

Mr. Bernard Charnwut Chan *GBS, JP*

Mr. Bernard Chan is the President of Asia Financial Holdings, a Hong Kong publicly listed company which owns Asia Insurance and invests in the insurance, health care and other sectors. He is also the President of Asia Insurance which has gained a reputation as one of the financially strongest insurers in Hong Kong.

Mr. Chan is an elected Hong Kong Deputy of the 11th National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China. From November 2004 to January 2009, he was appointed as a Non-official Member of the Executive Council of HKSAR. From 1998 to 2008, he was elected a Member of the Legislative Council of HKSAR representing the Insurance sector. He is also the Chairman of Hong Kong-Thailand Business Council, which promotes trade development and investment between the two places.

Mr. Chan cares about social welfare, quality of life and education. He is the Chairman of Council of the Lingnan University, which is dedicated to the principles of liberal education. In 1988, he studied studio art at the Pomona College in California, the noted liberal arts college in the US. He is now a Trustee of his alma mater.

Among his extensive public services, Mr. Chan is the Chairman of Hong Kong Council of Social Services, Chairman of Antiquities Advisory Board, Chairman of Advisory Committee on Revitalization of Historic Buildings, Chairman of Sustainable Development Council, Deputy Chairman of Council of Oxfam Hong Kong and Chairman of its annual Trail Walker event. From 2001-2006, he was the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2002. Mr. Chan was awarded Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2006.