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Editor's Note

We just had our 10th AGM - many thanks to all the outgoing EXCOs, subcommittee members, volunteers etc and 'Selamat Datang' to the new EXCOs to the MAYCHAM family. Given the recent successful Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games, we feature our Prof. Kathryn Cheah, internationally well-known developmental biologist and unknown to many of us, also raised Geoffrey Cheah, a competitive swimmer representing HK men's 50 metre freestyle at Rio de Janeiro 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

This edition's cover is a contribution from our Chairman, Dato' Gan from a recent 'Balik Kampung' trip to Malaysia which included a meaningful engagement with the Orang Asli during the visit to Pulau Ketam. After which, our Dato' Gan led the pack to have successfully applied for the "Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents (Non-Chinese Nationality)" permit after it was opened earlier to many people's delight and received overwhelming response.

Dato' Gan said that the new policy has made it easier for foreigners like him to travel to mainland China for business or other activities. The previous cumbersome application for visas is now in the past, the new permit will be valid for five years and promises less queuing time at the border; the card-type document is easy to carry around like the HKID. This is very helpful to encourage more exchange of ideas, or engage in business or other professional collaborations.

Please, enjoy and share this Berita as we bring to you highlights of the trips including the exclusive GBA visit and many others.

Always,
Woan-Chiun Joe Ng
Vice-Chair, Head of Media & COmmunications





AGM 2024/25



MAYCHAM STUDENTS TRUST FUND

On 26 June 2024 MAYCHAM held its 10th Annual General Meeting — a special occasion as MAYCHAM celebrates its 10th anniversary. It was a tribute to an entire decade of accomplishments and development.

The Chairman, Dato' KC Gan delivered an inspiring opening speech, highlighting MAYCHAM's journey and its contribution to HK community. The Advisory Council Convenor, Dato' Seri Cheah Cheng Hye echoed these sentiments, emphasising MAYCHAM's continuous efforts in promoting business networking and development.

A special address was delivered by the Consul General Mr. Muzambli Markam who expressed deep gratitude for the chamber's contributions to Malaysians in HK.

The Heads of each subcommittees delivered comprehensive reports on a successful year in terms of financials and social targets. Consistent with the latter, it commended as meritorious that funds is utilised towards supporting Malaysian students to study in HK universities via the MAYCHAM Students Trust Fund.

Additionally, three new Executive Committee members were elected at the AGM; Dr. Hor Hong Huan, Dr Aik Wei Shen and Yijia Tiong who will be able to offer progressive insights as part of MAYCHAM's leadership team. With a decade of achievements under their belt, the chamber anticipates many more years and great accomplishments ahead.

By Bryan Neoh

THE ELECTED EXCO MEMBERS FOR 2024/25

1. CHEAH Cheng Hye
2. CHEONG Shin Keong
3. GAN Khai Choon
4. LIOW Zen Pin
5. NG Woan Chiun
6. Esther OW
7. Helena PHUA
8. Yazrin SYAKHAIRI
9. SONG Hoi See
10. Kelvin TAN
11. Wilfred YONG
12. CHOW Kok Kheong
13. NG Cheng Cheng
14. Saniza OTHMAN
15. Gina WONG
16. Edwin YAP
17. Jo An YEE
18. AIK Wei Shen
19. Catherine HOR
20. Yijia TIONG



Introducing New EXCOs



Dr Hor Hong-Huan Catherine, a Penang-kia, earned her Ph.D. in Developmental Molecular Genetics from the Department of Biochemistry at The University of Hong Kong. She then moved on as a Research Fellow at the Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore, and was awarded the Young Individual Research Grant from the Ministry of Health, Singapore. Currently, an Assistant Professor at the Hong Kong Baptist University, establishing her own research group as the Principal Investigator. Catherine was awarded the prestigious Collaborative Research Fund from the Hong Kong Research Grant Council, leading an international team of scientists to investigate the cellular and neurobiology aspects of viral infection. Current research focuses on understanding the molecular and cellular pathology of hereditary neurological and neuropsychiatric disorders, with a particular emphasis on deciphering the roles of the primary cilium, a crucial cell-cell signalling organelle. Her projects utilise mouse genetic disease models and human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) for disease modelling and investigations of ciliopathy-like and neurological disorders.

Since 2017, Yijia Tiong is the Chief Strategy Officer of Ming Pao Newspapers Ltd (HK-based newspaper publication). With extensive experience in business development, sales and marketing, media operations and corporate management, she also serves on the boards of various other companies; Executive Director of Media Chinese International Ltd (dual-listed on HKEX and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad), Director of Ming Pao Holdings Limited and WAW Creation Limited (formerly known as MCIL Digital Limited). A FWD Group Holdings Ltd's Non-Executive Director since May 2021, Yijia also served as an INED of FWD Management Holdings since January 2022. Graduate of University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and Politics and a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Economics and Management in December 2007, she obtained the Pearson SRF BTEC Level 7 Advanced Professional Diploma for The Financial Times Non-Executive Director in May 2023.



Wei Shen Aik is an Assistant Professor at Hong Kong Baptist University. As a scientist, Wei Shen studies 3D structures of biomolecules and designs novel therapies against cancer and viral infection. Born and bred in Teluk Intan, Perak, Wei Shen went to the UK for his bachelor and doctorate degrees at Cambridge and Oxford. After that, he spent some time in the US as a researcher before ending up in HK in 2019. Outside work, Wei Shen likes to learn about history and current affairs through reading and talking to people from different backgrounds. For fun, Wei Shen enjoys food, coffee, and movies. He can also be encouraged to swim and play more badminton.



A group picture with some of the first batch of MAYCHAM Students Trust Fund recipients

On 20 August 2016 MAYCHAM Students Trust Fund was established with the objective to assist Malaysian students from lower income group in need of financial assistance in HK. Patron is Mr. Muzambli Markam, Consul General of Malaysia, HKSAR and Macau SAR.

143 student grants have been awarded as of 31 March 2024. A total of HK\$18.1 million have been raised and grants (including funds reserved but not paid out to the successful applicants) totaling HK\$13.6 million had been disbursed. The current balance is at around HK\$4.5 million, more work would be needed to sustain this meaningful and worthy cause.

Sincere gratitude from MAYCHAM to the donors, members of the Selection Committee, the Executive Committee of MAYCHAM, our Secretarial team consisting of Ms. Fenn Ho and Ms. Iris Cheung and everyone who had supported us over the past years. Not forgetting many volunteers who have give up their personal time to communicate and meet up with the student recipients such as our our mentors (not limited to Mr. KO Chia, Mr. Liow Zen Pin, Ms. Jo An Yee, Mr. Ming Wong, Mr. Marcos Chow, Ms. Sylvia Chuah et al) and also, Ms. Gina Wong and Ms. Eeswary, have been organising events for benefit of all Malaysian students. These programmes aim to prepare the students for the future and to assure them that they are alone in HK and Macau, as MAYCHAM and friends of MAYCHAM are here for them.

Please do engage through the LinkedIn Group in the name of "MAYCHAM and Alumni/Students from HK & Macau Universities" and we welcome more support such as MAYCHAM UOB Scholarships 2023/24 supporting outstanding CUHK Malaysian undergraduate students to participate in overseas exchange programmes in the academic year 2023/24. Three scholarships of HK\$80K each had been awarded to Lim Portia Pei Shi, Loo Yen Zi and Tan Kai Yan (Students Trust Fund recipient) and they will be attending two internship programmes. Another much appreciated support is the Koo Foundation's 'Special Awards for Academic Excellence' for the recipients further details are being ironed out and will be highly anticipated in due course.



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Interview

with Professor

Kathryn Cheah

- By Bryan Lim

1. Please tell us more about your personal background.

I grew up in Penang and went to St. George's Girl School. When I went for my university, I did my degree in biology at London University, Queen Mary College and I went to Cambridge for my PHD, which was in molecular biology of plants. I then went to Manchester University as a post-doc fellow where I switched from working on plants to working on animal systems and started working on genes of the extracellular matrix. I did my second post-doc with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF).

2. Were there any particular memories/events/person that shaped you in your early years?

My career progression has benefited from a combination of mentorships and establishing good collaborations. Before leaving for HK, the director of ICRF, Sir Walter Bodmer had very kindly introduced me to YW Kan, who was a very famous clinical scientist based in the US but had very strong links with HK after hearing about the tough research conditions I will be facing in HK. For the rest of my career, Walter was always amenable in providing advice and

visited us in the university to give lectures. Other key mentors were Professor Michael Grant and Anne Maclaren who were both kind and exceptional mentors. Anne allowed me to research in her lab in the UK before getting a research grant in HK. I worked in Anne's lab together with Professor Robin Badge and was introduced to Patrick Tam, both scientists whom I have established long-term collaboration with. Together, we published many papers and we were the first in China to bring in technologies that made genetically modified mice. Throughout the years, I still visit London every summer for 4-6 weeks to stay connected with the International Research Community. The friendships developed have been extremely valuable and contributed greatly to my research progression and ability to stay competitive within an international arena.



3. Having completed your undergrad and postgrad studies in the UK, why did you decide to pursue your research in Hong Kong?

In 1983, I decided to move to Hong Kong for personal reasons. Originally, I was quite hesitant to come to Hong Kong because there was basically a poor research landscape in Hong Kong and there were no research grants. This posed a really big challenge to continue my research. But I was fortunate that my previous mentor in Manchester, Professor Michael Grant pointed me to the previously named "Rheumatism Council of Britain and the Empire" which allowed to get a grant to fund my research as HK was still a colony at the time. By 1997, HK had started to receive research funding, and I was able to raise research funding for my research. Over the years, I have progressed from a lecturer to finally becoming a professor. In the end, it all worked out alright, although it was very academically challenging for the first 10 years in HK.

4. Can you describe your day in the life of an educator and researcher?

I started the Advance Molecular Biology Course for the BSc Biochemistry program and continued to be the coordinator and lecturer of the program for all these years. A normal day in life for me in HKU is all about balancing research and teaching, as well as interacting with students. I have been blessed to meet many young and talented students who did their Final Year Project or postgraduate studies with me and am very proud that they have gone on to do well afterwards.

5. With your research centered on gene regulation and mutations, can you tell us more about your latest research project and how it can be applied in our lives?

Understanding the genetic regulation and underlying mechanism of hearing is a small part of my research program. In 2005, we published a paper in *Nature*, which was an outcome of an accidental discovery of the gene SOX2, an essential gene for hearing. Last year, we published the discovery of two other master genes that work together to control hearing. These discoveries can be useful in helping us in developing therapy for hearing loss. A major part of my research is about understanding the skeletal system and the development of cartilage cells, known as chondrocytes. Understanding

mechanisms underlying this process will help us understand how it is connected to diseases of high and low bone mass. We also discovered that a response called stress response is able to partially rescue dwarfism on mice, if the response was inhibited. That was a really important discovery because it helped to identify the stress response as being the underlying reason why people with inherited dwarfisms are dwarfs.

The third area in the skeletal system that we are working on is about trying to understand mechanisms that underlie intervertebral disc disease. We have found that as we age, we lose stem cells, leading to changes in properties of the disc and it can no longer withstand stress so well, causing disc degeneration.

6. With such a busy schedule, what do you enjoy doing during your free time? What is a perfect weekend for you?

I guess my perfect weekend would be getting together with friends, going out for a hike, walking about and going out to the country parks when the weather is good. Shopping, and enjoying good food! I guess these are the major things you can do in HK right?



7. How do you define success in academia?

For me, I obviously have a passion for research, finding out how things work and what are the underlying mechanisms. Success means that I make a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in Biology, where people can find it useful, cite it and make use of it. Research is about teamwork. It requires brainstorming, thinking and the hard work of a lot of students and post-docs to even develop an idea. The second definition of success for me is that not only I want to get my research papers

published and contribute to the advancement of science, but also through that, my mentees are able to launch their own careers and do well. As the head of department of Biochemistry, I recruited a lot of young people to the department. Definition of success to me is also that the people I recruit also succeed. Many of the people I recruited as lecturers have gone on to become professors and that is very satisfying for me.

8. What is your advice for the future young generation?

For all young people, I think curiosity and wanting to know how things work is really important. That is how you can build a passion for something. My advice for young people is to do what you are passionate about, not only focusing on financial rewards but also think about what makes you passionate and what stimulates your curiosity. Look for what you are not looking for. Sometimes, if you do not recognise that you have stumbled upon something or have found something, you might miss a lot of opportunities. Realise that if something happens or turns out and that is not exactly what you are looking for, recognise that this might be a message that there might be something important to follow.



EXCLUSIVE GREATER BAY AREA VISIT

Exclusive Greater Bay Area Visit



Our recent field trip to the Greater Bay Area on 19 April included visits to the headquarters of BYD and Huawei, offering a comprehensive insight into the operations of these industry leaders. We began our journey at BYD, where we gained a thorough understanding of the company's impressive evolution from a battery producer to a leading car manufacturer. Initially renowned for their battery technology, BYD has leveraged this expertise to become a formidable player in the automotive industry. One of the most noteworthy aspects of our visit was learning about their electric train system and their unwavering focus on safety, emphasised by their pledge of "no accidents in 100 days." This commitment underscores their dedication to ensuring the highest standards of safety and reliability, not just in their vehicles but also in their public transportation solutions, which is particularly commendable.

Following our visit to BYD, we proceeded to the Huawei headquarters. This experience was nothing short of extraordinary. The campus is designed to resemble different European cities such as Luxembourg, Paris, Verona, and Brussels, and we joked about how it felt as though we toured twelve nations in a single day.

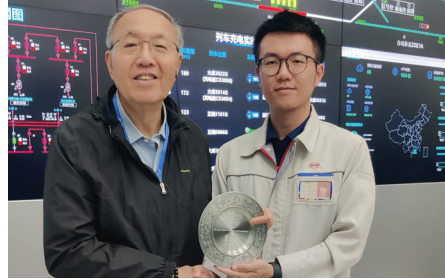


Each section was meticulously styled to capture the essence of these cities, creating an immersive cultural experience within the heart of China. This sprawling campus is not only a marvel of architectural ingenuity but also a testament to Huawei's global vision. We were particularly impressed by Huawei's commitment to cybersecurity and privacy protection. Their Cyber Security & Privacy Protection Transparency Center is a pioneering initiative designed to address data security concerns head-on. This facility demonstrates Huawei's dedication to transparency and building trust with its users and partners worldwide, showcasing their proactive approach to one of the most critical issues in today's digital landscape.

The highlight of our day, however, came during dinner, where we enjoyed a lively karaoke session. This unexpected and delightful experience provided an opportunity to unwind and bond with our MAYCHAM friends in a relaxed setting. It was a memorable end to an enlightening day, adding a joyful and personal touch to our professional exploration. Both visits were enlightening, offering deep insights into the strategies and innovations that have propelled these companies to the forefront of their respective industries. The trip was an invaluable learning experience, providing an unparalleled opportunity to gain insights into the future of technology and automotive innovation.

By Dasan Chan





My recent trip to the Greater Bay Area was an enlightening experience. Stepping onto the campuses of BYD and Huawei, I was immersed in a world of cutting-edge innovation. The scale of their operations and the evident dedication to progress left a lasting impression on me. As a new member of MAYCHAM, this visit allowed me to witness the convergence of theory and practice in the tech and new energy vehicle space. I am grateful to the committee for organising this visit, which was not only informative but also a genuine pleasure. Alongside the insights gained, the journey was complemented by the camaraderie among participants.

By Amos Ch'ng



Visit to CyberPort

5 June 2024

In collaboration with V Systems, MDEC, MIDA and MAYCHAM with a dynamic panel discussion at Cyberport. MIDA Guangzhou and MDEC (virtual) presented valuable investment insights into the latest trends and opportunities for Hong Kong startups not only in Malaysia but also in other ASEAN countries. Attended by about 30 companies notably from Angsana Health and Fusang.



MAYCHAM meeting with YB Anthony Loke

6 June 2024

MAYCHAM EXCOs and members with YB Anthony Loke, Transport Minister of Malaysia at the reception on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and the PRC.



Macau St Mark's Square

7-9 June 2024

Tourism Malaysia has sent a dance troupe to perform the traditional Malaysian dances in St. Mark's Square at The Venetian, Macau





Happy Hour June/July



Congratulations

1 July 2024

Many congratulations to MAYCHAM Founder Member Lam Shu Chit GBS who was awarded Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in recognition of his long and dedicated community service and outstanding contributions to society

Meet with HK Talent Engage (HKTE) Director and team

12 July 2024

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Celebrating the first EXCO meeting after 10th AGM and welcoming new EXCOs





Durian Classic - 10 July 2024



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InterCham Young Professional Cocktail

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29th May 2024, Wednesday
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Porterhouse, 7th Floor, California Tower, 30-36 D'Aguilar Street, LKF

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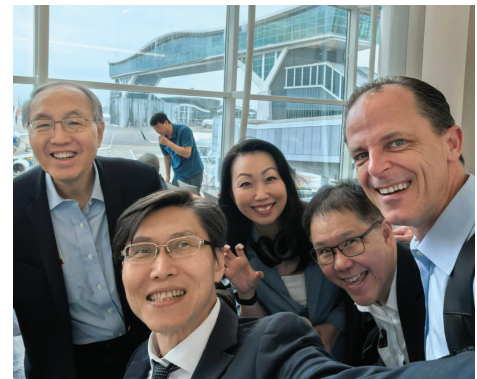


**'Balik Kampung' to Kuala Lumpur,
Selangor & Putrajaya 13-16 June 2024**

Flashback to our epic 'Balik Kampung' to KL, Putrajaya and Selangor. Our delegation of 22 members converged for an action packed 80 hours meeting Government officials, toured Malaysia's international financial district, visited an iconic mosque, ventured to a new township, experienced senior care living, rode speed boats to Pulau Ketam, visited an Orang Asli village, devoured durians and savoured gourmet cuisine - all done in style and Malaysian hospitality.

Beginning with a visit to the Ministry of Finance, the drive into Putrajaya was awe-inspiring with multi-lane roads lined by manicured trees, greenery and open spaces that lead to majestic Government towers. Located south of KL, Putrajaya is the federal administrative capital. Upon arrival, we were ushered to the official stately room. Decorated with columns and a giant chandelier, its walls were adorned with hand-painted portraits of our past finance ministers. We met with YB Lim Hui Ying, Deputy Minister of Finance. She was impressed by our Chairman Dato' KC Gan who shared the good works of MAYCHAM and how we are bridging business opportunities between HK and Malaysia. YB Lim gave a positive outlook on Malaysia's economy and financial situation. Respecting Chatham House rules, suffice to say there was a very constructive exchange of information and perspectives. Everyone came away feeling optimistic and inspired about the future and new business opportunities.





The morning of our second day began at the nearby Tun Razak Exchange (TRX), Malaysia's international financial district. Situated in the heart of KL, TRX is a 17-acre development featuring a mix of commercial, residential, retail and recreational spaces. Opened to the public in November 2023, TRX spans 1.3 million square feet of net lettable area with offices, residential, retail outlets, food and beverage and the Kimpton Hotel. The TRX team was very engaging and gave us a VIP tour of the site. What struck us was that integrated developments are becoming the new norm for mega cities globally, and KL was no exception. A trade-off for convenience, the apartments there have become smaller to match with users' affordability.

Thereafter we drove westward to visit Invest Selangor. Situated in the city of Shah Alam, it is a one-stop agency. It provides a full service to help companies invest and set up businesses in Selangor. Our roundtable discussion was followed by actionable opportunities. Thereafter, we explored Eco Grandeur, a 1400-acre integrated township development located in Puncak Alam, Selangor. Unlike elsewhere, buyers here did not have to pay anything until completion of the project. The landscaping and township development were immaculate with a noticeable absence of house fences which reminded me of a utopic neighbourhood.

We began our third day visiting Sunway Sanctuary, an integrated senior living community in Subang Jaya catering to the elderly. The Sanctuary is conveniently connected to Sunway Medical Centre. We toured independent living units which ranged from studios, one bed and two beds. Facilities at the Sanctuary included heated saltwater infinity pool, karaoke, mini movie theatre, billiard, library, fitness centre, dining room and other forms of activities to provide enriched living for senior citizens. The Sanctuary felt like a hotel, and the visit was an eye-opening experience. Some delegates were eager to book a medical check-up with a stay at the Sanctuary. Before heading out to our next stop, we did an additional head count check. While tempted to stay back and chill out, everyone agreed the call for durian was stronger.



On our final day, delegates visited Pulau Ketam; known for its large Chinese fishing villages. Lesser known is a small community of Orang Asli living in Sungai Dua village. Located off the coast of Port Klang, the village consists of houses perched on wooden stilts in the Straits of Malacca with nearby mangroves. The village is only accessible by boat and Dato' Seri Ron Ho arranged his 007-speed boats to zip us across the straits. As we got off the boat and walked up the jetty, half a dozen children from the Orang Asli community in the island greeted each of us with hand-made crowns weaved in pandanus leaves. It was an occasion as the head of the island greeted us with a humbling speech saying the children diligently rehearsed a dance to welcome us. Ng Cheng Cheng donated a cheque of RM 5000 in the name of MAYCHAM. We roamed around the island and as we walked on the wooden stilts, a 10-year-old village boy cautioned us to space out as the sheer weight of our delegation could bring down the whole bridge. Spending time in the village reminded us of the diversity of Malaysia. Just 60km away is the bustling airport of KLIA, the gateway to ASEAN and the world.

The trip was full of generosity, laughter and adventures. Our gourmet dinners were kindly sponsored by Dato' Seri Ron. One couple rediscovered their honeymoon hotel at the Grand Millenium where they got married over 20 years ago when it was known as Regent Hotel. Other delegates lost a mobile phone, a leather pouch, a sunhat, only to have them returned by honest Malaysians. As the adage goes "Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints" was most apt to summarise this amazing trip.

And on a final note, MAYCHAM trips are all about comradery. Friends were made and friendships strengthened. I hope dear readers you can join us for our next trip.

Selamat tinggal and sehingga kita jumpa lagi.

By Saniza Othman, MAYCHAM Founding Sponsor



Some photos courtesy of Michael Yong



Dear Members,

I'm May Tan, sponsor, founder, and Chair of MAYCHAM WiN, as well as a member of MAYCHAM's Advisory Council. I hope you've had some time to relax this summer. As we near the end of the season, I want to welcome our new members and reconnect with existing ones.

Since January, our network has grown to 207 members, representing 33% of the MAYCHAM family. WiN was launched in October 2020 to address gender balance within MAYCHAM, and I'm proud of our exponential growth.

Our journey began with a Q&A on COVID-19 vaccines in January 2021, followed by our official launch in March 2021 with 70 members, where our male allies pledged to 'Choose to Change'. Over the past three years, we've built friendships, showcased Malaysian filmmakers, and celebrated International Women's Day with fun events.

Even amid fun activities, we stayed true to our mission of inclusion. In 2022, WiN raised over HK\$800k for the Orang Asli population in Malaysia, one of the hardest-hit groups during the pandemic. We also supported Penan women in East Malaysia by purchasing their handmade baskets as Christmas gifts.

Fast forward to 2024, our network has grown, with male representation now at 34%. The female membership of MAYCHAM has increased from 39% to 47%, and female EXCO representation is around 50%. DEI is central to Malaysian culture, and we're proud to share this with our friends in Hong Kong.

Looking ahead, we have exciting events planned, including an early Christmas party, a site visit to the CLP power station, and more. Please join us on Glue Up to stay updated and share your ideas.

This is your network—let's make it meaningful together.

Best regards,
May Tan
Sponsor/Founder, WiN
Member of MAYCHAM Advisory Council

“Excerpt from May Tan's letter; read the full version letter from May Tan on My Glue. Not yet a member of MAYCHAM WiN, come join us. ”



Dear MAYCHAM members,

We have an exciting update to share with you! As you know our Chairman Dato' Gan had been spearheading the newly introduced "Northbound" Multiple Entry Visa for foreign staff of Hong Kong-registered companies, we would like to bring this to your attention that this visa allows individuals to apply in Hong Kong for multiple-entry visas to the Mainland, with priority processing.

The "Northbound" Multiple Entry Visa offers flexibility and convenience, enabling foreign staff to travel to the Mainland for two years or more. Hong Kong permanent residents of non-Chinese nationality can apply for multiple-entry visas with a maximum validity period of five years.

To learn more about this opportunity and the application process, please visit the official InvestHK website.

Please note that visa types M, L, C, Q2, and S2 are applicable for this programme. Whether you are a Hong Kong permanent resident or a foreign national working in Hong Kong, this visa option can enhance your business operations and promote closer ties between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

Thank you for your attention, and we encourage you to explore this fantastic opportunity for your foreign staff.

Thank you.

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Valid until further notice



**8% OFF
Specified Room,
Valid until 31 Dec 2024
20% OFF Specified F&B
Valid until 30 Dec 2024**



**Special Price for
Digital Subscriptions**
Valid until 31 May 2025



**15% OFF
Room Offer & Special
F&B Discounts**
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Room Offer & Special
F&B Discounts**
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**15% OFF
for Room Offer**
Valid until 31 Dec 2024



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Special F&B Discounts**
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**Limited Exclusive
Stay Offer and Special
F&B Discounts**
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**20% OFF
Premium Gourmet
Ganoderma Coffee**
Valid until further notice



**Accommodation
and F&B Discounts**
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**Special price for
Executive Health
Screening Offers**
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Special F&B Discount**
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Also check out our events page for all our upcoming events: <https://www.mcchkm.com/events>

If you are not our member yet and would like to join our MAYCHAM family, you can fill up the application form at this link: <https://www.mcchkm.com/join>