Financial Secretary Mr Paul Chan spoke of the boundless potential and opportunities of Hong Kong as an international financial centre before highlighting its development in



Above (left to right): Deputy Chief Executive of the HKMA, Howard Lee, moderated a panel discussion on "Managing through Volatile Markets" joined by President and Managing Partner of Wellington Management Stephen Klar; Chief Executive Officer of BNY Mellon Investment Management Ms Hanneke Smits; and President and CEO of State Street Global Advisors Cyrus Taraporevala.



Above: Chief Executive, John Lee, delivered the keynote address at the Global Financial Leaders' Investment Summit.

eco finance and Fintech. "Hong Kong has this vision: to become a premier centre for green and sustainable finance that serves the green transformation in the Mainland, the region and the world," he said. Already there is much progress, from accommodating fewer than 180 fintech companies five years ago to more than 800 firms now.

The Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Eddie Yue, concluded the three-day summit, "The summit demonstrated the global financial sector's commitment to Hong Kong. We are excited to see our summit participants and visitors benefiting from this occasion by reconnecting with their staff, clients and stakeholders in Hong Kong and in person. We look forward to seeing more events and activities taking place in the coming months as Hong Kong continues to open up."

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Covid-19

Covid restrictions eased further

Hong Kong continues to open-up after almost three years of Covid restrictions.

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**Information as at 6 January 2023.

Mainland border opened

Travel between Hong Kong and Mainland China has resumed with a progressive reopening of the border.

The first-phase began on 8 January 2023, covering Hong Kong International Airport (with a resumption of flights to and from the Mainland), the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the Shenzhen Bay Control Point, as well as the reopening of Hong Kong-Macao Ferry Terminal, the China Ferry Terminal, Man Kam To Control Point and Lok Ma Chau Spur Line/Futian Control Point.

Those travelling between Hong Kong and the Mainland are advised to make bookings online prior to travelling, and undergo a nucleic acid test within 48 hours with a negative result obtained before travelling.

Before making any arrangements, travellers are advised to check the latest position on the government website: www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html

Finance

Group of Twenty (G20) Leaders' Summit in Bali

It was a fruitful visit to Bali for Hong Kong's Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, as part of China's delegation at the G20 Leaders' summit themed "Recover Together, Recover Stronger" which discussed the global economy, energy, food security and public health.

While in Bali, Mr Chan visited the Chairman of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Arsjad Rasjid, to discuss strengthening bilateral investment and trade co-operation matters.

During a meeting with Mr Franky Widjaja, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sinar Mas, Mr Chan encouraged the use of Hong Kong as a platform to connect with global investors and capital, and discussed co-operation in various fields. The company is one of the largest industrial and commercial conglomerates in Indonesia, with business involving real estate, financial services, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure, and more.

Mr Chan also met PT Indonesia Infrastructure Finance's CEO, Mr Reynaldi Hermansjah, to explore opportunities for co-operation in green bond issuance, infrastructure financing and other business areas.



Mr Chan was greeted by members of the Hong Kong community in Bali, and learned more about their daily lives and business operations.

Above: Financial Secretary, Paul Chan, at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Bali.

Economy

Thai business promotion tour

A business delegation, led by the HKSAR Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, visited Thailand to promote the opportunities afforded by Hong Kong, before attending the 29th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Ms Carol Yip, Mr Lee exchanged views with leaders of other economies on how to address barriers to trade and investment, promote resilient supply chains and closer people-to-people connectivity, as well as deepen economic and technical co-operation to enhance inclusive and sustainable growth. He remarked that, as the freest economy in the world, Hong Kong has maintained an efficient, free, open and fair business environment which facilitated foreign businesses and companies to operate, making it easy for consumers to enjoy imported goods from all around the world.

"Hong Kong has signed eight free-trade agreements with 20 economies, covering more than half of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) membership, and seeks early accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership to add momentum to the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific agenda," he added.



Above: HKSAR Chief Executive, John Lee (left), with the Prime Minister of Thailand, Prayut Chan-o-cha.

●●● Global growth

Dialogue with the Chief Executive



Policy initiatives to strengthen Hong Kong's economic development with countries including Britain were outlined during a webinar with the HKSAR Chief Executive, Mr John Lee.

Organised by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), the online event explored how UK businesses can maximise the unique advantages of Hong Kong to secure a foothold in the burgeoning Asian markets.

Mr Lee used the occasion to remind delegates that the UK is Hong Kong's top trading partner in Europe, with merchandise trade between Hong Kong and the UK reaching US\$17.7 billion (HK\$138.2 billion) in 2021, which was more than one-quarter over 2020.

He went on to say that over 650 UK businesses call Hong Kong home, "Last year, more than £7 billion (HK\$6.7 billion) in the merchandise trade between the UK and Mainland China was routed through Hong Kong. That speaks, loud and clear, of Hong Kong's unique status as the business gateway connecting China with the rest of the world."

There was also a lively Q&A session moderated by Mr Peter Burnett OBE, the former Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

Above: The HKSAR Chief Executive, John Lee (right), attended the "Dialogue with the Chief Executive of the HKSAR" webinar organised by the HKTDC.

●●● Economy

Trade Cooperation is Key

During a summit attended by Hong Kong's Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, leaders of the 21-member APEC pledged to boost trade and do more to tackle economic challenges.

Speaking at a plenary of the 33rd APEC Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok, Mr Yau acknowledged a raft of complex challenges but said members need to intensify co-operation more than ever.

At the session themed "Open and Sustainable Trade and Investment", Mr Yau and ministers of 20 other member economies exchanged views on the state of global trade and how to maintain the momentum for open and sustainable trade and development.

"A free and open trade and investment environment is the cornerstone of a dynamic economy, and has always been the bedrock of our city's development," Mr Yau said. "It has been the case for the past 25 years since the establishment of the HKSAR, and will continue."

He added that Hong Kong would work with all member economies to expand the reach of these significant regional trade agreements as important and tangible steps towards the realisation of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific.

Right: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Algernon Yau (right), exchanged views with New Zealand's Minister for Trade and Export Growth, Damien O'Connor.



●●● Enterprise

Luring top talent

The Top Talent Pass Scheme, a new scheme to attract much-needed global talent to Hong Kong, has got off to an amazing start. In its first few days of operation thousands of online applications have been received.

Under the scheme, Hong Kong is offering a two-year visa to those who earned at least HK\$2.5 million during the past year or graduates of the world's top 100 universities.

The Top Talent Pass Scheme was announced by the HKSAR Chief Executive Mr John Lee in his maiden Policy Address last October. It seeks to attract high-income talents and graduates from the world's top universities to explore opportunities in Hong Kong. The scheme aims at attracting at least 35 000 talented people to the city every year until 2025.

Talents Service Unit online platform

The Talents Service Unit (TSU) online platform has been especially created to facilitate potential applicants.

The newly-launched website allows those interested in finding out more to obtain information on the various talent admission schemes and submit applications directly.

In addition to launching the site, the HKSAR Government is making preparations at full steam to set up a physical entity for the TSU. The entity will be dedicated to formulating talent recruitment strategies and publicity, and providing more support services for talents arriving in Hong Kong.

Top Talent Pass Scheme Top 100 universities

19 in the UK

5 in Sweden

3 in Denmark

1 in Finland

1 in Norway

1 in Russia

For the full list, please refer to the TSU online platform.

<https://www.hkengage.gov.hk/en/>



Legal

Legal luminaries gather

Top judicial brains from around the world came together for the Hong Kong Legal Week with its mix of stimulating discussions on international legal cooperation. The five-day annual flagship event of the Department of Justice (DoJ) aims at showcasing Hong Kong as an international legal and dispute resolution services centre.

Prominent experts, law practitioners, Government officials and academics shared their insights on a wide spectrum of issues. Subjects included facilitating access to justice through international instruments and diversified dispute resolution mechanisms, promoting the rule of law for sustainability, to latest LawTech developments on digital assets along the Belt and Road and in the international arena.

In his opening address the HKSAR Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, said that Legal Week was the starting point to showcase to the international community two important aspects of Hong Kong's legal system: the advantages of Hong Kong's rule of law as well as its diversified legal and dispute resolution services under the common law system.

A law-drafting competition, arranged by the DoJ, saw university students draft their own proposed Bill, allowing them to better understand the importance of good legislation to the rule of law in the only place in the world with a legal system operating in both Chinese and English languages.

Above: Secretary for Justice, Paul Lam, SC, spoke at the opening of Rule of Law Congress: Rule of Law and Justice for All under the Hong Kong Legal Week 2022.

Law

World Justice Ranking

Hong Kong attained sixth position in the East Asia and Pacific region in the 2022 World Justice Project Rule of Law Index, and was placed twenty-second out of the 140 countries listed in total.

Hong Kong ranks ninth in the world in terms of Absence of Corruption, which is a testament to the effectiveness of the city's anti-corruption work and its culture of probity.

Business

Business roundtable in Lappeenranta, Finland

Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, attended a business roundtable hosted by the Lappeenranta City Council, on 29 November 2022.



In his remarks to the event, Mr Law updated Mr Kimmo Jarva, Mayor of City of Lappeenranta, and other attendees on Hong Kong's green finance industry and strategies in achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Above: Director-General of the London ETO, Gilford Law, Mayor of the City of Lappeenranta Kimmo Jarva and representatives from the Lappeenranta business community.

Business

London Business Update Seminar

Supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO), the Hong Kong Association held its annual Hong Kong Business Update Seminar in London on 10 January 2023.

The Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, apprised the audience of senior business leaders and other key stakeholders about Hong Kong's reconnection with the world after relaxation of travel restrictions.

There was also news about the HKSAR Government's top priorities in 2023, including attracting enterprises and talents as well as accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

The panel, moderated by Mr Peter Burnett OBE BBS, comprised representatives from the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and HKTDC.



Above right: Director-General of the London ETO, Gilford Law, updated the audience on Hong Kong's business environment.

Trade

Business seminar on "International Trade Opportunities in Hong Kong and Asia"

In partnership with the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, the London ETO co-organised with the HKTDC a business seminar on "International Trade Opportunities in Hong Kong and Asia" in Edinburgh on 23 November 2022.

The Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law updated the audience about Hong Kong's reconnection with the world after relaxation of travel restrictions and the measures for attracting enterprises and talents as announced in the 2022 Policy Address.

Culture

Roundtable with West Yorkshire creative industries and business community

London ETO organised a business roundtable in Leeds on 6 December 2022.

The Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, updated participants from West Yorkshire's creative industries and business community about Hong Kong's cultural and creative development on various front such as the opening of M+ Museum, the Hong Kong Palace Museum, and Art Basel Hong Kong.

Enterprise

Attracting strategic enterprises

The Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises (OASES) has commenced full operation.

OASES is one of the new initiatives announced by the HKSAR Chief Executive in his Policy Address in October 2022 to attract enterprises and investments more proactively and aggressively.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, “OASES will be a one-stop window for attracting strategic enterprises. OASES has already formulated a preliminary first-round list for target enterprises and will reach out actively, striving for more vibrant development for Hong Kong’s industry and economy in the future.”

A dedicated team for attracting businesses and talents has been set up in London ETO. The team will proactively reach out to target enterprises and talents and persuade them to pursue development in Hong Kong.

Economy

Invitation to invest in Mainland China

Foreign companies were given investment opportunities in China through a seminar arranged by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) which outlined the equity policy and business environment in the Mainland.



The hybrid symposium, entitled “Opportunities for Foreign Investment in China: Policies of Comprehensive Deepening Reform and New High-Standard Opening-up in China”, began with welcoming remarks by InvestHK’s Director-General of Investment Promotion, Mr Stephen Phillips, followed by presentations of the Mainland’s high-standard market system and opportunities arising from the country’s high-standard opening-up policy for foreign investment.

Above: Director-General of Investment Promotion, Stephen Phillips, delivered welcoming remarks at the seminar.

Business

Flagship fintech event success



With the theme of “Pushing Boundaries, Reaping Benefits”, Asia’s global fintech event attracted more than 30 000 attendees from over 90 global economies, putting a focus on the rise of Web3 and metaverse technologies.

Opening the five-day hybrid FinTech Week, Hong Kong’s Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, outlined measures to develop the virtual assets industry in the city to drive growth as an international cryptocurrency hub. “Our policy stance on virtual assets is now clearly communicated to the global markets and it serves to demonstrate our commitment and determination to explore financial innovations together with the global virtual-asset community,” he said.

Organised jointly by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau with InvestHK, and co-organised by the HKMA, the Insurance Authority, and the Securities and Futures Commission, the event has become a premier gathering of global leaders in innovation, technology, and finance.

As part of the week, the HKMA announced new initiatives to spur fintech development in Hong Kong. These included: mule account network analytics, green bond tokenisation, Central Bank Digital Currency, commercial data Interchange and cross-boundary fintech cooperation.

Above: The 2022 FinTech Week was well-attended.

Regulation

New future for Virtual Assets

A “sustainable and responsible” development of the Virtual Assets (VA) sector in Hong Kong has been announced by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau.

It outlines the Government’s plans for a regulatory regime and suggests a more flexible approach, allowing a retail market to emerge with initial scope to offer exchange-traded funds dealing in Bitcoin and Ether futures.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, said, “We recognise the potential of distributed ledger technology (DLT) and Web 3.0 to become the future of finance and commerce, and under proper regulation they are expected to enhance efficiency and transparency.”

●●● Infrastructure

Air traffic grows with the third runway



Expansion of Hong Kong International Airport continues with the official opening of the third runway at Chek Lap Kok to boost the city's status as an aviation hub.

The Airport Authority said about 140 flights a day are already using the new runway, which has been in operation since early July 2022, and is a key milestone of the airport's expansion into a three-runway system. There is also expansion of Terminal Two and construction of a new concourse and baggage-handling system.

At the opening ceremony of the third runway the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Eric Chan, said the three-runway system would significantly increase the passenger and cargo handling capacity. "Hong Kong will maintain and enhance its status as an international aviation hub, to better dovetail with the macro strategies of the 14th Five-Year Plan and Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area," he said.

Above: The third runway at Hong Kong International Airport was officially commissioned on 25 November 2022.

●●● Culture

Celebrating 200 years of style



A cultural exchange from east to west, past to present and beyond, The Love of Couture: Artisanship in Fashion Beyond Time – Asia's first exhibition celebrating 200 years of style and its influence – is being held until 29 January 2023.

The exhibition, designed by Hong Kong production designer Mr William Chang Suk-ping, showcases pieces from the UK's V&A's collection and six emerging fashion designers' response to historic high fashion.



●●● Transport

Best public transport, anywhere

There is nowhere better for public transport than Hong Kong, and that's official. The city has been named as the world's best place for public transit in a new study by consulting firm Oliver Wyman and the University of California, Berkeley which looked at 60 cities around the globe in its *Urban Mobility Readiness Index 2022*.

The Mass Transit Railway network has been praised for not only being affordable but also for having a high station density and good railway infrastructure, and should be an example for other places to follow, concluded the study. The next step forward, said researchers, is for a smartphone app to improve traveller navigation.

The cities which tackle future mobility challenges will be the most attractive for people and businesses, according to the authors.

●●● Sport

Harbour race makes waves



Event ambassadors Ms Siobhan Haughey, the Olympic medal-winner, and Hong Kong Swimming Team legend Mr Kevin Chu led entrants in Hong Kong's annual swimming extravaganza.

Over 1 200 entrants featured in New World Harbour Race across Victoria Harbour to promote the sport, with local representatives winning championship places.

Eighteen-year-old Mr Jimmy Kwok took first-place in the Men's group with Ms Athena Wong, 21, crowned in the Women's group. Competitors left from the Golden Bauhinia Square Public Pier in Wan Chai, and raced to the finish at the Avenue of Stars in Tsim Sha Tsui, along the one-kilometre route introduced in 2021.

Organisers from the Hong Kong China Swimming Association hope that the number of participants will return to pre-pandemic levels of around 4 000 entrants next year. They said that both the weather conditions and the quality of the water ensured the 2022 event was a hugely enjoyable success.

Above: The weather and water quality were perfect for the return of the annual New World Harbour Races.

●●● Lord Mayor's Show

Unique status shown to millions

Highlighting its status as an international financial centre, dragon dancers led the Hong Kong float in the London Lord Mayor's Show through the City. Poignantly, 25 flag bearers marched alongside the float, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

The moving display, which weaved through London's streets, featured a dragon-style body and signature landmarks of Hong Kong, symbolising its unique position as a dynamic international financial centre. Half-a-million people lined the route while the procession was broadcast around the world to millions more.

The Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, whose office devised and organised Hong Kong's float, congratulated the 694th Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Nicholas Lyons, who serves as a global ambassador for the United Kingdom's financial services sector. "Hong Kong is the only city in the world where global advantage and China advantage converge," said Mr Law "In tandem with Hong Kong's re-connection with the world, ample business opportunities lie ahead."

London ETO first took part in the Show in 2005 and uses the colourful and exciting displays to showcase the different facets of Hong Kong.



Above top: Director-General of the London ETO, Gilford Law (left), with the designer of the Hong Kong float, Simon Glover.

Above middle: The Hong Kong float passing Mansion House in the City.

Above: Marching alongside the float, 25 flag bearers commemorating HKSAR's 25th anniversary.

Far left: Iconic sights along the route included St Paul's Cathedral.

Left: Hong Kong's dragon dancers interacted with the crowd.

●●● Sport

Sevens: back with a bang!

Hard-hitting action, epic entertainment and a party atmosphere saw the world-famous Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament return after a three-year absence due to the worldwide Covid pandemic.

Ireland got the ball rolling with a 28:12 win over Kenya in the opening game, as 16 teams from around the world competed for the spoils over three-days at the Hong Kong Stadium.

After a tense and, at times, gruelling tournament, in the end Australia reigned supreme, beating Fiji 20:17 in the final to lift the prestigious trophy.

The return of this landmark sporting occasion delighted over 65 000 spectators during three days of rip-roaring rugby action. Argentina won the Plate competition while New Zealand clinched the Bowl title.



Above left: Hong Kong Rugby Sevens champions Australia lifted the cup.

Left: Excited fans enjoyed the action on the last day of the Hong Kong Sevens.



●●● Culture

Silver screen culture shown to London

A selection of Hong Kong films was showcased in London to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

London ETO partnered with the London East Asia Film Festival (LEAFF) for the seventh time bringing seven Hong Kong films to London.

Hong Kong film *Warriors of Future*, directed by Mr Ng Yuen-Fai and starring Mr Louis Koo and Mr Lau Ching-wan, was shown at the festival's closing gala. Prior to the screening, Mr Koo received the Outstanding Achievement Award, recognising his significant contribution to the advancement of the Asian film industry.

London ETO hosted a Hong Kong Night reception during which the Director-General, Mr Gilford Law, addressed a full-house to remind them that Hong Kong has a unique role as an East-meets-West centre for international culture. "Our vibrant and diverse creative industries are shouldering the essential role of telling the world the good stories of Hong Kong," he said, while encouraging the audience to visit Hong Kong to explore its vibrancy.

Above right: Hong Kong actor Louis Koo exchanged views with the audience at a question-and-answer session of the film festival.

Above middle: From left: Regional General Manager for Europe of Cathay Pacific Airways, Kinto Chan; Director-General of the London ETO, Gilford Law; Hong Kong actor Louis Koo, and the Festival Director of London East Asia Film Festival, Ms Hye-jung Jeon, at "Hong Kong Night" reception.

Above left: London East Asia Film Festival's closing gala night.

The HKSAR Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, expressed deep sorrow on 30 November 2022 over the passing of Former President of the People's Republic of China, Mr Jiang Zemin.

"Being the core of the Communist Party of China's third generation of central collective leadership and the principal founder of the Theory of Three Represents, President Jiang was widely recognised as an outstanding leader with high prestige. He broke new grounds for the country's comprehensive reform and opening up, implemented the basic policies of law-based governance of the country and upheld the principles of 'peaceful reunification of China' and 'One Country, Two Systems', making great contributions to the realisation of the smooth return of Hong Kong and Macao," Mr Lee said.

"I, together with the HKSAR Government, will continue to spare no efforts for the full and faithful implementation of the 'One Country, Two Systems' principle to ensure Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability, contributing to the realisation of national rejuvenation."

"On behalf of the HKSAR, I extend my deepest condolences to President Jiang's family."

●●● Careers



Budding engineers sought

Engineering career prospects in Hong Kong were promoted to students and graduates in a seminar co-organised by London ETO and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. Staged at Imperial College London, the event welcomed over 100 interested participants.

During his speech at the seminar the Director-General of the London ETO, Mr Gilford Law, (pictured) spoke of the pressing need for engineering talent to meet over HK\$100 billion per annum of public infrastructure projects planned in Hong Kong, such as the Northern Metropolis, housing development projects and Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint. He also highlighted the recent talent-attraction measures, including the Top Talent Pass Scheme.

●●● Culture

Designer labels showcased in London

Creations by six Hong Kong designer labels were presented at The Mills Fabrica in London to showcase sustainable fashion.

London ETO co-organised *Fashion Hong Kong Sustainable Designer Showcase* with the HKTDC to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR from 15 November to 31 December 2022.

A panel discussion saw experts in the fashion and textile industry share their insights on Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in developing sustainable fashion.

During the opening the London ETO Director-General, Mr Gilford Law, said "Hong Kong remains a cosmopolitan city with a dynamic and diverse cultural flair." He hoped that participants would have a glimpse of Hong Kong's creativity through the Showcase event which also illustrated Hong Kong's efforts in applying scientific research.

The Showcase attracted more than 450 visitors during its six-weeks.



Above right: Director-General of the London ETO, Gilford Law (right), with the HKTDC Director of the UK, Nordics and Ireland, Ms Daisy Ip, at the opening of Fashion Hong Kong Sustainable Designer Showcase.

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