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Dear University Students in Hong Kong:

### **What will Hong Kong be in 2020?**

We welcome you to participate in a high-spirited weekend program at the Kadoorie Institute on April 14-15, 2012 to simulate a Think Tank on Hong Kong in 2020.

The Hong Kong America Center sponsoring this non-partisan program for 50 students from across all the universities in HK. Over Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15, with Saturday night stay-over, you will participate in discussion about Hong Kong in 2020.

Students from all academic disciplines, undergraduate or post-graduate, from all HK universities are eligible and welcome to apply. There is no cost to you. Local HK, mainland and international students are all welcome. You will form seven discussion groups to formulate recommendations to the HK government for how to prepare for our future in 2020.

In early 2012, the Asia Business Council published a book entitled, Through the Eyes of Tiger Cubs: Views of Asia's Next Generation (John Wiley, 2012). Authors Mark Clifford and Janet Pau reviewed nearly 400 essays by young people from 21 Asian countries who wrote in response to Asia's Challenge 2020. All authors were born after 1978, with an average age of 23. In HK they are like you, often called "the post-80s generation." The Tiger Cubs book summarizes the essays in seven broad chapters: education, inequality, demographics, environment, governance, geopolitics, and Asian identity. All participants will receive the Tiger Cub book in advance of the program.

Each group of participants will include a mix of university, gender, national origin and discipline. Together you will draft a short report on how you see your respective sector in HK's future. What are the trends shaping each sector? What recommendations for policy action should the HK government take up to prepare for a better future in HK by 2020 and beyond?

Please visit <http://www.fulbright.org.hk/hkac/hkac-programs/conferences-workshops/> to fill in the online form by **Monday March 26, 2012**. If you have any questions, please check with Ms Donna Lam via email ([Donnalam@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:Donnalam@cuhk.edu.hk)).

We look forward to seeing you in the HK 2020 think-tank simulation in mid April.

Sincerely,

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*Announcing*  
**Hong Kong 2020 and Beyond:**  
**A University Student Think-Tank on the Future of the HKSAR**

**Hong Kong America Center**  
**April 14-15, 2012**  
**Kadoorie Institute**

Students of universities in HK are invited to participate in a unique program on the future of Hong Kong on the weekend of April 14-15, 2012 at the Kadoorie Institute in the New Territories. The HKAC brings together HK university students to interact across academic disciplines, as well as national and campus lines, to focus on key issues for HK in the context of East Asia. Students will learn skills in teamwork, analytical and integrative thinking, communication for advocacy, diplomacy and civic participation, which are vital for leadership in open societies.

In 2010, the Business and Professionals Federation (BPF) of HK published **Hong Kong 2020 - The Big Picture** ([www.bpf.org.hk](http://www.bpf.org.hk)). The BPF convened several dozen prominent HK citizens to look ahead to challenges and opportunities for HK in the long term. They looked at human capital, infrastructure, international relations, HK and mainland integration, and social issues.

In early 2012, the Asia Business Council published a book entitled, **Through the Eyes of Tiger Cubs: Views of Asia's Next Generation** (John Wiley, 2012). Authors Mark Clifford and Janet Pau reviewed 385 essays by young people from 21 Asian countries who wrote in response to Asia's Challenge 2020. All authors were born after 1978, with an average age of 23, just the age of our participants in this HK 2020 program. In HK they are often called "the post-80s generation." The Tiger Cubs book summarizes the essays in seven broad thematic chapters: education, inequality, demographics, environment, governance, geopolitics, and Asian identity.

This think-tank exercise will teach skills of policy development and advocacy, helping young people, the future leaders of HK, to think and work together on the pressing issues shaping their future. The two texts above give an excellent launching point for in-dept discussions among HK university students (local, mainland and international)

about HK in 2020 and beyond. Indeed, HK in 2020 will be about half way to 2047 from the handover of 1997. By 2047, our student participants will be culminating their careers in their mid-60s.

We will augment these themes with a discussion of the evolving role of Hong Kong between China and the United States. As HK becomes more economically integrated into the mainland, and as China's role in the Asia-Pacific regions grows, how will HK evolve as an intermediary place between China, the United States and the West in general in areas such as education, politics and governance, economics and trade, media and popular culture? International and exchange students who are in HK universities this semester are encouraged to apply.

The HKAC is recruiting young leaders from our eight member universities for HK 2020. About 50 participants will spend the weekend of April 14-15, 2012 together at the Kadoorie Institute, with Saturday night stay-over. The program begins at 10 AM on Saturday and ends about 4 PM on Sunday. We will open with a panel of speakers who are prominent opinion leaders in HK to set the stage for student discussions in small groups.

Students will form seven groups based on the chapters of the ABC/Tiger Cub book. Each group will reflect a mix of university, gender, national origin and discipline. Over the weekend, they will draft a short statement on how they see their respective sector in HK's future. They will confer with other teams discussing other sectors. What are the trends shaping each sector? What recommendations for policy action should the HK government take up to prepare for a better future in HK by 2020 and beyond?

Fulbright and other scholars in HK will serve as facilitators for the policy sector groups. Some time will be for internal group work; other for inter-sector dialogues; and finally for interim and final reporting to the plenary. Before leaving on Sunday afternoon, the groups will have each drafted a report with key advocacy points and present it to the whole. This collective document, reflecting a broad cross-section of Hong Kong's post-80s generation, will be presented to the new government of the HK SAR, which will begin in July of 2012.

We appreciate the support from the US Consulate in HK for grant support for this project. *Students are welcome to apply online at the HKAC website, or by email to [Donnalam@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:Donnalam@cuhk.edu.hk), by the deadline of **Monday, March 26, 2012.***

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**Application Form**

Name of Applicant: (Surname) (Given name)	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	
Postal address:	
Email:	Mobile phone:
University:	
School/ Department:	Study level & current year:
Undergraduate major:	
Which sector group are you interested to join:	
Can you commit to full program of Saturday April 14 and Sunday April 15 at KI? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Dietary restrictions, if any_____	

**Please submit this registration form to the HKAC by Monday March 26, 2012. Inquiries about this program may be directed to William Wang of the HKAC (email: [williamwang@eservices.cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:williamwang@eservices.cuhk.edu.hk)).**