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HO Chi Ping Patrick (Dr.) was born in Hong Kong, China, and educated in USA for 16 years. He possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Doctor of Medicine Degree. Trained in eye surgery with special expertise in retinal surgery, he was a fellow at Harvard Medical School. He returned to Hong Kong in 1984 to teach eye surgery at the Hong Kong Chinese University as Professor of Ophthalmology.



Since 1993, he has been a member of the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th (National) Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee, and in 1995, he was appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee of the first Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government. He was the vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute. In 1997, he became a member of the Urban Council of Hong Kong SAR, China. In 2002, he joined the second term HKSAR Government as a Cabinet Member and the Secretary for Home Affairs with a policy portfolio ranging from district administration, human rights, arts and culture, sports and recreation, youth and religious matters, gaming and charities, to overall liaison with the civil society. He retired from his cabinet post on 1 July 2007.

Dr. Ho is the Deputy Chairman, and Secretary General of China Energy Fund Committee (CEFC), a think-tank registered and anchored in Hong Kong, China, devoted to public diplomacy, with special emphasis on energy and culture. It is a charitable non-governmental organization with special consultative status with the United Nations Social and Economic Council (UN ECOSOC). He is also the Director of the National Association of Study on Hong Kong and Macau.

Dr. Ho has been working closely with the UN in promoting international cooperation and mutual respect, which is essential to the sustainable growth and prosperity to our societies. He took the initiative in organizing a series of colloquiums on issues of Sino-US relationship (*Sino-US Colloquium II-IV*) in Washington D.C. and in Hong Kong, China, intercultural dialogues (*New York Forum on World Civilizations*) as well as China's sustainable development (*A China Story*) in UN Headquarters in New York City (<u>http://www.cefc.org.hk/</u>).

One of Dr. Ho's main focuses is energy. Under his leadership, CEFC conducts energy researches and periodical publications include *China Energy Focus Natural Gas 2013*, which introduces the outlook for natural gas development in China and its progress to date. In additions, CEFC also organized international energy conferences (*Sino-US Colloquium I & V* on Energy Cooperation) in Hong Kong, China, and forums (*2011, 2012 Pacific Energy Forum* in Hong Kong and Shanghai, China; *Forum of New Energy Economy and Low Carbon Development* in Guangzhou, China; *Hainan Petrochemical International Exchange and Cooperation Forum* in Singapore) to further its mission to engage politicians and senior officials, academics and experts from different parts of the world to address energy related issues, and turn challenges into opportunities.

Dr. Ho has spoken about sustainability and energy issues around the world, including speeches entitled "Renewable Energy in Asia" at JeJu Symposium in Korea in 2011; "Energy for all" at UN ECOSOC General Segment in Geneva in 2013, and "Sustainability as a Lifestyle and as a Core Value" at the UN High Level Political Forum Special Event in New York City in 2013.

In 2014, Dr. Ho spoke about "Sustainable Urbanization in China" at a high-level panel discussion at the UN; "Urbanization and the China Dream" at a conference on modern cities held by the Chinese Academy of Social

Sciences (CASS) in Hubei, China; "Geopolitics and Oil prices" at the Energy 2015 Conference and Exhibition in Tel Aviv, Israel; "Transportation in China" at the Fuel Choices Summit of Israel Energy Week; and "China's grand vision of One Belt One Road" at an international conference in Istanbul on Silk Roads.

Dr. Ho has most recently been appointed to the High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport by the Secretary-General of the United Nations for a period of three years.