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Asia Society Hong Kong Center Announces Movers & Shakers Fireside Chat Program

***A 12-month Student Program Sponsored by
Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation Limited***

(Hong Kong, June 15, 2018) – The Asia Society Hong Kong Center (ASHK) today announces that it will be launching the Movers & Shakers Fireside Chat program, a 12-month program sponsored by Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation Limited and which aims at helping Hong Kong students to develop global competence and leadership skills. Rooted in its belief that the future lies in the youth of today, ASHK has designed the program with the objective of cultivating talents to underpin the ongoing success and competitive edge of Hong Kong within the regional and global contexts.

“Education and nurturing of students are one of the key focuses in our strategic mission. At Asia Society, our vision is that in an interconnected global era, all youth from all countries and cultures will have the capacity to create, participate in, and benefit from a peaceful and prosperous world. We believe that developing global competence in students and young leaders is the foundation for understanding between people in the Asia Pacific region and throughout the world. We are excited to share this meaningful goal with Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation, and we are grateful for its generous support of this worthy initiative,” says Ronnie C. Chan, Chairman of ASHK.

“The Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation has been active in supporting the community, be it through our support of community activities targeting underprivileged groups or through our support for the arts and the environment. We have been impressed with Asia Society Hong Kong Center’s focus and efforts to engage students in its various educational programs, and we are pleased to encourage and support it to develop this program that tailor specifically to the needs and interest of students and youth leaders in Hong Kong,” said Mr. Robert Ng, Founder of Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation.

The program will comprise a series of eight fireside chats throughout the year where ASHK will invite industry game changers to share their vision and personal experiences in their pathways to success. The activities will target undergraduate and postgraduate full time students aged between 18 and 25 and across all academic disciplines and studies.

“The program aims to inspire and instill inventiveness and entrepreneurship amongst its target audience group. Leveraging on our extensive network of leaders across a wide cross-section of fields and sectors, ASHK will design and deliver interactive and engaging programs that offer students access to exceptional leadership insights, and first-hand accounts and advice to building vision and personal resilience,” says S. Alice Mong, Executive Director of ASHK.

ASHK will begin its outreach efforts in the coming months to engage and encourage student participation from local schools and universities. A dedicated social media community group will be launched to facilitate program promotion and student interaction during the program period. The actual implementation of the fireside chat series will be in September 2018.

About Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation Limited

Mr. Ng Teng Fong founded both Sino Group and its sister company Far East Organization. Today, Sino Group has become one of the leading property developers in Hong Kong and Far East Organization has become the largest private property developer in Singapore. Mr. Ng Teng Fong had a reputation for leading a frugal and diligent lifestyle. In 2010, his eldest son, Mr. Robert Ng Chee Siong, Chairman of Sino Group, member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, set up Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation in memory of Mr. Ng Teng Fong. The Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation has been supporting charitable causes in Hong Kong, mainland China and Singapore.

About Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Asia Society Hong Kong Center is a locally funded, independent non-government organization that was established in 1990 by a group of Hong Kong community leaders. It is affiliated with Asia Society in New York that was founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller III to promote mutual understanding and to strengthen partnerships between Asia and the US in a global context.

Asia Society Hong Kong Center is dedicated to providing educational platforms that present balanced perspectives and promote critical understanding of topics that are relevant to Hong Kong, Asia and the region's role in the world. Across the fields of arts and culture, education, business and policy, it seeks to provide insights, generate ideas and promote collaboration to address present challenges and create a shared future. Its home in Admiralty at the former Explosives Magazine of the old Victoria Barracks, made possible under Private Treaty Grant from the government, was the result of careful conservation, restoration and adaptive re-use which transformed the heritage site into a cultural, artistic and intellectual hub in 2012 to offer a broad variety of cultural and education programs to the community.

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