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July 12, 2010	
12:00 – 15:00	<b>Registration</b>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Mini Concert</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium)
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium)  <u>Officiating Speech</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. John Tsang, JP</b>, <i>Financial Secretary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government</i></li></ul> <u>Welcome Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Timothy Tong</b>, <i>President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i></li><li>• <b>Mr. Pierre Calame</b>, <i>President of the China-Europa Forum Foundation</i></li><li>• <b>Prof. Ji Baocheng</b>, <i>President of Renmin University of China</i></li></ul> <u>Greetings by Prominent Guests</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Herman Van Rompuy</b> (video), <i>President of the European Council</i></li><li>• <b>Mr. Pat Cox</b>, <i>Former President of European Parliament</i></li><li>• <b>Mr. Benjamin Fok</b>, <i>Board Member of Fok Ying Tung Foundation</i></li><li>• <b>Mr. Yang Zigang</b>, <i>Deputy Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Hong Kong SAR</i></li><li>• <b>Mrs. Maria Castillo Fernandez</b>, <i>Head of the Office of the European Union in Hong Kong and Macao</i></li></ul> <u>Kick-off Ceremony</u>
16:30 – 17:00	<b>Keynote Speech</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium)  <u>Green Economy and Sustainable Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Cheng Siwei</b>, <i>Former Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress</i></li></ul>
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Keynote Speech</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Michel Rocard</b>, <i>Former Prime Minister of France</i></li></ul>
18:00 – 19:00	<b>Welcome Reception</b> (PolyU lawn)

July 13, 2010	
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Morning Coffee</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium Foyer)
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Plenary Session I</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Methodology</li> </ul>
10:15 – 12:30	<b>Concurrent Sessions I</b> (9 Halls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Theme Discussions: workshop output presentation under each group</li> </ul>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Concurrent Sessions II</b> (9 Halls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Theme Discussions</li> </ul>
16:15 – 18:15	<b>Concurrent Sessions III</b> (13 Halls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Theme Discussions+ 4 Common Challenges Discussions</li> </ul>
18:30 – 20:00	<b>Dinner</b>
July 14, 2010	
08:00 – 08:30	<b>Morning Coffee</b> (Jockey Club Auditorium Foyer)
08:30 – 10:00	<b>Concurrent Session IV</b> (13 Halls) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concluding Session: 9 Theme Discussions+ 4 Common Challenges Discussions</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Tea Break</b>
10:30 – 13:00	<b>Plenary Session II (Jockey Club Auditorium):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of 9 theme groups</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Plenary Session III (Jockey Club Auditorium):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of 4 Common Challenge Groups</li> </ul> <p><u>Collective Evaluation and Reflection Report of the workshop-plenary process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Pierre Calame</b>, <i>President of the China-Europa Forum Foundation</i></li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> <p><u>Closing Speech</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Wu Jianmin</b>, <i>Former Ambassador to France, the Netherlands and the United Nations</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Ye Xiaowen</b>, <i>Party Secretary and Vice President of the Central Institute of Socialism</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Patrick Ho, MD, FACS, GBS, JP</b>, <i>President of Asia Cultural Forum, Former Secretary for Home Affairs of Hong Kong SAR</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Gerhard Stahl</b>, <i>Secretary General of the Regional Committee of European Union</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Thank-you Notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Angelina Yuen-Tsang</b>, <i>Vice-President (Institutional Advancement and Partnership) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Yu Shuo</b>, <i>Coordinator General of China-Europa Forum</i></li> </ul>

## **Prominent Guests**



**Mr. Herman Van Rompuy**  
President of the European Council

Mr. Herman Van Rompuy is the first long term and full time President of the European Council. He used to be a Belgian politician of the Christian Democratic and Flemish party, serving as the 49th Prime Minister of Belgium.



**Mr. Pat Cox**  
Former President of European Parliament

Mr. Pat Cox is a former Irish politician and television current affairs presenter. He was President of the European Parliament from 2002 to 2004 and served as a member of the parliament from 1989–2004. He is now the President of the European Movement International.



**Dr. Gerhard Stahl**  
Secretary General of the Regional Committee of European Union

Mr. Gerhard Stahl graduated in economics at the Technical University in Berlin. He worked at European Parliament and then Ministry for Economics, Transport and Research and later on as Director-General for European and International Affairs at the Ministry for European and Federal Affairs. From 1999-2002, he was Deputy Head of Cabinet for Pedro Solbes, the European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs. In September 2002, Mr Stahl was appointed Director for Consultative Work at the Committee of the Regions (CoR); he has been Secretary-General of the CoR since 1 April 2004. Mr Stahl is a Member of the Advisory Committee (Kuratorium) of the IFO-Research Institute in Munich.



**Mr. Benjamin Fok**

Board Member of Fok Ying Tung Foundation

Mr. Benjamin Fok has 20 years of business experience, including 16 years as Director of the Henry Fok Ying Tung Group of Companies, where he actively orchestrates and oversees major development projects. The latest of these is the 22 sq. km new port of Nansha in Southern China, a new link to the rest of the world that includes infrastructure related to shipping, warehousing and fulfillment facilities. Still under planning is a Science Park serving Hong Kong SAR and the Southern China region. Mr. Benjamin Fok is also a proud member of his family's Fok Ying Tung Foundation which has donated over 1 billion HK Dollars in support of development in China in the fields of education, health care, sports, and others.



**Mr. Yang Zigang**

Deputy Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR

Mr. Yang Zigang is the Deputy Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR.



**Mr. Tiziano Treu**

Former Minister of Labour of Italy

Mr. Tiziano Treu was born in Vicenza, Italy, in 1939. A university professor of labour law and former Minister of Labour, he was elected a senator of the Italian Parliament on 13 May 2001. Since 2001 he has been a member of the Margherita Group, a member of the 11th Permanent Committee of labour and social welfare and a member of the steering committee of social security organisations since 15 November 2001.



**Mr. Paul Tran Van-Thinh,**  
Former Ambassador of EU at the WTO

Mr. Paul Tran Van-Thinh is the former Ambassador of EU at the WTO.



**Mrs. Maria Castillo Fernandez**  
Head of the Office of the European Commission in Hong Kong and Macao

Ms. Maria Castillo Fernandez is the Head of Office of the European Union Office of the European Commission in Hong Kong and Macao since 2008. From 2005 to 2008, she was the Deputy Head of Mission at the EU Delegation in Seoul (Republic of Korea) in charge of EU political relations and economic cooperation activities.

### **Keynote Speakers**



**Prof. Cheng Siwei**  
Former Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress

Prof. Cheng is a famous Chinese scholar in economic, financial and managerial fields as well as in chemical industry. He devoted himself in the reform and opening up of China for 30 years. He used the approach of complexity science to study the economic reforms in China and put forward many valuable and influencing proposals to the top leaders of China, and implemented his thoughts in his work as the Vice Chairman, Standing Committee of National People's Congress of China and the Chairman, Central Committee of China National Democratic Construction Association. He initiated the school of fictitious economy and has a deep influence in China's economic and financial circle. Prof. Cheng was an academic advisor to the World Bank and the director of the Department of Management Sciences of the National Natural Science Foundation of China.





**Mr. Michel Rocard**  
Former Prime Minister of France

Mr. Michel Rocard, is a member of the European Parliament, former Prime Minister of France and a former leader of the Socialist Party. He entered politics as a student leader whilst studying at the Ecole National d'Administration (E.N.A.). He led the Unified Socialist Party (PSU) from 1967 to 1974 and stood in the 1969 Presidential elections. In 1974, he joined François Mitterrand and the Socialist Party. He was Minister of Regional and Economical Planning from 1981 to 1983 and Minister for Agriculture from 1983 to 1985. He was Prime Minister (1988-1991) and led the Matignon Accords regarding the status of New Caledonia.



**Prof. Wu Jianmin**  
Former Ambassador to France, the Netherlands and the United Nations

Prof. Wu is a senior diplomat of P.R. China with 42 years experience, 25 of which he spent serving at overseas posts. From 1991-1994, he was spokesman and Director-General of the Information Department of the Foreign Ministry. From 1994 to 2003, he served as China's Ambassador to the Netherlands, Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Ambassador to France. Prof. Wu is the professor at China Foreign Affairs University and Chairman of the Shanghai Centre of International Studies. He is also a Vice-Chairman of the Institute of Strategy and Management, Beijing, member of the Foreign Policy Advisory Committee of the Foreign Ministry and Honorary President of the Bureau of International Exhibitions.



**Mr. Ye Xiaowen**  
Party Secretary and Vice President of the Central Institute of Socialism

Mr. Ye Xiaowen, Han nationality, is a native of Guiyang, Guizhou Province. He was born in 1950. Ye Xiaowen has excelled as an academician of philosophy and sociology. In the middle 1990s, Ye served as director of the Bureau of Religious Affairs under the state council. He has also been active in the China Sociology Society and the Chinese Society of Human Rights. He is currently an alternate member of the 17th CPC Central Committee and Vice-President and Secretary of Leading Party Group of the Central Institute of Socialism.



**Dr. Patrick Ho, MD, FACS, GBS, JP**

President of Asia Cultural Forum, Former Secretary for Home Affairs of Hong Kong SAR

Dr. Patrick Ho was born in Hong Kong, and educated in USA for 16 years. He possessed a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Doctor of Medicine Degree. Trained in eye surgery with special expertise in retinal surgery, he was a fellow at Harvard Medical School. He returned to Hong Kong in 1984 to teach eye surgery at the Hong Kong Chinese University as a Professor. Since 1993, he has been a member of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (National) Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee, and in 1995, he was appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee of the first Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government. He was the vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute (1996-2002). In 1997, he became a member of the HKSAR Urban Council and the chairman of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. In 2000, he was appointed the chairman of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. In 2002, he joined the second term HKSAR Government as a Cabinet Member and the Secretary for Home Affairs. He retired from his cabinet post on 1 July 2007. Dr. Ho is a political consultant in China on cultural and youth related policies and matters, and founded the Hong Kong Academy of Chinese Culture and the Asia Cultural Forum to promote National Education and international cultural exchanges. Dr. Ho is the executive vice-chairman, secretary general, and chief executive of China Energy Fund Committee, a think-tank anchored in Hong Kong with stations in Beijing and Shanghai, devoted to public diplomacy, with special emphasis on energy and culture.