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*Asia Society Hong Kong Center Unveils the Jack Tang Visitor Center*

[Hong Kong, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023] Asia Society Hong Kong Center (ASHK) is delighted to announce the unveiling of the Jack Tang Visitor Center, named in honor of the late Dr. Jack Tang, a remarkable individual whose dedication and passion for poverty alleviation in China left an indelible mark on our organization.

Dr. Jack Tang Chi-chien was not only a visionary leader but also a co-founder of Asia Society Hong Kong. His tireless efforts and unwavering commitment played a pivotal role in the establishment of our institution. Dr. Tang's profound understanding of the importance of fostering cross-cultural exchange and promoting dialogue between Asia and the rest of the world laid the foundation for ASHK's mission and values.

"Dr. Jack Tang played a pioneering role alongside our founding Chair, Sir Q.W. Lee, in bringing Asia Society to Hong Kong in 1990. His steadfast support propelled us to our present position as a vibrant center for business and policy, arts and culture, and education in Hong Kong. We will long express our eternal gratitude for his invaluable contributions," expressed **Ronnie Chan**, Chair of Asia Society Hong Kong Center and Past Co-Chair of Asia Society.

In addition to his instrumental role in the founding of Asia Society Hong Kong, Dr. Jack Tang made significant contributions to the development and prosperity of Hong Kong. As a renowned philanthropist and entrepreneur, he dedicated himself to improving the lives of others and driving positive change within the community. Dr. Tang's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to social progress have left an enduring legacy in Hong Kong and beyond.

**Oscar L. Tang**, Jack's brother said, "Our parents instilled in us the ethic of contributing our time and resources to the building of institutions in civil society. Our family is pleased to dedicate the Visitor Center in honor of Jack, who served ASHK in that spirit."

Dr. Jack Tang's commitment to addressing the pressing issue of poverty in China has been a source of inspiration for ASHK. In his honor, Asia Society Hong Kong Center has been proud to host a memorial lecture series focused on poverty alleviation in China, a subject about which he was passionate and dedicated. Since 2015, ASHK has hosted four lectures on various aspects of poverty alleviation, exploring issues related to migrant workers, left-behind children, and the goal of complete poverty elimination. These programs have featured distinguished experts on China's development incorporating a range of perspectives. The lecture series will conclude later this year, with the fifth and final instalment.

"The unveiling of the Jack Tang Visitor Center marks a significant milestone for ASHK and reaffirms our commitment to fostering cross-cultural understanding and promoting social progress. This space will serve as a continual warm welcome to our guests as they arrive to attend engaging exhibitions, insightful programs, and interactive experiences, all aimed at enriching our visitors' understanding of Asia's dynamic cultures and societies." said **Ms. S Alice Mong**, Executive Director of Asia Society Hong Kong Center.

**Ms S. Alice Mong** further commented, "we extend our deepest gratitude to the Tang family for their generous support and unwavering dedication to this cause. Their partnership has been instrumental in the realization of the Jack Tang Visitor Center, and we are honored to perpetuate Dr. Jack Tang's legacy through this remarkable facility."



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ASHK invites all individuals, organizations, and communities to join us in celebrating the inauguration of the Jack Tang Visitor Center. Through collective efforts, we aspire to create a more inclusive and equitable society, guided by the principles of compassion, empathy, and respect.

### **About Asia Society Hong Kong Center**

Asia Society Hong Kong Center (ASHK) is an independent non-governmental educational organization established in 1990 by a group of Hong Kong community leaders led by Sir Quo-wei Lee, then Chairman of Hang Seng Bank. It is one of 14 centers of Asia Society's diverse network across the globe, with the mission to navigate shared futures for Asia and the world in the fields of arts and culture, business and policy. Since 2012, ASHK is situated at the Former Explosives Magazine of the Victoria Barracks, a site steeped in history, cultural significance, and natural beauty. The 1.3 hectares site, housing four former British military buildings, was built by the British Army in the mid-19th century for explosives and ammunition production and storage. Through conservation, restoration and adaptive reuse, the heritage site has been transformed into a cultural and intellectual hub, combining heritage preservation with a distinct modern aesthetic complete with world-class performance and conference facilities that offer a broad range of arts and culture, business and policy programs, and exhibitions to the community. ASHK was established entirely with local funding, and is supported through membership dues, fundraising events, and contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations that support and advance its mission.

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