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**Distinguished world leaders Ban Ki-moon and Julia Gillard
To Speak At Asia Society Hong Kong Center Gala Dinner
“Navigating the Future: The Road Ahead”**

(Hong Kong, December 13, 2017) – Asia Society Hong Kong Center (“ASHK”) today announced that it will be hosting its gala dinner on **December 14, 2017 (Thursday)** on the theme of **“Navigating the Future: The Road Ahead”**. The gala dinner will feature **Ban Ki-moon**, 8th secretary general of the United Nations, and **Julia Gillard**, former prime minister of Australia and chair of the Global Partnership for Education, who will be engaged in a keynote conversation moderated by **Ronnie C. Chan**, Chairman Emeritus of Asia Society and Chairman of Asia Society Hong Kong Center, on the challenges and opportunities faced by the global community in 2018 and beyond.

One of Hong Kong’s annual signature events, the ASHK fund-raising gala dinner will focus on the theme of **“Navigating the Future: The Road Ahead”**. The featured keynote conversation will touch on topics especially on the global work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals championed by Secretary-General Ban and developed and agreed during his tenure, and the concerted efforts being made by Julia Gillard and the Global Partnership for Education to advance education in some of the most challenging environments in the world. Proceeds from the evening will contribute significantly to supporting ASHK’s critical mission of delivering education about the countries and cultures of Asia and global issues that impact the region.

The gala dinner is made possible by the generous support of ASHK’s sponsors, including KPMG, Lippo Group and Morningside as Platinum Patrons and CITIC Capital, Grace Financial Ltd, Search Investment Group, The Tung Foundation, ZhenFund and Z-Park Fund as Gold Patrons.

Please click on this link for further information on the Gala Dinner:

<http://asiasociety.org/hong-kong/events/navigating-2018-road-ahead>

About Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Asia Society Hong Kong Center is a locally funded, independent non-government organization that was established in 1990 by a group of Hong Kong community leaders. It is affiliated with Asia Society in New York that was founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller III to promote mutual understanding and to strengthen partnerships between Asia and the US in a global context.

Asia Society Hong Kong Center is dedicated to providing educational platforms that present balanced perspectives and promote critical understanding of topics that are relevant to Hong Kong, Asia and the region’s role in the world. Across the fields of arts and culture, education, business and policy, it seeks to provide insights, generate ideas and promote collaboration to address present challenges and create a shared future. Its home in Admiralty at the former Explosives Magazine of the old Victoria Barracks, made possible under Private Treaty Grant from the government, was the result of careful conservation, restoration and adaptive re-use which transformed the heritage site into a cultural, artistic and intellectual hub in 2012 to offer a broad variety of cultural and education programs to the community. For more information, please visit www.asiasociety.org/hong-kong.

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