



## **Message from National President Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce**

Alas, the long anticipated 1997 has come upon, and the people of Hong Kong have witnessed the successful election of our very first Chief Executive.

To prepare for the arrival of the new era, the 1997 National team has been making planning since our formation. While meetings were held and consultations were made with past national presidents and advisors, we have indeed not forgotten that chapter presidents are our essential working partners. To this end, much communication has been exchanged during forums, meetings and many other informal gatherings. The highlights of our year plan would include projects which are first in the history of the HKJCC.

First of all, by stretching our strengths in internationalism and to celebrate the return of sovereignty, we shall be hosting the first International Business Summit on behalf of the Junior Chamber International. Planning is underway to invite National Presidents worldwide to visit Hong Kong and China in early September. The objectives will be two fold: to witness the operation of the two systems in one country and to feel the "Power of Free Enterprise" in the nation.

Secondly, we would be forming the first Associate Members Club. The purpose would be to seek for resources from members who have already reached the age of 40 (or so called "the graduated members"). The Club will be the platform whereby old friends shall meet and new members could get to know their predecessors. By such we hope to stimulate better atmosphere and naturally, members will gain more access to seek various support from the experienced.

Thirdly, the issue of name change from the present Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce to Hong Kong Junior Chamber will be finalized. Administratives and legalities is being sorted out, and with the change of name, we would indeed make use of the occasion to create publicity for HKJCC.

Right now, we can actually feel the pulse beating and everyone's not only set to go but the ball has already started to roll. "Creating Impact for a New Era" is the slogan for the 97' team. We shall pledge more firmly our commitment to the community and embrace the new era with strong enthusiasm.

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