



“Governments, Markets and Sustainable Development”

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**Venue: LT3, Esther Lee Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Shatin, Hong Kong
(Medium: English)**

While the concept of sustainable development – which is about a balanced consideration of economic, environmental and social influences during the course of development – has been around for decades, the question of whether the market indeed helps sustainable development, and the question of “Does the market help sustainable development? And how?” is still being asked nowadays.

The Hong Kong People's Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) and the Hong Kong Economic Association are honoured to have *Prof Yew-Kwang Ng*, a renowned scholar in welfare economics, *Mr Kwok-chuen Kwok*, Government Economist of HKSAR Government and *Prof Lok-Sang Ho*, Chairman of the Hong Kong Economic Association, will to share their views on this question.

Topics:

- *The Economics of Sustainable Development*
Prof. Yew-Kwang Ng, Professor of Economics, Monash University, Australia
- *Market Framework for Sustainable Development?*
Mr Kwok-chuen Kwok, Government Economist, HKSAR Government
- *Private-Public Partnership – is it happening?*
Prof Lok-sang Ho, Chair, Hong Kong Economic Association and Professor, Department of Economics, Lingnan University, Hong Kong

Prof. Ng and Prof Ho will also launch their new book *Happiness and Public Policy: Theory, Case Studies and Implications* at the event.

This forum is a pre-conference event of the Hong Kong Economic Association Biennial Conference *Governments, Markets, and the Future of Capitalism*.

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About the Speakers

KC KWOK, BBS, JP

Government Economist for the Hong Kong SAR Government

KC Kwok is the Government Economist for the Hong Kong SAR Government since Oct 2004. His job includes providing macroeconomic analysis, economic assessment of government policies, and spearheading business facilitation initiatives through reviewing regulatory regimes and licensing procedures. Before taking up the post of Government Economist, he was the Regional Chief Economist of Standard Chartered Bank for the East Asia region, and a Senior Economist of HSBC. Mr Kwok was also an active member of chambers of commerce when he worked in the private sector, and served as the Honorary Economist of the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. Mr Kwok has also served on a wide range of committees and boards, covering areas such as planning, housing, trade and industry, technology and research, education and environment.

Professor Yew-Kwang NG

Director, Centre for Increasing Returns and Economic Organization (CIREO), Dept. of Economics, Monash University, Australia

Prof. Ng graduated with a B.Com. from Nanyang University (Singapore) in 1966 and a Ph.D. from Sydney University in 1971. He has been a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia since 1980. He is best known for his work in welfare economics. He has published more than 150 refereed papers in Economics and a dozen in biology, mathematics, philosophy, psychology and sociology. Books published include *Mesoeconomics: A Micro-Macro Analysis* (1986), *Social Welfare and Economic Policy* (1990), *Specialization and Economic Organization* (1993, with X. Yang), *Efficiency, Equality, and Public Policy: With a Case for Higher Public Spending* (2000), and *Welfare Economics: Towards A Complete Analysis* (2004). He also co-edited *Increasing Returns and Economic Analysis* with Nobel Laureate K. Arrow and X. Yang.

Prof. Lok-sang HO

Professor of Economics, Lingnan University, Hong Kong

Prof. Ho, a recognized expert on Hong Kong and public policy and currently President of the Hong Kong Economic Association, has research interests covering international monetary and financial issues, health economics, housing, social security, labour markets, economics of law and public order, and macroeconomics. He is the author of *Principles of Public Policy Practice* and *Health Care Financing and Delivery: A Model for Reform*, and has published over 80 academic papers in journals and book chapters, including *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Policy Sciences*, *Urban Studies*, *Regional Studies*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Journal of Socio Economics*, *World Economy*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Pacific Economic Review*, and *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. Prof. Ho is also on the Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Institute of Monetary Research, and has been a member of HK Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), the Central Policy Unit with the Hong Kong SAR Government, and the Health Services Research Committee under the Hospital Authority.

Very recently, Prof. Ng and Prof Ho also co-edited the volume *Happiness and Public Policy: Theory, Case Studies and Implications* (Macmillan, August 2006), which explores the role of public policy in enabling individuals' pursuit of happiness, taking a multidisciplinary approach that encompasses economics, psychology, sociology, anthropology, political science and an international perspective.