

FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am so pleased to renew my close and active connection with the Federation as President. This is an organisation that not only keeps me young, but also breathless, with the range and number of services provided and activities organised every year. More than that, however, I feel privileged that everything the Federation does is so today's young people, no matter what stage of their life they happen to be in, are well prepared for tomorrow's challenges. This is the mission of the Federation and I am honoured to be a part of it.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the people at the very heart of everything: the Executive Director and her most able and talented staff. This year Dr. Rosanna Wong celebrates 40 years of tireless work with the Federation and on behalf of the entire Council and staff I would like to express our deep gratitude to her. She has laid a solid foundation of work and service, and more importantly, built up a staff complement that has a passion and dedication second to none. For all their hard work and commitment, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank them for all their efforts.

I would also like to mention our partners and friends. The overwhelming support that we receive, year in and year out, is beyond measure and speaks volumes to the trust and high esteem in which the Federation is held.

I would particularly like to mention the various government departments and agencies, including the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Social Welfare Department, the Labour Department, the Home Affairs Bureau, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Education Bureau, the Financial Services and Treasury Bureau, the Innovation and Technology Commission, Environmental Protection

Department, the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks, the Tourism Commission, Narcotics Division, Airport Authority Hong Kong and Hong Kong Arts Development Council. I must also thank the Lotteries Fund, The Community Chest of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, the Quality Education Fund, the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund, Beat Drugs Fund, the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged, the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation, The Verdant Foundation, Hongkong Bank Foundation, the Keswick Foundation, the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation, Lee Hysan Foundation, Li Ka Shing Foundation and Au Bak Ling Charity Trust. We are equally grateful for the support from Hang Seng Bank, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Prudential Hong Kong Limited and Lisa's Collection.

Finally, my colleagues on the Council: their wisdom, advice, counsel and friendship make my job lighter and I thank them for their commitment as well.

This year, the Federation is 55 years old. I have every confidence that we are well placed, with a solid foundation to see in another 55 years!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Lester Huang'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Lester Huang