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**The FHKI confers the 2017 Industrialist of the Year Award on
Dr Yip Kit-chuen, founder of GEW Corporation Limited**

The Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) confers the 2017 Industrialist of the Year Award (IOY) on **Dr Yip Kit-chuen**, founder of **GEW Corporation Limited** and Chairman of **GEW Holdings Limited** and **Shanghai GMP Electrical Appliances Company Limited**.

This year, nine outstanding young industrialists are awarded the 2017 Young Industrialist Awards of Hong Kong (YIAH). They are **Gordon C & Co Ltd Vice President Amy Chow; Semk Products (Holdings) Ltd Managing Director Eddie Hui; Best Video Ltd CEO Rono Kwong; Hollyland Group Holdings Ltd President Wilson Lai; Tung Hing Automation Investment Ltd Vice President Roy Lim; Wah Shing Toys Company Ltd CEO Paul Ng; Sun Cheong Creative Development Holdings Ltd CEO & Executive Director Billy Tong; S.A.S. Lighting Co Ltd Founder & CEO Jacky Yim** and **TFI Digital Media Ltd Founder & CEO Wilson Yuen**.

The FHKI first organised the YIAH in 1988 and the IOY in 2002 respectively, aiming to give public recognition to outstanding industrialists for their distinguished achievements and contributions to local industries and economic development.

This year, the Judging Panel unanimously conferred the Industrialist of the Year Award on **Dr Yip Kit-chuen**. Dr Yip founded GEW Machine Factory in 1961. The company is mainly engaged in the production of home appliances such as toasters and coffee machines. As a typical Hong Kong industrialist who has built his business from scratch, Dr Yip led the company from the production of mold, machines, electronic metal parts, to establishing his own brand Welhome by sparing no effort in research and development (R&D) and registering patent for his products' innovation functions. In 1994, GEW entered the coffee brewer market, developing a series of ingenious domestic and commercial coffee machine, coffee grinder and related accessories.

He supports "revitalising the nation through science and education". Apart from being actively involved in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Development Foundation, he also made donation to the construction of its academic building as well as the concert hall of Diocesan Boys' School. Dr Yip has assumed many public roles, and was honoured with the World Outstanding Chinese Award in 2006.

Biographies of the nine YIAH awardees are as follows:

- ❖ **Amy Chow** joined her family business **Gordon C & Co Ltd** in 1998. Her company is principally engaged in manufacturing and retailing of watches and clocks. She led her company to transform from an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) into an Original Design Manufacturer (ODM) and nowadays an Original Brand Manufacturer (OBM). Being a pioneer in automation production in the industry, Ms Chow introduced 600 sets of the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) system from Switzerland in 1999 to enhance the production accuracy to meet international standards for business expansion to overseas markets. She also led her company to upgrade as a distributor and a Swiss Original Brand Manufacturer (OBM). Gordon C



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& Co Ltd is the leader of international-quality-reached manufacturer in the industry. It was the first watch-maker awardee of Hong Kong Q-Mark and was selected as the supplier of premium watches in numerous international events.

- ❖ **Eddie Hui** established **Semk Products (Holdings) Ltd** in 2001. The company business is diversified into engineering, moulding, injection moulding, sewing rotocasting, logistics, with its products ranging from gifts and souvenirs to homeware, stationery, electronic devices and trendy fashion. He created B.Duck – a famous and popular cartoon character in Hong Kong, and developed it into an all-round intellectual property – its licensing categories cover all parts of everyday life, including product license, promotion, mall functions, theme license and brand consultation service. B.Duck has licensing businesses with a number of famous brands like McDonalds, OCBC Wing Hang Bank and Octopus Holdings Ltd. It also has partnerships with licensing agents worldwide, making B.Duck successfully developed globally. He further set up the B.Duck flagship store on Tmall and other popular social commerce channels, prompting him to kick start a number of large-scale innovative O2O projects.
- ❖ **Rono Kwong** set up **Best Video Ltd** in 2008. His company has grown into a thriving multimedia business that now offers an array of sophisticated, integrated services ranging from design to post-production to a diverse clientele. Since established, Best Video has worked with over 200 local enterprises, universities, HKSAR Government and international organisations, including Laws Group, Buller Watch, IKEA, CityU and HKUST. Being able to recognise trends enables him to note the great demand for advertising videos and the trend of using micro film for promotion in Hong Kong and the Mainland. Combined with his one-stop service he succeeded in leading Best Video to increase market share in both of these markets.
- ❖ **Wilson Lai** joined his family business **Hollyland Group Holdings Ltd** in 2007, specialising in the production of circuit protection devices. He focuses on R&D and invests over five per cent of company income in R&D per annum. The products are exported to worldwide markets, enabling the Group to form partnership with international brands including Sony, Canon, Panasonic, Emerson, Samsung, LG, Gree, Midea and TCL. The company sets up nine well-equipped laboratories and its products have attained various international certifications. It successfully gained over 30 utility model patents and four invention patents. In 2010, one of Mr Lai's companies was authorised by Apple Inc as its accessories developer and manufacturer and became the only technology partner from Asia of Microsoft InstaLoad Battery Technology in the same year.
- ❖ **Roy Lim** joined **Tung Hing Automation Investment Ltd** in 2011. By shifting the Company's direction from distribution to self-developed patented products, Mr Lim created new income streams and significant profit margins gain. He also unfolded a new chapter in implementing new industrial reforms under the Made in China 2025 Initiative. Under his management, the Company's turnover has recorded a remarkable surge from HK\$720 million in 2011 to HK\$1.3 billion in 2016. In 2012, Mr Lim set up L2F Incorporation, a Tung Hing subsidiary in the US, which is a system integration company focusing on developing high-tech automation solutions. L2F's grit and high-flying profile have earned challenging contracts from customers such as Tesla, SpaceX and Apple.
- ❖ **Paul Ng** took over leadership of **Wah Shing Toys Company Ltd**, a subsidiary owned by South China group. Under his leadership the company has undergone transition from a local traditional OEM toymaker to an international one-stop total solution provider of high-tech innovative toys. It has become a producer for various industry giants and toy brands. The company has



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maintained stable growth in traditional products while developing high-tech products such as robots, drones, artificial intelligence and interactive toys. In the past three years the Company has shown a 40 per cent growth in revenue supported by heavy capital investment in two new factories since 2014, increase in production floor area and a 50 per cent increase in high-tech automation production lines. Mr Ng initiated an organisational integration comprising several regional business units to take responsibilities of factory and capacity management allowing the entire production process to be combined and monitored closely.

- ❖ **Billy Tong** joined **Sun Cheong Creative Development Holdings Ltd** in 2006. The Company initially focused on Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) business and under Mr Tong's leadership, it has been transformed to Original design manufacturer (ODM) and Original Brand Manufacturer (OBM) businesses. Mr Tong self-developed a mould and die production line in his factory and supervises the overall quality of products in order to achieve one-stop management over production. In 2010, Mr Tong developed the brand Clip Fresh. In a short period of seven years, Clip Fresh products have passed many international tests of quality standards and obtained international certificates. Clip Fresh is now a renowned brand and is available in over 60 countries worldwide.
- ❖ **Jacky Yim** joined his family business, S.A.S. Dragon Holdings Ltd in 2009. In 2011, he set up **S.A.S. Lighting Company Ltd** to provide environmental friendly LED lighting products and solutions and successfully launched the brand "Light-in-Motion". This move allowed Mr Yim to introduce a new scope of business to the S.A.S Group with an extensive clientele of numerous global enterprises including Shangri-la group, Four Seasons and Raffles Hotels, which provides all-in-one LED smart lighting solutions covering design, supply, manufacturing, sales and installation. Having heavily invested in R&D, Mr Yim led his team to develop a series of high-tech products to add value to the traditional lighting systems, gaining reputation from hotels, banks, shopping malls, retailers, restaurants, offices and factories in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Southeast Asia.
- ❖ **Wilson Yuen** founded **TFI Digital Media Ltd** in 2010. He leads TFI to develop the world's fastest video encoding technology and related solutions and grows the company into an industry-leading technology provider through developing video solutions across various industries including entertainment, real estate, e-commerce, tourism, education and healthcare sectors. At present, TFI has global footprints in over 25 countries. It provides technology investment consultancy services to multiple Hong Kong family offices investment arms of ultra-high-net-worth individuals. Mr Yuen is keen to serve the community that he launched two University-Industry Collaboration Programme projects and encouraged students to apply research concepts on business solutions. He also developed Hospital Advisor, an interactive website that gives patients information about quality of care in 41 public and 11 private hospitals in Hong Kong.

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Since the FHKI first launched the YIAH in 1988, a total of 216 industrialists have been honoured. Apart from giving recognition to the awardees' achievements, the Awards also highlight the industrial sector's commitment to Hong Kong's continuing prosperity. In the years to come, the YIAH and IOY



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will continue to convey the spirit of Reinventing Hong Kong Industries as Hong Kong's industrial development reaches new heights.

Photo Captions:

1. FHKI Chairman Jimmy Kwok (centre) poses for a photo with 2017 IOY and YIAH awardees.



2. Chief Executive Carrie Lam confers the 2017 Industrialist of the Year award on Dr Yip Kit-chuen.





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3. Guest-of-honour and FHKI leadership pose for a group photo with this year's awardees.



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