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### **Fung Global Institute Announces New President**

The Fung Global Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr William H. Overholt as the Institute's new President.

Dr Overholt has been a Senior Fellow at Harvard Asia Center and the Kennedy School of Government since 2008. His career includes 14 years conducting and managing policy research at think tanks, seven years at Harvard University, and 21 years running investment bank research teams, mainly in Asia. In 2013 he began spending the majority of his time in Hong Kong as Senior Fellow at the Fung Global Institute

"Bill brings to the position an exceptional track record of managing research programs for major think tanks in Asia and the U.S.," said Dr Victor K. Fung, Chairman of the Institute. "His ability to deliver and drive impactful research will be a great asset to all our stakeholders regionally and globally. I look forward to Bill building on the Institute's mission of projecting Asian perspectives onto the world debate around critical, global issues."

Dr Overholt previously held the Asia Policy Distinguished Research Chair at RAND's California headquarters and was Director of the Center for Asia Pacific Policy; concurrently he was Visiting Professor at Shanghai Jiaotong University and, earlier, Distinguished Visiting Professor at Korea's Yonsei University. During his 21 years in investment banking, he served as Head of Strategy and Economics at Nomura's regional headquarters in Hong Kong from 1998 to 2001, and as Managing Director and Head of Research at Bank Boston's regional headquarters in Singapore. During 18 years at Bankers Trust, he ran a country risk team in New York from 1980 to 1984, and then was regional strategist and Asia research head based in Hong Kong from 1985 to 1998.

At Hudson Institute from 1971 to 1979, Dr Overholt directed planning studies for the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of State, National Security Council, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Council on International Economic Policy. As Director of Hudson Research Services, he also performed strategic planning for corporations.

"I am very excited to be joining the Fung Global Institute. In the three years since its founding, the Institute has clearly established its ability to convene leading scholars and executives and address major issues affecting Asia," said Dr Overholt. "Now our goal is to deliver major research projects that improve people's lives and enhance economic performance."

#### **About the Fung Global Institute**

The Fung Global Institute is an independent think tank that generates and disseminates innovative thinking from Asian perspectives on issues that are transforming the global economy. Its business-relevant research is combined with practical experience and learning that can be applied by senior global executives as well as policymakers and civil society leaders. The Institute is a non-profit organization based in Hong Kong.

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