



Committees Newsletter

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Mandate of Committee's President:

The Council decided on 20 May 2016 that the duration of the mandate of the Committee's President is 2 years to be renewed once maximum, with a view to favour new blood. This decision is a recommendation and is not compulsory.

Recommendations for the Policy Address:

Please forward to committees@fccihk.com recommendation(s) you would like to forward to the Hong Kong government: the Policy & Consultation committee will include them in the French Chamber document that will be prepared in September so that the letter be sent out in October.

Watches are created on a regular basis for most committees: do not hesitate to check your committee webpage for more information on news, events, or indexes...

Gentle reminder:

To ease committee meetings organization, it would be really appreciated that:

- ✦ Members **reply to meetings notices** either by registering to the meeting, or replying that they cannot make it,
- ✦ **Attend the said meetings when they have registered.**
Meetings imply practical organization and invitation to speakers, and it is important that we know how many guests we shall welcome.

We wish you a very nice summer break and look forward to working with you in September.

Committees' activities

Banking and Finance - FinTech group

This group focuses on the impact of new technologies for banks.

It gathers unit managers to help them have a vision of the technology impact, and proposes a holistic approach by sharing presentations from both the banking industry and other large companies that face the same revolution.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 18, 2016
- ✦ Jun. 13, 2016
- ✦ Jul. 04, 2016

Artificial Intelligence
Big Data and Finance
Innovating toward Retail investors

Business Advisors group

The aim of the Business Advisors group (BAG) is to bring network / contacts, advise and coach start-ups or companies going for new developments.

Actions:

- ✦ BAG modus operandi: Main idea is to bring help – the approach is altruist,
- ✦ Clear difference and separation between the BAG action (counseling) linked to the Chamber, and the financial relations linked with members intuitu personae that are totally separated from the Chamber scope of actions,

Future Actions:

New format is launched whereby BAG members commit to meet the candidates twice, after preparatory meetings if needed, so that meeting time be totally used to the benefit of the candidate, his project and the advisors.

Start-ups offering disruptive services/products will be offered a special package (open to members only).

Projects to be sent to committees@fccihk.com, and then forwarded to the BAG.

Specific offer for SMEs with over 3 years of experience, as well.

Please contact us.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 08, 2016 **Brainstorming between advisors**
- ✦ May 20, 2016 **Preparation meeting with Silex Lab**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jul. 12, 2016 **2nd meeting with Silex Lab**
- ✦ Jul. 22, 2016 **Wishu**

Chief Financial Officer Roundtable

This committee provides an opportunity for regional CFOs to exchange freely on common topics and get access to information that is most relevant to their daily functions. This roundtable is closed to non-CFOs.

Meetings have been organized every 2 months for 2015-16, with focus on experience sharing between regional CFOs.

Past meeting:

- ✦ May 16, 2016 **Finances - what bothers us this year**

Next meeting:

- ✦ Jul.11, 2016 **Agile work (no fixed desk, working from home,...).**

China Committee

The 2015-16 programme proposes activities on the following topics: China economics and politics, business confidence, Chinese management, digital in China, labour relations, the green economy, the 'one belt one road' initiative, as well as networking cocktails.

Past meeting:

- ✦ Apr. 11, 2016 **Chinese workers' situation and expectations**

Past event:

- ✦ May 12, 2016 **The anti-corruption campaign in China and its consequences for companies**

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Corporate sustainability working group

This new working group focuses on corporate sustainability, not philanthropy. Members want to concentrate on business, measure the impact of sustainability on business, get concrete ideas, and are interested in hearing from practitioners. It may also launch lobbying actions.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 12, 2016 Experience sharing on Corporate Sustainability in the apparel industry
- ✦ Jul. 04, 2016 Future luxury

Digital Innovation committee

This Committee mission is to share market best practices and latest insights on Digital and Innovation, educate on e-transformation process for established corporations and on lifecycle for technology start-ups.

Programme for 2015-16:

1. e-commerce and market place
2. data collection, analytics, personalization & ROI

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 06, 2016 Data journey series
- ✦ Jun. 22, 2016 Start-up incubators/accelerators

Past event:

- ✦ May. 31, 2016 The real value of DATA

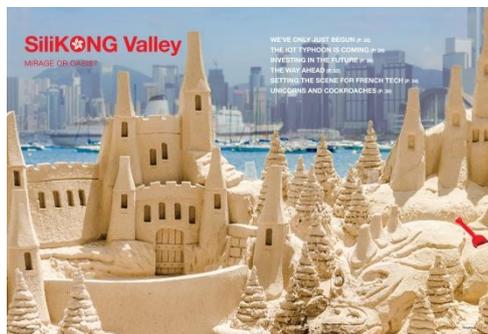
Editorial Committee

The editorial committee helps the Chamber to prepare its quarterly magazine, HongKongEcho.

HongKongEcho Summer Issue: SiliKONG Valley

Hong Kong has always been an exciting place to do business, but the city's capacity to develop and thrive as a startup hub is, nonetheless, in question. While Hong Kong possesses a number of advantages for startups, particularly in sectors such as FinTech, there are still many unanswered questions. How do we establish and maintain a prosperous startup ecosystem? Can startups help to bring life back into the city's economy? Will the optimism surrounding these companies fade? Is the vision of creating our own **SiliKONG Valley** simply a mirage? Or is it the oasis that we've been waiting for?

Pick up a copy of our Summer issue to find out what lies ahead for Hong Kong and its startup community.



Food & Beverage Committee

The goals of the committee are to:

- ✦ Exchange views on the market,
- ✦ Give / receive advice,
- ✦ Create synergies between members,

It focuses on **'exchange of information'** and **lobbying towards the Hong Kong government.**

Programme for 2015-16 proposes experience sharing with Committee members and addresses on topics such as warehouses in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Tourism Board campaigns, social media for the F&B sector, geo-localisation in shopping malls, and human resources challenges.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 05, 2016 **FoodPanda in Hong Kong**
- ✦ May 03, 2016 **The dairy products sector in Hong Kong**
- ✦ Jun. 07, 2016 **Taste of Hong Kong – The World's Greatest Restaurant festival**

Green Business committee

The Green Business Committee provides a user friendly forum for sustainable development issues, and addresses matters of specific concern or interest in conservation and environmental matters consistent with sustainable development principles.

The 2015-16 programme proposes a mix of committee meetings (sustainable public housing, experience sharing on Corporate sustainability) and visits (sludge incinerator, Lamma Power station), as well as the yearly event with Dr. Christine Loh.

Past meeting:

- ✦ May 05, 2016 **Updates on the Desalination plant project**

'Healthcare & Insurance' working group

This new working group was launched in November 2015. It is a restricted one that gathers only members from the healthcare and insurance sectors.

Past meetings:

- ✦ Apr. 07, 2016 **Digital Innovation in Healthcare and Insurance**
- ✦ Jun. 23, 2016 **How do we find out about the quality of care in Hong Kong's public and private hospitals?**

Human Resources Steering Committee:

The Committee's nature is oriented towards a 'Club' mindset: people sharing the same issues, looking for solutions, with HR leaders at the center of the group plus few representatives of professions interesting for HR.

In 2015-16, the Committee will focus on experience sharing and the 2 events organized yearly will cover: 'Employee engagement' and 'HR and digital'.

Past meeting:

† Jun. 23, 2016

Agile work and Local vs. global – Experience sharing

Past events:

† Apr. 21, 2016

Digital in HR...HR in Digital?

† Jun. 23, 2016

HR Steering Committee annual dinner

Infrastructure Committee:

The Committee continues its exchanges with the Hong Kong government, answering consultations and inviting representatives to do presentations during committee meetings.

The programme for 2015-16 proposes committee meetings (experience sharing with members, East Kowloon smart district), joined meeting with the Green Business committee (Sustainable public housing in HK) and visits (tunnel working site, Hong Kong International airport, and OCC MTR).

Past meeting:

† Apr. 20, 2016

Piloting Smart City Initiatives in Kowloon East

Past event:

† May 19, 2016

Visit of the Tuen Mun Chep Lap Kok Tunnel

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Legal working group:

This new working group is a restricted one that gathers only in-house counsels and lawyers from legal firms.

Experience sharing will be encouraged to compare practices, and lawyers will provide presentations to counsels on hot topics such as new laws in Hong Kong and the region.

Past meeting:

† Mar. 17, 2016

Presentation on FATCA and 'global FATCA

Past event:

† Apr. 13, 2016

Competition Law in Hong Kong

Logistics and Supply Chain working group:

This new working group gathers members in charge of Supply chain and from logistics companies.

Programme for 2015-16 includes the following topics: local distribution, e-commerce, taxes (duty-free / duty-paid cross-border exchange) and Asean agreements.

Past meetings:

† Apr. 26, 2016

Air freight: Market update and trends for 2016

† Jun. 20, 2016

New Silk Way, Ancient Route – New possibilities for the supply chain

Luxury and Retail committee:

The Luxury & Retail committee launched a progressive survey on the young affluent that was carried out in October and November.

The Committee is going to be taken over by a new leading team whose programme will be communicated very soon.

Past meetings:

† May. 17, 2016

Brainstorming on committee activities

† Jun. 16, 2016

Brainstorming on rent issues at Hong Kong airport

Past events:

† Apr. 29, 2016

Boost marketing efficiency and Customer relationship

† Jun. 22, 2016

Luxury Symposium

Next meeting:

† Jul. 14, 2016

Meeting with Airport Authority

Policy and Consultation committee:

This committee aims at supporting the Chamber to prepare its paper submissions: the Policy and the Budget recommendations.

The recommendations for the Chief Executive Policy address will be prepared in September 2016.

Each committee is strongly invited to submit one recommendation (or more) to be forwarded to the Hong Kong government.

Small and Medium Enterprises committee:

This committee continues to organise regular monthly gatherings on topics important for SMEs. It favours experience sharing inviting members to bring testimonies on the topics presented, for better exchanges between participants.

The 2015-16 programme presents for the different topics tackled, the view of the expert together with the experience of the Entrepreneur. Subjects include the yearly 'Back to work', the entrepreneur's well-being, business in China (tax, VAT, customs...), marketing and brand strategy, the manager, communication and creativity. A meeting will also be co-organised with the British Chamber SME members.

Past meetings:

† Apr. 13, 2016

Oral Communication

† May 18, 2016

Creativity

† Jun. 08, 2016

Opening/managing bank accounts when a SME in Hong Kong

Past event:

† May 4, 2016

InterSME event

Sourcing Committee:

The committee continues to hold its successful monthly meetings, with lots of exchanges between the participants.

The Committee also prepared the 6th edition of Made In Asia that took place on 9th March 2016.

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Past meetings:

- † Apr. 08, 2016
- † May 06, 2016
- † Jun. 03, 2016

**Sourcing in South America
Customs advantages between the European Union and
Cambodia, the Philippines and potentially Vietnam
Presentation by Erich Felbabel, EB BRANDS (HK) Ltd**

Women On Board committee:

This committee continues its: 'Learn, Develop and Succeed' series, 'Women Advisory Forum – WAF' sessions and networking cocktails, always very successful.

The WOB Committee of the French Chamber in Hong Kong has conceived a **Mentoring Program for Young Women Professionals** and will accompany the creation of relevant mutually beneficial partnerships between Mentees and Mentors, in order to facilitate the intuitu personae relationship, key for a successful mentoring program. Contact us if you are interested.

Past meetings:

- † Apr. 21, 2016
- † Jun. 13, 2016

**Women Advisory Forum session on Mentorship
Brainstorming on programme**

Past events:

- † Apr. 12, 2016
- † Apr. 27, 2016
- † Jun. 13, 2016
- † Jun. 15, 2016

**Women networking cocktail
InterCham Women Breakfast seminar
WOB Cocktail
Exclusive luncheon**

Young Professionals and VI committee:

The Young Professionals & VI Committee aims at animating and developing the network of the young professionals and V.I. community in Hong Kong, while helping to integrate them to the broader Hong Kong business community.

These goals are achieved through the organisation of regular networking cocktails, and through round table events and workshops, where young professionals are given the opportunity to meet experienced top managers.

Past event:

- † June. 23, 2016

YP & VI Cocktail - Oola

Next event:

- † Sept. 20, 2016

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