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Asia Global Institute launches AsiaGlobal Fellows Program

The Asia Global Institute (AGI) at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is now accepting applications for the inaugural cohort of its AsiaGlobal Fellows Program, an inter-disciplinary and intensive global leadership development initiative designed for mid-career professionals from around the world. The 16 selected AsiaGlobal Fellows will have already demonstrated strong leadership potential and are up-and-coming influencers in politics, policy-making, business, or civil society. They are expected to share a common career interest in Asia-related policy matters. The program's goal is to prepare a continually expanding network of promising future leaders for a further globalized world through intensive learning and interaction.

The first of its kind in Asia, the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program draws participants to this region at a time when the economic center of gravity is shifting to this part of the world. The fully-funded, residential program is 13 weeks long and will be primarily based in Hong Kong, a global hub for finance and ideas. Fellows will have full access to HKU's world-class educational resources, and benefit through mentorship, topical lectures, seminars, and leadership skills workshops. Training sessions will be offered to improve the AsiaGlobal Fellows' public speaking, media interviewing, writing and other leadership skills. Fellows will also take part in study trips to different Asian capitals and manufacturing centers, as part of the program's mission to create international thinkers, future leaders, and influencers with a deeper understanding of global issues from Asian Perspectives.

"Recent events in Europe, the U.S. and elsewhere have reignited a global debate on the future of globalization, free market and capitalism. Peace and prosperity in the digital age depend more - not less - on openness, understanding and interaction between peoples and across borders. The future of the world calls for both more leadership and better appreciation of the issues facing humanity," said Zhiwu Chen, Director of the Asia Global Institute and Victor and William Fung Professor in Economics at HKU. "In these dimensions, Asia, especially Asian universities, can do more. Now is the time to broaden the global knowledge, exposure and experience of tomorrow's leaders by offering them targeted learning and training programs. Hong Kong is uniquely positioned to do that as it is an important global city and also the most neutral cosmopolitan place in Asia."

The AsiaGlobal Fellows Program will be carried out under Director Dr Patrick Low, former Chief Economist of the World Trade Organization. Its lecturing and mentoring faculty include world-class academics from within and outside HKU as well as experienced leaders from governments, multinational organizations, business, and civil society in Asia and beyond. Senior figures will be invited to offer their country's or region's perspective on current issues and participate in debate and exchange.



More details about the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program and criteria for the selection of candidates may be found at: <http://www.asiaglobalinstitute.hku.hk/en/agfellows-program/>.

About the Asia Global Institute

The Asia Global Institute at The University of Hong Kong is an independent think tank that generates and disseminates innovative thinking, and business-relevant research on global issues from Asian perspectives. It aims to inform global policy and actions towards a prosperous and sustainable future for all.

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