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FHKI confers the 2018 Industrialist of the Year Award on Dr Tai Tak-fung, Chairman of Four Seas Group

The Federation of Hong Kong Industries (FHKI) confers the 2018 Industrialist of the Year Award (IOY) on **Dr Tai Tak-fung, Chairman of Four Seas Group**. Nine outstanding young industrialists are awarded the 2018 Young Industrialist Awards of Hong Kong (YIAH). They are **Lee Kee Holdings Ltd Executive Director Patrick Chan; Wynnewood Corporation Ltd Executive Vice President Bryant Chan; Viva Media Packaging Ltd Director Alfred Choi; Yip's Chemical Holdings Ltd Chief Corporate Development Officer & Senior Leadership Team Member Francis Ip; Kool Ltd CEO Kenny Wong; CMGE Technology Group Ltd Co-founder & Vice Chairman Hendrick Sin; Airland Holding Company Ltd Linda Sze; Yau Sang Galvanizing (Hot-dip) Co Ltd Patrick Yan; Sitoy Group Holdings Ltd Executive Director, Head of Retail and Deputy General Manager Andrew Yeung.**

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

FHKI Chairman Jimmy Kwok says, "Over the past 31 years, FHKI has commended a total of 17 IOYs and 225 YIAHs. Not only do the awards highlight the industrial sector's commitment to Hong Kong's continuing prosperity, I am confident that the IOY and YIAH will continue to convey the spirit of propelling Hong Kong industries to grow continuously and prosperously and drive the Hong Kong industries forward in the years to come."

This year, the Judging Panel unanimously conferred the Industrialist of the Year Award on Dr Tai Tak-fung. Dr Tai founded Four Seas Group in 1971 specialising in food products raw material supply, production, distribution, retail, operation of chain restaurant and investment holding. Under his leadership, the Group set up 19 production bases in Hong Kong and China and became one of the largest food producers in Hong Kong.

Dr Tai spared no effort in promoting Hong Kong's food industry and is deeply respected by industries. He has received numerous accolades, including the Grand Bauhinia Medal and Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays. He is also devoted to serving the community and is awarded the World Outstanding Chinese Award. Among his public service in Hong Kong and China to help promote social development, he is a former member of the Standing Committee of CPPCC, committee member and convener of Guangdong Province's CPPCC and Concerted Efforts Resource Centre President.

Biographies of the nine YIAH awardees are as follows:

- ❖ **Patrick Chan** joined **Lee Kee Holdings Ltd** in 2006. The Group was considered as a traditional and conservative member of the metals industry. With his effort to instill the element of professionalism, he transformed the Group into a multi-national corporation. He led the Group to become a Category 5 Associate Trade Member of the London Metal Exchange, enabling the Group to be the first member in Greater China joining the ranks of renowned international metal players. Foreseeing the increasingly tightened quality standards in metals industry, he



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established the first laboratory in Hong Kong accredited in Metals and Metallic Alloys category by the Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme to expand the scope of business.

- ❖ **Bryant Chan** joined **Wynnewood Corporation Ltd** in 2001. The Company primarily engages in the OEM/ODM of toys, consumer and industrial products. Leveraging on the company's technological advance and rich experience gained from the manufacturing of industrial products, he pursued new opportunities and expanded into the consumer product market. He led the company into the world of consumer electronics and applied a range of technologies to products. To support this initiative, he worked with startup companies and those from crowd-funding platforms to apply a range of technologies to products. Since embarking on business diversification, the company's revenue has increased threefold.
- ❖ **Alfred Choi** joined **Viva Media Packaging Ltd** in 2002. He led the company to diversify its business from media packaging to beauty packaging. He sustained the business growth of the company by launching a brand new plastic tube product, "Viva IML Tube", tube plastic formulation, production line and production technology. He led the company to gain international fame among world renowned brands and became the supplier of L'Oréal, as well as supplying to more than 100 beauty brands in North America and Europe. The Company has become a world reputable plastic tube manufacturer in the beauty industry within five years.
- ❖ **Francis Ip** joined **Yip's Chemical Holdings Ltd** in 2007. He led acquisitions of various well-known coatings brands, including the 85-year-old "Camel", "Aquapro" and "Viva" to strengthen its presence and market share. He recognised opportunities and diversified into car maintenance service business by investing in "Damai", a car maintenance chain in China, to tap the growing automotive aftermarket. The move improves the extensive sales and distribution network of the Group's existing lubricant business. Previously as President of Bauhinia Coatings Group, his strong business acumen brought success to its coatings business in the architectural, wood and plastics coatings sectors and he secured architectural projects from various major property developers in China.
- ❖ **Kenny Kong** founded **Kool Ltd** in 2003. Together with two business partners, he grew the Company from a single product offering to a company owning more than 300 SKUs. The company continued to grow rapidly and eventually became synonymous with a one-stop private label solutions provider. Several awards have acknowledged the success of the Company, including Red Dot Design Award, Golden Pin Design Award, Good Design Award and IDA Design Award. He strives to inject new elements to business growth and team up with overseas companies, including Grayl and Model Citizen Pet from the US, OneCopenhagen from Denmark and Vedec from Korea and Singapore, in which the products are well-received by the food and hospitality market worldwide.
- ❖ **Hendrick Sin** jointly founded **CMGE Technology Group Ltd** with his partners. The Company is the largest Chinese publisher of mobile games developed based on IPs and was listed on the NASDAQ in the US, being China's first mobile game company listed on an overseas stock exchange as well as a constituent stock of the NASDAQ Golden Dragon China Index. Considered a "Unicorn", the company is valued in excess of US\$1 billion. He has successfully transformed the local game studio into an international leading IP-oriented mobile game conglomerate which enjoys international fame.
- ❖ **Linda Sze** joined **Airland Holding Company Ltd** in 2001. She has played a critical role in the company growth as the scale of the Group was expanded 50 times nowadays. She successfully obtained an exclusive license from Serta, the renowned mattress brand, for China, Hong Kong



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and Macau, and grew the brand into the leading foreign mattress brand in China. She adopted a multi-brand strategy to broaden the market share and capture low medium and high-end markets. She also made a bold move into e-commerce in 2013 and it successfully becomes the top-selling brand on the e-commerce platform Tmall.

- ❖ **Patrick Yan** acquired **Yau Sang Galvanizing (Hot-dip) Co Ltd** which was founded by his father in 2005 and merged it with Yau Lee Galvanizers (Hot-dip) Co Ltd which was transformed from electroplating business with his brothers, in a bid to gain market share in Hong Kong effectively. He strives to invest in research projects and leads his staff to participate in various research projects to look for new gateways. One of the projects is undergoing production scale modification experiments. Once successfully completed, it would bring a new corrosion protection technique of reinforcement bars to the construction industry.
- ❖ **Andrew Yeung** joined **Sitoy Group Holdings Ltd** in 1999. He has led the Group to make a rapid entry into the growing China retail handbag market and become one of the world's leading manufacturers of branded high-end and luxury handbags, small leather goods and travel goods and a brand distributor in Greater China. He obtained exclusive rights for distribution and operation of three major brands from Europe and the US in Hong Kong and China. He puts strong emphasis on product development and leads the new design and development teams for two self-owned brands and a licensed brand to develop more attractive products. Together with appropriate marketing strategies, he has created brand awareness and increased store traffic.

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Photo Captions:

1. FHKI Chairman Jimmy Kwok (middle) poses for a photo with 2018 IOY and YIAH awardees.





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2. FHKI Chairman Jimmy Kwok announces 2018 IOY and YIAH awardees.



3. Acting Chief Secretary for Administration Wong Kam-sing confers the 2018 Industrialist of the Year award on Dr Tai Tak-fung.





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



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