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*I wish you a happy  
and healthy Year of the Rabbit!*

**Alexander De Beir,**  
*Chairman, Belgium-Hong Kong Society*

## Chairman's Message

Dear friends of Hong Kong,

2022 has been an active year for the Belgium Hong Kong Society.

On 2 February, for the last time online, we celebrated the Chinese new year. The “Legends of Lion Dance” exhibition was also kicked off during this period. On 17 March, we had a Hong Kong movie night at Cinematek. Followed on 30 March by a webinar on Hong Kong’s Role in International Shipping and Logistics. This webinar was organised together with the Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. On 30 June, we celebrated 25 years of establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique in Brussels.

On 14 September, our End of Summer Business Event was held at IMEC in Leuven. The topic was “the Future of Semiconductors around the World”. Françoise Chombar, Chairwoman of Melexis and Luc van den hove, CEO of IMEC, were the keynote speakers. It was attended by over 100 guests.

On that occasion we also launched the first edition of the BHKS Express. This second bi-annual newsletter gives our members the occasion to stay informed about our activities and other news coming from Hong Kong.

# BHKS Background

Founded in 1986, the objective of the Belgium Hong Kong Society (BHKS) is to promote bilateral economic, social and cultural exchanges between Belgium and Hong Kong through a variety of business and cultural activities. BHKS is also a member of the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide.

Our focus is to promote Hong Kong as an economic gateway into the Mainland China, a hub of the modern lifestyle and a model of good governance. Our members all share the passion for Hong Kong. Joining us as a member, you will be offered privileged networking opportunities, first-hand information on Hong Kong and the region, and other member benefits. Many of our events are joined by trade and

businesses from a diverse background, officials of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels) and the EU diplomatic corps.

We are truly grateful to the HKETO, Brussels for their continued support in co-organising various Hong Kong events in Belgium.

BHKS belongs to all friends of Hong Kong and your participation is essential in helping us to improve. We have a handful of attractive activities awaiting for your participation throughout the year. Please contact us direct if you have any feedback or comments on the newsletter or on the BHKS as a whole.

Looking towards the future, without romanticizing the past, is the challenge for Hong Kong. For us Europeans it means to let go of the pre-1997 colonial atmosphere that we are desperately looking for when visiting Hong Kong these days. Hong Kong is now a Chinese city but also China's only international city.

It is a special administrative region, with its own government, an independent judiciary and an independent financial and fiscal authority. It has its own press, international schools, universities of which 5 are ranked in the world's top 100, and of course the Hong Kong Dollar.

Hong Kong has low tax rates, an educated population, strong legal expertise, respect for contracts and ownership, free flow of capital and people as well as a critical media.

Hong Kong is the best and safest place to invest in China. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> financial centre in the world.

The aggregate stock turnover of Hong Kong in 2021 was over 20 times more than that of Singapore. The capital under management by private equity industry in Hong Kong in 2021 was four times higher than that of Singapore.

Hong Kong does international finance for China. 80% of Chinese IPO's happen in Hong Kong. 70% of

global offshore RMB payments processed in Hong Kong and 60% of all FDI in China flows through Hong Kong.

China is the green factory of the world: most solar panels and batteries, electric cars and heat pumps are all being manufactured in China. And the rest of the world is buying these products to make their societies carbon free. This is supported by Hong Kong as the HKSAR Government is promoting Hong Kong to become the preferred financing platform for mainland and overseas governments and green enterprises. It is also building an international carbon market. Hong Kong is striving to be carbon neutral by 2050.

Covid is ending and so are the lockdowns. If the Chinese central government is able to navigate out of the current covid turmoil, China will contribute 30% to the world growth in 2023.

The Belgium Hong Kong Society promotes Hong Kong's role to facilitate free trade and cultural exchange between Europe and China. We are convinced that these exchanges will lead to mutual understanding and eventually world peace.

We are convinced that Hong Kong will continue to play a pivotal role in the development of China and its relations with the rest of the world. That is why we stand strong with Hong Kong.



# New Board Member

## Mr Peter Robberecht

In 2023, the BHKS welcomes a new board member – Mr Peter Robberecht. Mr Robberecht was the Consul General of Belgium in Hong Kong from 2019 to 2022. He has now returned to Belgium and taken up a new post in the Belgian Federal Government. Here comes his message to our readers sharing his thinking on the work of the BHKS in the year ahead.

Dear reader,

I am writing this article on a freezing December morning in Belgium. The hot and humid Hong Kong weather my family I left five months ago already seem a distant memory. I was Consul General of Belgium in Hong Kong from 2019 to 2022 and, despite the turbulent times we witnessed during our time in East Asia, I look back on that mandate with exceptional memories and gratitude for the many new friendships.

Back in Brussels, I am honored and excited about joining the board of the Belgium Hong Kong Society, stepping in the footsteps of several of my predecessors and being able to keep a link with the dynamic and cosmopolitan world city that is Hong Kong.

There are many facets of the diverse and deep relationship between Belgium and Hong Kong I could write about. From culture, politics over economics to our culinary richness. Yet I would like to say a few things about higher education, an issue where the similarities between Belgium and Hong Kong are striking.

We both have several world class universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. University of Hong Kong ranks 31<sup>st</sup> and my alma mater, KU Leuven, ranks 42<sup>nd</sup>. But they are not alone of course: institutions such as Chinese University of Hong Kong, Ghent University, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Hong Kong Polytechnic University or Université Catholique de Louvain rank pretty high as well. Hong Kong has 6 universities in the overall Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023. Belgium has 6 as well. Both Hong Kong and Belgium are small, international and open

economies that thrive thanks to the high level of education of their people and their workforce.

Exchanges between Belgium and Hong Kong academic institutions are numerous but could no doubt be reinforced. Each year, about 50 to 60 Belgian students go on an exchange program to Hong Kong and about 40 Hong Kong students travel the other way round. Back at the Consulate, we facilitated and accelerated the delivery of student visa for young Hong Kong people who want to study in Belgium.

Although there is no structural cooperation between Belgian and Hong Kong universities the exchanges are nevertheless substantial and real. I think we can and should go further in that direction and strengthen the cooperation. This is not only possible for students but can also take the form of increased collaboration between researchers and academics in general.

This could be done at the level of the Government and universities but organizations such as the Belgium Hong Kong Society can help this dynamic. A concrete example is the Belgium Hong Kong Society Education Fund: the Fund was established in 2010 to sponsor exchange activities of young people between Belgium and Hong Kong with a view of promoting stronger and more sustainable ties.

Initiatives such as these strengthen the people to people contacts and make a real difference in our broader relationship. I am looking forward to contributing to this dynamic and making sure we go further in this direction.

I hope to meet you all at one of the upcoming BHKS events and wish you a happy year of the rabbit and a wonderful 2023!

# BHKS Activities 2022

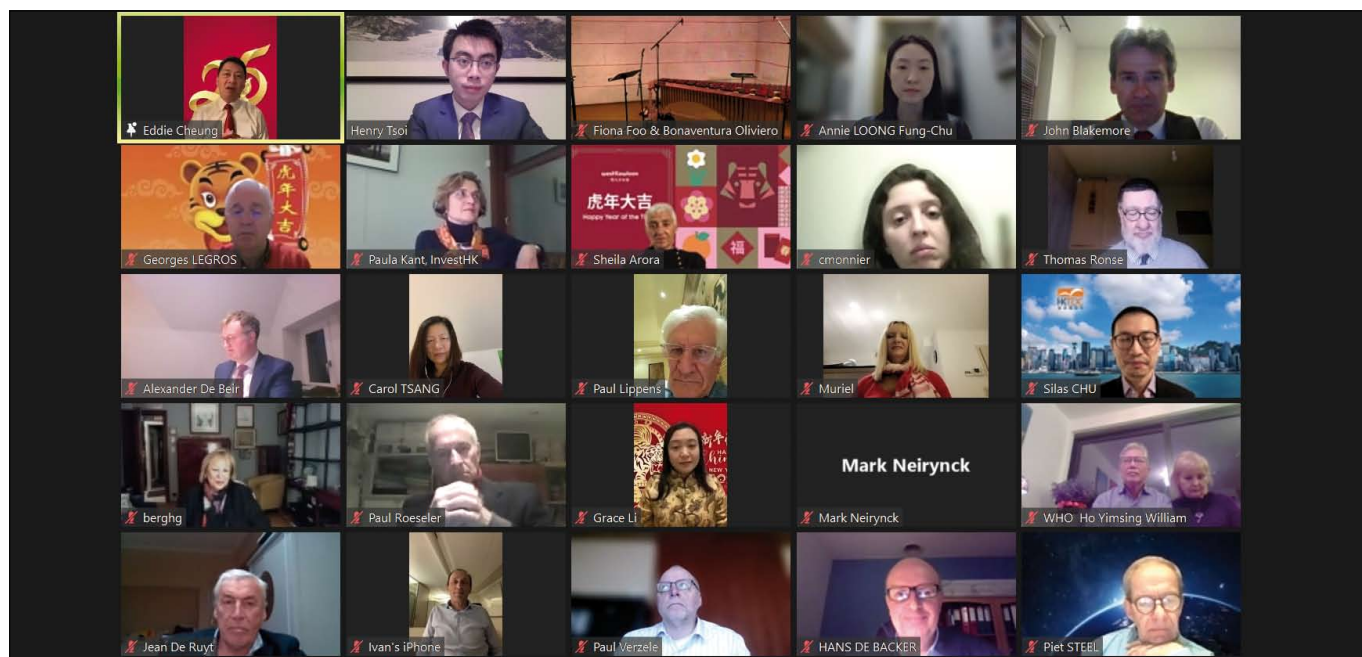
The BHKS has been keeping up its momentum in strengthening the bilateral ties between Belgium and Hong Kong through organising, co-organising and supporting a wide range of activities even under the COVID-19 pandemic in Belgium over the past years.

As Belgium has gradually lifted the covid restrictions since March 2022, the BHKS has resumed organising more activities face-to-face, which remains the most effective way to make new connections and renew friendships in the post-pandemic era. Among which, the gala event

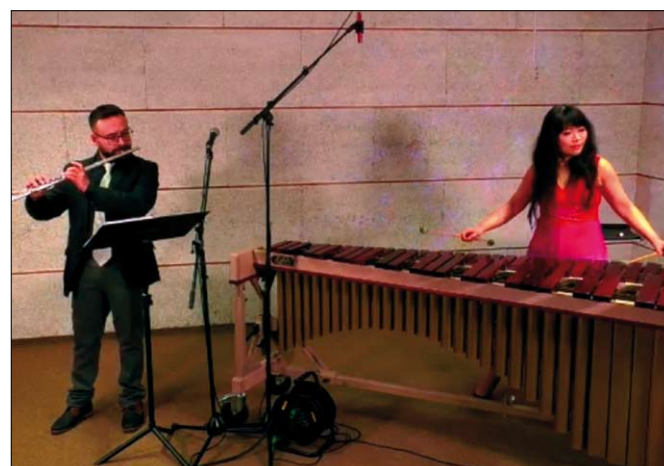
to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) held in Brussels on 30 June 2022 was certainly the most eye-catching and the most entertaining one. The “End of Summer” Business Seminar on 14 September 2022 discussing the global development of semiconductors industry was also well-received with very positive feedback from our business participants.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members who participated in our events and for their unfailing support throughout the way.

## Online Chinese New Year Celebration Reception 2 February 2022



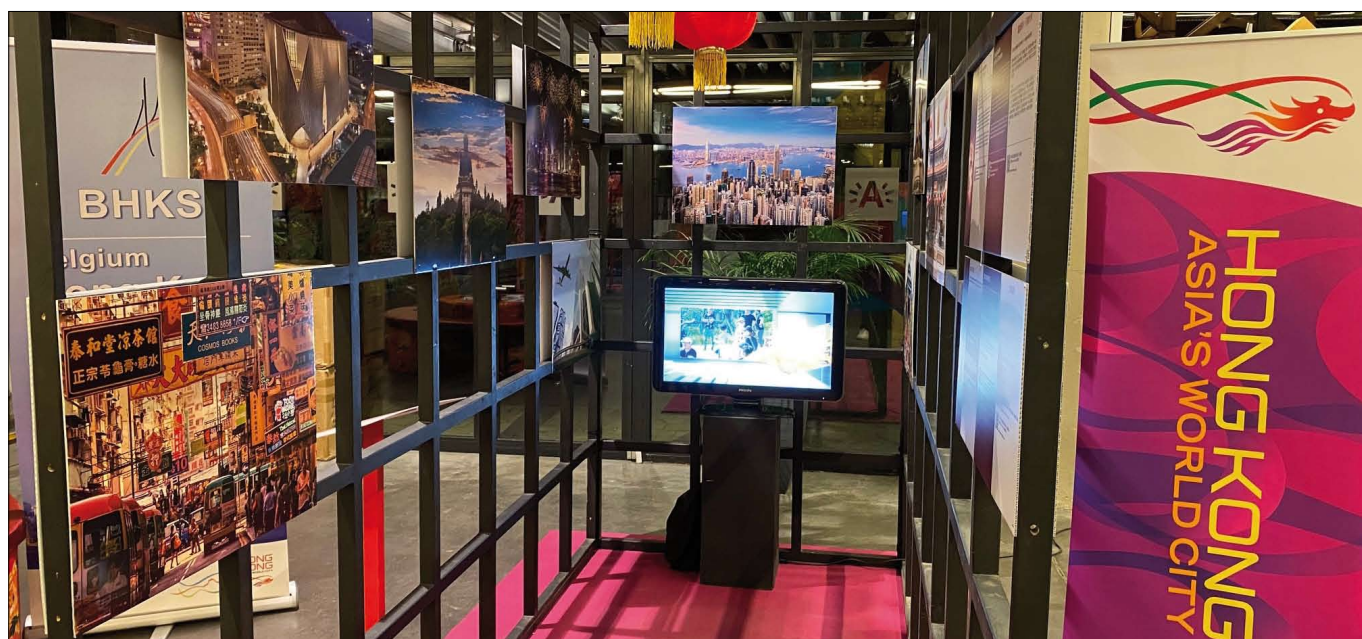
The BHKS, together with the HKETO, Brussels and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), jointly organised the online Chinese New Year Reception on 2 February 2022 to celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Tiger with some 45 BHKS members. A virtual music performance featuring traditional Chinese New Year festive songs played by a Hong Kong marimba player based in Belgium brought joy and fun to all the participants who spent a delightful evening together via online exchanges and interactions.





## The “Legends of Lion Dance” Exhibition with Hong Kong Film Evening 3 February 2022

The BHKS supported the “Legends of Lion Dance” Exhibition held in Antwerp on 22 January – 13 February 2022, which came to its sixth edition to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Besides presenting embroidered lion heads made in Hong Kong to showcase Hong Kong’s crafts, cultural heritage and Chinese New Year traditions, the exhibition in 2022 also displayed panels about the West Kowloon Cultural District as well as a video wall featuring Hong Kong’s role as a leading international cultural hub to give the viewers an update on Hong Kong. In addition, a Hong Kong film evening was organised on 3 February 2022 with the screening of the Hong Kong production “The Way We Keep Dancing” to illustrate Hong Kong’s vibrant cinema and creative industry.



## Offscreen Film Festival and Hong Kong Reception

17 March 2022

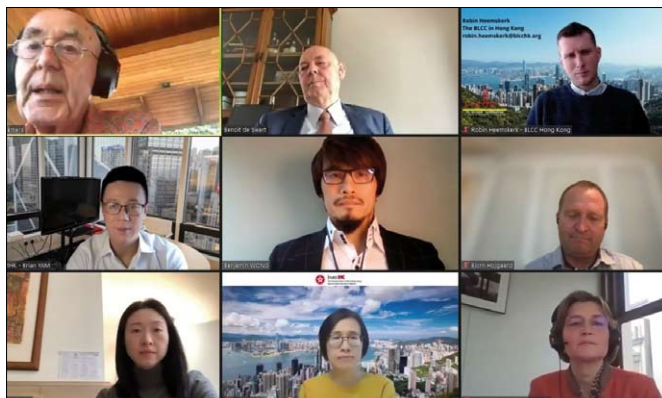
Leveraging the opportune time when Belgium was lifting various pandemic-control measures starting March 2022, the BHKS sponsored a Hong Kong reception-cum-screening event on 17 March 2022 at Cinematek in Brussels, as a means to promote Hong Kong-Belgium connections during the Offscreen Film Festival held on 9 - 27 March 2022. The screening of the Hong Kong film “Zu: Warriors of the Magic Mountain” attracted some 100 participants, including BHKS members, Hong Kong communities in Belgium and a sum of local film-lovers who were given a chance to learn the work of BHKS and experience the diversity of creative industry in Hong Kong through extraordinary films.



## Webinar on Hong Kong's Role in International Shipping and Logistics

30 March 2022

The BHKS co-hosted with the Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (BLCCHK) this webinar on the role of Hong Kong in international shipping and logistics. Industry veterans including Mr Bjørn Højgaard (CEO, Anglo-Eastern Ship Management Ltd) and Mr Benoit De Swert (Director, Ziegler Logistics (HK) Ltd) shared their insights with some 30 participants with a focus on the Asian market. Mr Peter Cremers (Executive Chairman, Anglo-Eastern Ship Management Ltd) moderated the webinar. Mr Benjamin Wong (Head of Transport, Infrastructure and Advanced Manufacturing, Invest Hong Kong) gave an overview of Hong Kong's role in the industries to open the webinar.



Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK), as the event partner, has also given a post-event update of the latest position of Hong Kong for our BHKS newsletter readers on [pages 11 -12](#).



## Gala Event in Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

30 June 2022

As the finale of the “Hong Kong Month” in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, HKETO, Brussels hosted a gala event with the BHKS at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium in Brussels on 30 June 2022.

About 230 guests from different sectors, including the BHKS members, government officials and diplomats attended the celebratory event. The guests joined a private guided tour of the Royal Museum before taking a glimpse of the vibrant art and cultural scene of Hong Kong through an exclusive exhibition on the West Kowloon Cultural District, including the M+ museum and the Hong Kong Palace Museum, at the venue.







The guests were also treated with an entertaining lion dance performance, a limited edition of Belgian beer dedicatedly brewed and bottled to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HKSAR, exquisite Chinese dim-sum and dishes prepared by a Hong Kong chef in charge of the only Michelin-starred Chinese restaurant in Paris, and a bassoon and oboe duet played by talented young Hong Kong musicians. The gala event was truly an unforgettable experience of the unique advantages of Hong Kong having a mix of East and West as when the city turned to a new era.



This gala event was one of the signature receptions held in prestigious museums in Europe which signified Hong Kong's unique role as an international platform for art and cultural exchanges. The BHKS strives to take the chance to forge deeper cultural exchanges and understanding between Hong Kong and Belgium.



# End of Summer Business Seminar - “The future of semiconductors around the world”

14 September 2022



The BHKHS organised the End of Summer Business Seminar - “The future of semiconductors around the world” at IMEC in Leuven, Belgium on 14 September 2022. Two expert speakers, Ms Françoise Chombar (Chairwoman, Melexis) and Mr Luc Van den hove (President and CEO, IMEC) shared their views on the latest supply-demand and R&D of semiconductors respectively with over 100 participants. A walking dinner followed the seminar, where the participants enjoyed further exchanges with the speakers and guests from related industries. The participants were inspired

about the significance of global collaboration and how Hong Kong as an international trading and logistics centre could be related to the development of the industry. Highlights of the seminar can be found at this video via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ItioCQ6gTel> or scanning the QR code:



# Business Luncheon – “Co-creating a Resilient and Sustainable Intellectual Property (IP) Ecosystem”

6 December 2022

The BHKHS collaborated with HKTDC, HKETO, Brussels and Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce to organise a business luncheon “Co-creating a resilient and sustainable IP ecosystem” on 6 December 2022 in Brussels to promote the advantages of Hong Kong as an IP trading hub. The BHKHS members and some other 30 business participants discussed on the latest IP development and learnt about the legal system, financial resources, IP protection and professional services of Hong Kong in the IP value-chain.



InvestHK is a department of the HKSAR Government responsible for foreign direct investment and supporting businesses to set up and expand in Hong Kong. As the event partner of the webinar on Hong Kong’s role in international shipping and logistic held on 30 March 2022, InvestHK was happy to follow-up and update our BHKS newsletter readers regarding the latest development of the relevant sectors in Hong Kong.

## Shipping Industry in Hong Kong

According to the *International Shipping Centre Development (ISCD) Index 2022* published by the *Baltic Exchange* and Chinese news agency *Xinhua*, Hong Kong ranked the fourth as an international maritime centre, trailing Singapore, London and Shanghai.

| RANKING | CONTINENT | SHIPPING CENTRE       |
|---------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1       | Asia      | Singapore             |
| 2       | Europe    | London                |
| 3       | Asia      | Shanghai              |
| 4       | Asia      | Hong Kong             |
| 5       | Asia      | Dubai                 |
| 6       | Europe    | Rotterdam             |
| 7       | Europe    | Hamburg               |
| 8       | America   | New York - New Jersey |
| 9       | Europe    | Athens                |
| 10      | Asia      | Ningbo - Zhoushan     |

Evaluation results of the 2022 index show that of the **Top 10 Shipping Centres** in the world, **5 are located in Asia**, 4 in Europe and only 1 in America.

Hong Kong Shipping Registry (HKSR) has a ship registration system separate from that of Mainland China. A total of 2,438 vessels were on HKSR as of September 2022, boasting a total of 128 million GT. Besides, Hong Kong is the world’s fourth largest ship register following Panama, Liberia and Marshall Islands as of the end of 2021.

Hong Kong provides preferential tax regimes relating to the shipping industry :

### Ship operator

Income derived by ship operators from international operation of Hong Kong registered ships (including carriage and chartering) are exempt from profits tax.

### Ship leasing

Profits derived by qualifying ship lessors from carrying out qualifying ship leasing activities in relation to operating lease and finance lease are assessed at a tax rate of 0%; whilst profits derived by qualifying ship leasing managers from carrying out qualifying ship leasing management activities are generally assessed at a half-rate of 8.25%.

### Insurance-related businesses

Profits derived by direct insurers from selected general insurance businesses including those relevant to the underwriting of marine-related risks are assessed at a half-rate of 8.25%.

### Shipping commercial principals

Profits derived by qualifying ship agents, ship managers or ship brokers from carrying out qualifying ship agency, ship management or ship broking activities are generally assessed at a half-rate of 8.25%.

Besides, Hong Kong has also entered into double taxation agreements (DTAs) which cover shipping income with many places such as the US, the UK, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Germany. With a low tax regime and strong institutional environment, along with a maritime services cluster, Hong Kong flag is seen as a preferred choice for foreign vessel owners.

### **Hong Kong - An Ideal Place for Maritime Business :**

| CONNECTIVITY                                        | WORLD-CLASS HUB PORT                             | COMPETITIVE TAX REGIME    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strategic location for superb connectivity          | Well established airport and port infrastructure | Low and simple tax regime |
| Haven for shipping business                         | Smart Port Initiative                            | Shipping incentives       |
| Sound legal system                                  | Talent pool                                      | Tax concessions           |
| International maritime legal and arbitration centre | Maritime and aviation training fund              | Double taxation relief    |

Hong Kong offers investors a full range of professional services for maritime and shipping businesses. Many of the world's leading ship brokers have established offices in Hong Kong, such as Clarksons and Simpson Spence Young. Hong Kong is also the home to numerous well established professional ship management services providers, on top of a cluster of international marine insurance companies and a high concentration of banks providing professional ship financing services. As at the end of September 2022, there were 84 authorised ship insurers in Hong Kong, of which 32 were foreign insurers while renowned maritime finance banks, such as HSH Nordbank and Credit Agricole, have had a presence in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong has a well established legal system and legal services sector with a plenty of international law firms to offer maritime legal services as well. The High Court of Hong Kong has specialist lists to deal with admiralty disputes with its own Admiralty Court Judge. Established in 1978, the Hong Kong Maritime Law Association consists of maritime lawyers, ship owners, as well as organisations and individual members involved in maritime sector. Hong Kong is also a major maritime arbitration centre in the region. In 2021, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) handled 514 new cases, with 17% involving maritime disputes.

For more details on the shipping industry and logistics sector in Hong Kong, please refer to the updated presentation of InvestHK by scanning this QR code:



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# Updates from Partner of BHKS

## The Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (BLCCHK)



*The BLCCHK is one of our close partners all the way to co-organise various activities and to promote exchanges between Belgium and Hong Kong. In February 2023, we are going to join hands once more to hold a webinar relevant to Fintech. Before that, let us see what the recent development is of BLCCHK.*

The year 2022 has brought some changes to the Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. **A new General Manager**, Ms Femke Debie, was appointed and also three new Board Directors were welcomed. Virginie Van der Donckt (Velotrade), Francis Heymans (Syncicap) and Justin Campbell (Willis Towers Watson) will actively, together with the other Board Directors, help further build this revamped BLCCHK.

It is great to feel a fresh breeze going through the Chamber. The BLCCHK has welcomed around 50 new members already since September. It is clear that people are eager to get back together after a tough period, want to exchange ideas and strengthen their networks. In Hong Kong, there is **nothing more important than a strong network**. Not only from a business point of view, but also on a personal level. And a strong network is exactly what you'll find at the Chamber.

The BLCCHK sees itself as a *boutique* Chamber, with all the advantages of being *petite*: personal, flexible, and dynamic. They do not try to compete with bigger Chambers, but are aware of their strengths and are fully committed to those to differentiate.

The BLCCHK aims to create a connected, value-adding Chamber where all nationalities feel welcome. Combined with the typical characteristics of the Belgium and Luxembourg community, convivial people living a Burgundian lifestyle, we are convinced this Chamber is one you want to be part of.

**2023 promises to be a great year**, with the restrictions being lifted gradually and many great initiatives on the agenda. Let us quickly highlight some of them.

Young Professionals Breakfast seminars: The YP committee put together a series of interesting seminars for the BLCCHK's Young Professional members. Once a month, they gather for breakfast to learn about a topical subject such as blockchain, investing, financial statements, etc. With fully booked sessions and great connections made so far, this initiative was a success from the start.

Committees: In the new year, the BLCCHK will launch Committees. These committees bring together experts around a specific topic. As a result, knowledge and experience is gathered and shared within the chamber. Keep an eye on the BLCCHK's website to learn more about the committees.

Gala: In the fall of 2023, BLCC will organise its five-yearly gala. A gala is a great way to celebrate with all the members, to make new connections and above all create a memorable evening.

To finish, it is important to highlight the **MOU** that the BLCCHK and the Belgium Hong Kong Society have signed. This implies that **all member of the BHKS visiting Hong Kong are very welcome to join the BLCCHK's events!**

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# BHKS Education Fund

In 2022, the BHKS Education Fund sponsored Miss Sam Vleminx, a final year student studying at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences in Belgium to take internship in Hong Kong. In 2023, the BHKS Education Fund is going to sponsor a dance artist from Hong Kong, Miss Hazel Lam, to participate in an arts and culture festival to be held in Ghent, Belgium.

The BHKS wishes that our Education Fund can support more students and young talents like Miss Sam Vleminx and Miss Hazel Lam in future to promote exchanges between Hong Kong and Belgium, drawing us closer into collaboration.

## Miss Sam Vleminx *in Hong Kong*

My name is Sam Vleminx, I am a final year student at the department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology (SLP&A) at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences, Antwerp.

The SLP&A department selected me to execute my final clinical internship in Hong Kong. Thanks to the financial support of the Belgian Hong Kong Society through their Educational Fund, I had the opportunity to stay in Hong Kong between October and December 2022.

I carried out this internship under supervision of the Education University of Hong Kong (EduHK). I had the opportunity to intern at several clinical SLP&A settings: The Community Rehabilitation Centre, Sprout in Motion, Arthur Fang and associates, KK Speech and Language, and Kiddio. At the Community Rehabilitation Centre, where I worked with fellow EduHK students, we assessed and treated adult patients with acquired brain injuries. At the other clinical settings, I worked with different age groups: from very young children (as from 1,5 years old) to adolescents (up to 15 years old). These patients suffered from different disorders such as childhood apraxia, language delay, autism spectrum disorder, attention deficits, etc.



In addition to my internship at different locations in Hong Kong, I also got the opportunity to take some classes from the Master of Science Programme in Educational Speech-Language Pathology and Learning Disabilities at EduHK. It was an enriching intercultural experience for me to learn from and with SLP students in Hong Kong.

This unique clinical and educational experience will certainly have a positive impact on my future career as a speech-language pathologist in Belgium. As expected, I was introduced to assessment and intervention methods different from those we use in Belgium. In addition to the cross-cultural skills I gained, I also learned a lot about dealing with multilingualism, as most clients and patients in Hong Kong are inherently multilingual.

I was also pleasantly surprised by the lifestyle in Hong Kong, which I feel is vastly different from the Belgian lifestyle.

Finally, I would like to thank my host university, the Education University of Hong Kong, and home university, Thomas More University of Applied Sciences, for their guidance and support. Last but not least, I would like to explicitly thank the Belgian Hong Kong Society for their financial support to make my dream come true.



## Miss Hazel Lam in Belgium

Hazel Lam is a multidisciplinary artist from Hong Kong and is now based in Belgium. Trained in dance (Manchester), contemporary circus (Sheffield, Turin and London) and music (Hong Kong), Hazel creates visually and conceptually compelling performances in theatre, film and outdoor work with artists from diverse backgrounds.

Hazel has resided in Belgium since 2017 and has created full-length performances such as *Lighthouse* and *Light Vessel*. Alongside performing for companies and her own creations on international tours, she is reading philosophy at The Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven and writes for major festivals and magazines in the UK and in Belgium.

In March 2023, Hazel's two screendance pieces *Springs Steps* and *Beyond Distance* are programmed by the Made in China Festival in Ghent and will be screened at the Minard. *Spring Steps* was conceived and filmed in Hong Kong in Spring 2021 and *Beyond Distance* was conceived in 2016 and filmed in 2017 in Ghent.

**The BHKS Education Fund will sponsor Hazel's participation in the Made in China Festival in Ghent in 2023 to show arts talent from Hong Kong to local audience in Belgium and to promote the connections between Hong Kong and Belgium.**



## Applications for the BHKS Education Fund

The BHKS Education Fund was established in 2010 to sponsor exchange activities of young people between Belgium and Hong Kong with a view of promoting stronger and more sustainable ties. The BHKS Education Fund aims to support the following projects :

- a** Short-term academic, cultural, technology or sports exchange programmes between Belgium and Hong Kong
- b** Other projects to enhance and promote intercultural activities related to Belgium and Hong Kong
- c** Work or study experience that connects Belgium and Hong Kong

The proposed projects can be either “tangible” or web-based, and must be non-profit making.

Application is open throughout the year. The applications can be submitted through the college / university / tertiary institution (including student's association), or individually for applicants no longer in full-time education. The completed application form, which is available on BHKS website: <https://www.bhks.be> , together with the supporting documents should be submitted to the BHKS Secretariat. The applications will be vetted by the Board of the BHKS and applicants will be informed of the outcome within three months after the submission of the application.

Interested applicants may visit our website or contact the Secretariat direct for more information.

# Applications to become BHKS Members

Joining us as a member, you will be offered privileged networking opportunities, first-hand information on Hong Kong and the region, and other member benefits. Membership is valid for one year, to be renewed annually at a fee in 3 categories: "individual", "corporate" and "young" members. Please do contact the Secretariat direct if you are interested in becoming a member.



Details can be found at:  
<https://www.bhks.be/pg-become-a-member-9.html>  
or by scanning the QR code.

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