

**Inter-religious Tolerance and Friendship:
Jews and Muslims in Hong Kong**

Luncheon Dialogue

Monday, October 15, 2018

Asia Society Hong Kong Center, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty

Registration 12:15, Lunch 12:30, Close 14:00

\$500 Asia Society Members; \$650 Non-members

In a world where religion sometimes appears to be a force of division, Hong Kong remains an oasis of inter-religious tolerance. This foundation has been built and nurtured over many years by each of the major religions practiced in Hong Kong, and exemplified by the good relationship between the local Muslim and Jewish communities. Jews and Muslims each have vibrant histories in Hong Kong dating back to the mid-19th century. In 2018, the two communities embarked on a series of events to further strengthen the bridges between them, including reciprocal visits to the Kowloon Mosque and Ohel Leah Synagogue, as well as regular interaction among religious leaders of each community.

Muhammad Arshad, Chief Imam of Kowloon Mosque, **Rabbi Asher Oser** of Ohel Leah Synagogue and **Ronnie C. Chan**, Chairman of Asia Society Hong Kong Center will discuss inter-religious tolerance among Hong Kong's Jews, Muslims and other religions, as well as measures required to advance relationships, particularly at a time when friction is prevalent in other parts of the world. Co-organized with Glen Steinman to advance tolerance and understanding among people of different backgrounds.



Muhammad Arshad is the Chief Imam of Hong Kong, and has worked at Kowloon Mosque since 2001. He is a mufti who guides the Muslim community in the light of Islamic teachings and supervising the religious activities of all Hong Kong mosques. He also teaches Urdu and Arabic languages at Baptist University. As an active member of the interfaith network, he is involved in bridging different communities in Hong Kong, and serves as the representative of Muslims at different forums both here and abroad.



Asher C. Oser is the Rabbi of Hong Kong's Ohel Leah Synagogue, a position he has held since 2010. In this capacity he helps people find meaning in and through Jewish life. Born in Australia, he has served congregations in the United States where he was ordained. He holds degrees from the University of Sydney and McGill University, and studied Jewish texts in Israel and the United States. A recipient of numerous awards, he is a familiar participant at interfaith events in Hong Kong.



Ronnie C. Chan is Chairman of Hang Lung Properties, Asia Society Hong Kong Center and Chairman Emeritus of Asia Society. Mr. Chan also established and chairs the China Heritage Fund. He serves or has served on the governing or advisory bodies of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, World Economic Forum, University of Southern California, Yale University and Tsinghua University. Mr. Chan is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. (Moderator)

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