



MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PRESIDENT HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER

1990 starts a decade of great importance in the recent history of Hong Kong. In less than eight years Hong Kong will become a Special Administration Region (SAR) of the Peoples Republic of China.

During this transition period our society is facing with a number of uncertainties and problems. Confidence in our future remains low and a solution to the brain drain issue is still lacking. Vietnamese boat people continue to pose a big burden to our community. Our people become more short-sighted and are less willing to commit to long term investment, in particular people investment. Industrial actions and potential industrial actions are more evident and the possibility of a social unrest cannot be ruled out.

The problems and challenges are with us and must be faced with courage, resolution and patience. We have had difficult times in the past and we overcome them one by one with greater success each time. With the concerted efforts of all people in Hong Kong we should have a smooth transition period.

Jaycees have an important role to play during this difficult time. In a period that leadership means more than any other time, the Jaycee, a leadership development organization, must be prepared to take up this social responsibility. We must double our efforts to work towards our ultimate goal of creating positive changes to our society and make it a better place to live in. The past forty years of Jaycee movement in Hong Kong have laid a firm foundation for us to take up this challenge.

This year we have chosen "Jaycees : Work For a Better Hong Kong" as our Major Emphasis Theme and all 17 local chapters are committed to work towards this goal.

As the beginning of the year when we swear in to take our office we must understand our commitment, clarify our goals and determine to work well, even under the most difficult situation. I count on the support of all members of the Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce and I believe with determination we will succeed.

Finally may I wish you all a happy and prosperous 1990.

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