



# 會長序辭

2014年是香港政制發展充滿挑戰的一年，與此同時，國家落實全面深化改革藍圖，也為香港帶來更多發展機遇。本會新一屆會董會於年內就任，我們一如既往全力支持特區政府依法施政，促進香港政制循序漸進發展；我們亦協助會員企業和工商界抓緊國家新形勢帶來的各種發展機遇，致力為促進香港繁榮穩定貢獻力量。

## 支持政制循序漸進發展

政制發展是2014年本港社會相當關注的重要議題，特區政府啟動政改“五步曲”，為實現普選行政長官踏出重要一步。本會亦積極配合政改諮詢工作，收集會員對政改的意見信函，並向特區政府呈交意見書，明確表達中總支持在《基本法》和全國人大常委會“8.31決定”的框架下，依法落實“一人一票”普選行政長官的立場。此外，本會亦牽頭舉辦工商界諮詢論壇和研討會等活動，反映工商界對支持政改向前邁進的訴求和殷切期望。

此外，我們亦聯同本港各主要商會，透過舉行記者招待會、刊登報章聲明、拍攝宣傳短片等，反映工商界堅決反對“佔中”的違法抗爭、衝擊法治、破壞社會秩序的行為。本會更積極推動會員參與簽名活動，明確表達對普選行政長官、恢復秩序、維護法治、支持警方等堅定立場。

## 抓緊內地經濟發展新機遇

過去一年，中央致力推動“一帶一路”宏觀經濟發展理念，為強化國家經濟對外合作與聯繫帶來重要意義。此外，國家積極拓展新一輪對外開放和深化改革發展步伐，包括深化上海自貿區改革試驗，推進廣東、天津、福建三個新自貿區的建設等，進一步為國家經濟持續發展注入新動力。在2014年底，商務部與特區政府在CEPA框架下簽署《關於內地在廣東與香港基本實現服務貿易自由化的協議》，不但為香港服務業進一步開拓內地市場提供前所未有的發展空間，更

對深化粵港服務貿易全方位交流合作、提升彼此競爭力發揮關鍵作用。與此同時，“滬港通”順利開通，對促進內地與香港金融業進一步合作、鞏固本港人民幣離岸業務發展、推動人民幣國際化進程有着重要影響。

為配合國家經濟新形勢發展，並進一步促進香港與內地更緊密聯繫合作，本會積極協助會員企業在國家經濟戰略發展進程中探索機遇，並為強化兩地經貿往來、推進與內地主要經濟區域加強交流合作等擔當商貿平台的角色。過去一年，我們積極參與廣交會等內地大型經貿活動，並組團拜會上海、廣東、山東等省市領導，了解國家最新發展情況和當地營商環境與產業發展，反映會員企業和本港工商界關注的議題和意見。

本會亦透過舉辦解讀“兩會”等專題論壇，探討國家相關政策對本港經濟長遠發展的影響，並為促進內地與香港更深層次合作探索新方向。此外，我們並與深圳前海管理局簽署戰略合作協議，為推動香港工商界積極參與前海的發展建立良好基礎。

隨着國家全面提升與“一帶一路”沿線國家的經貿合作，我們將繼續與會員共同努力，積極配合國家宏觀經濟的戰略部署，發揮香港在金融、專業服務等方面的傳統優勢，為內地企業“走出去”提供重要融資平台、海外資產管理服務和訊息配對支援，全力抓緊國家新形勢發展帶來的龐大商機。

### 發揮區域合作橋樑作用

除致力促進與內地經貿更緊密聯繫合作，中總也不遺餘力地推動香港與周邊區域經貿往來。在2014年，我們積極支持特區政府與東盟就自由貿易協定展開談判，並就深化香港與東盟區域經濟合作向特區政府反映本會意見。我們亦聯合多家機構在馬來西亞舉辦“香港—東盟區域合作論壇”，探討香港加入東盟自貿區對雙方及馬來西亞帶來的機遇，以及香港在東盟當中發揮的角色。

此外，本會亦繼續發展作為“世界華商大會”召集人組織3名成員的責任和使命，為促進區域經濟合作，加強華商團結拓展內地、東盟和國際市場，發揮香港“引進來、走出去”的獨特功能。

### 締造更理想的營商環境

回顧2014年，環球經濟復蘇步伐緩慢，惟內地經濟大致保持平穩，帶動全年本港經濟錄得2.3%溫和實質增長。然而，外圍經濟表現反覆，加上香港社會及民生議題的持續影響，令本港經濟和營商環境也充滿挑戰。

因應經濟與營商環境複雜多變，本會在過去一年密切關注內地和本港營商環境變化可能構成的影響，並就一些重大經濟政策、社會民生議題積極反映會員及工商界意見。例如，我們積極回應了包括競爭條例、僱傭條例、最低工資、擴建三跑道系統等多項對工商界影響深遠的政策諮

詢和修訂建議，並繼續就施政報告、財政預算案以及其他社會普遍關注的議題，凝聚會員企業和工商界意見，向特區政府反映。此外，我們繼續透過舉辦“中總論壇”、會董會講座和不同類型的專題演講等活動，就促進本港經濟與社會持續發展進行交流討論。

## 共同構建關愛和諧社會

在關注工商業發展的同時，本會亦積極推動工商界人才及青少年的培育，並繼續透過“大學生實習交流計劃”、“少年太空人體驗營”等活動，2014年共資助近500位年輕人親身體驗國情及工商業運作，鼓勵他們多關心國家與社會發展。

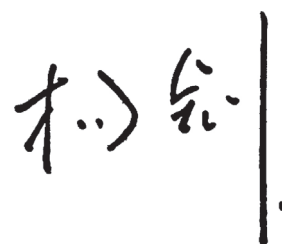
本會更致力促進會員企業實踐社會責任。2014年我們首次舉辦“慶回歸消費優惠樂悠悠”活動，獲近千間本港店舖積極參與，為全港市民帶來消費飲食折扣優惠。本會亦透過“中總愛心行動”與“築福香港”攜手合作，舉辦連串關愛長者、基層與弱勢社群的慈善公益活動，以及捐助雲南魯甸地震災民等，讓社會大眾感受工商界的關懷。

總括而言，2014年本會各項工作和計劃得到全體會董鼎力支持，加上各委員會的悉心籌劃以及全體會員積極參與，充分彰顯本會上下一心、群策群力的團結精神，在此我謹向各位表達衷心感謝。同時，我亦要讚揚秘書處同儕的辛勤和高效率工作，讓各項會務工作得以順利開展。

展望新一年，中總將迎來115周年會慶的大喜日子，我們將舉辦一系列慶祝活動。此外，因應國家進一步推動“四個全面”的戰略佈局，本會亦將繼續凝聚會員及工商界力量，促進香港與內地經濟進一步融合發展，致力構建和諧社會。

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第49屆會長



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# Chairman's Statement

2014 was a challenging year for Hong Kong's constitutional development. At the same time, China's implementation of its blueprint for comprehensive deepening of reforms had presented further opportunities of development for Hong Kong. Having taken office in 2014, the current CGCC Committee Members continued to give full support to the HKSAR Government's administration according to law and facilitate the progressive development of Hong Kong's constitution. We also assisted our member companies and the business community in capturing the various opportunities arising from the country's latest developments whilst striving to contribute to Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

## Support Progressive Development of Constitution

Constitutional development was an issue of considerable concern to the Hong Kong society in 2014. The HKSAR Government launched the "five-step" constitutional reform process as an important step towards the selection of the Chief Executive by universal suffrage. The CGCC also gave active support to the consultations on constitutional reform by gathering and submitting the views of our members to the HKSAR Government, and conveying the chamber's support for the implementation of the "one person, one vote" election of the Chief Executive in accordance with the Basic Law framework and the NPC Standing Committee's "August 31 Decisions". In addition, the CGCC took the lead in holding forums and seminars to consult with the business community and conveyed the business community's aspirations and ardent support of the constitutional reform progress.

Further, by holding news conferences, releasing press statements and shooting publicity videos in conjunction with other major business associations in Hong Kong, we expressed the business community's resolute opposition against the "Occupy Central" Movement's illegal protests, which threatened the rule of law and disrupted public order. The CGCC also actively encouraged members to take part in signature campaigns to voice out their firm stance on the selection of the Chief Executive by universal suffrage, restoration of order, upholding the rule of law, and support for the police.

## Capture New Opportunities of Mainland's Economic Development

Over the past year, the Central Government has concentrated efforts on promoting its "One Belt and One Road" macroeconomic development concept, which held great significance on strengthening the country's economic cooperation and ties with other countries. China also initiated a new round of opening up measures and deepening of reforms, including pilot programs in deepening reform of the Shanghai Free Trade Zone and advancing the construction of new free trade zones in Guangdong, Tianjin and Fujian to inject new impetus to the country's sustainable economic developments. In late 2014, the Ministry of Commerce and the HKSAR Government signed the "Agreement on the Mainland's Basic Realisation of Liberalisation of Trade in Services between Guangdong and Hong Kong" under the CEPA framework, which will not only provide unprecedented potential for Hong Kong's service industries to further tap the Mainland market, but also play a key role in boosting the competitiveness of Guangdong and Hong Kong through furthering all-round exchanges and cooperation on the service industry. Meanwhile, the successful launch of the "Shanghai - Hong Kong Stock Connect" will be critical in promoting further industrial cooperation between Mainland and Hong Kong financial sectors, consolidating Hong Kong's offshore RMB business development and driving RMB internationalisation.

In line with the country's new economic situation, and to forge closer cooperation between the Mainland and Hong Kong, the CGCC actively helped member companies explore opportunities arising from the country's strategic economic development and assumed the role as a commerce and trade platform to strengthen

mutual economic and trade exchanges on top of reinforcing cooperation with the Mainland's major economic regions. Over the past year, we have actively participated in a number of major economic and trade activities on the Mainland including the Canton Fair, and have organised delegations to meet with the leadership of Shanghai, Guangdong and Shandong to keep abreast of the country's latest developments as well as the business environments and industrial developments of these regions, and also to convey the opinions of member companies and the Hong Kong business community on issues of concern.

The CGCC also held forums, such as those on elucidating relevant policies resulting from the NPC and CPPCC sessions, to discuss the impact of these policies on Hong Kong's long-term economic development, and to explore new directions for deeper cooperation between the Mainland and Hong Kong. Moreover, we had signed a strategic cooperation agreement with the Qianhai Authority, which will serve as a strong foundation upon which the Hong Kong business community can actively participate in Qianhai's development.

As China comprehensively improves its economic and trade cooperation with the countries along the "One Belt and One Road", we will continue to work with members to actively support the country's strategic plan for macroeconomic development. By maximising its traditional strengths in financial and professional services, Hong Kong can provide Mainland enterprises "going global" with an essential financing platform, overseas asset management services and information matching support to fully capture the huge business opportunities arising from the country's new developments.

## **Play Bridging Role for Regional Cooperation**

In addition to devoting major efforts to promote closer economic and trade cooperation with the Mainland, the CGCC had spared no effort to promote economic and trade exchanges between Hong Kong and its neighbouring regions. In 2014, we actively backed the HKSAR Government in commencing free trade agreement negotiations with ASEAN, and conveyed the CGCC's views to the HKSAR Government on deepening regional economic cooperation between Hong Kong and ASEAN. We also jointly organised the "Forum on Hong Kong - ASEAN Regional Cooperation" in Malaysia to explore how Hong Kong's participation in the ASEAN Free Trade Area will bring opportunities to Hong Kong, ASEAN as well as Malaysia, and what roles Hong Kong should play in ASEAN.

Further, the CGCC continued to fulfil its responsibilities and mission as one of the three Founding Members of the "World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention", optimizing Hong Kong's unique functions for "bringing in and going global", and to unite Chinese entrepreneurs in tapping Mainland, ASEAN and international markets with a view to promoting regional economic cooperation.

## **Create a Better Business Environment**

In 2014, despite the slow global economic recovery, the Mainland's economy remained broadly stable, contributing to a modest nominal economic growth of 2.3% in Hong Kong. However, the external economic volatility and ripple effect of Hong Kong's social and livelihood issues posed many challenges to Hong Kong's economic and business environments.

In response to the complex and evolving economic and business environments, in the past year the CGCC had been closely monitoring the possible impact of changes of the Mainland and Hong Kong's business environments, and actively conveyed the opinions of members and the business community on certain major economic policies, social and livelihood issues. For example, we actively responded to several policy consultations and proposed amendments including those for the Competition Ordinance, Employment Ordinance, minimum wage and construction of the third runway, all of which have far-reaching impact on

the business community. Meanwhile, we continued to convey the opinions of member companies and the business community on the Policy Address, Budget and other social issues of common concern to the HKSAR Government. We also continued to lead discussions and exchanges on promoting Hong Kong's sustainable economic and social development through such activities as the "CGCC Forum", Seminars for Committee Members and various thematic talks.

## **Work Together to Build a Caring Harmonious Society**

While paying close attention to industrial and commercial development, the CGCC also actively fostered talents and youths for the business community and continued in 2014 to offer nearly 500 young people first-hand experience about our nation's current affairs and business operations through activities such as the "Internship and Exchange Program for Tertiary Students" and "Young Astronaut Training Camp", so as to arouse their interest in the development of the country and society.

The CGCC also encouraged member companies to fulfil their social responsibility. In 2014, we held the first "Special Offer Campaign for Celebrating Reunification Anniversary", in which nearly a thousand eligible shops and F&B outlets launched special offers for Hong Kong residents. Through collaboration between the "CGCC We Care • We Share Campaign" and "Bless HK", the CGCC also held a series of charity activities to extend a helping hand to the elderly, the grassroots and disadvantaged groups; donations were also made to the earthquake survivors in Ludian, Yunnan. These efforts are made so that the general public could feel the business community cares for them.

To conclude, in 2014, thanks to the meticulous planning by the various committees, the active participation from member companies and the full support given by all our committee members, CGCC's spirit of unity was being upheld. I would also like to thank our Secretariat for their diligence and efficient work, without which the CGCC's duties and tasks could not have been fulfilled.

This year, the CGCC will be celebrating its 115th anniversary. We will organise a series of events to celebrate this joyous occasion. Moreover, in response to the country's further promotion of its "Four Comprehensives" strategy, the CGCC will continue to unite members and the business community to facilitate further integration of Hong Kong and the Mainland's economic development. In order to allow Hong Kong focusing on economic developments, improving people livelihood and implementing democracy lawfully, the CGCC will keep on its unwavering support to the HKSAR Government in administering Hong Kong according to the law, so as to forge a harmonious society.



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