



# 2023 ANNUAL GALA

SEEKING COMMON GROUND:  
NAVIGATING SINO-ASIA-US RELATIONS

*with*

**THE HON. DR. KEVIN RUDD AC**

President and CEO, Asia Society & 26th Prime Minister of Australia

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**  
**CONRAD HOTEL**



## WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to tonight's Annual Gala featuring Dr. Kevin Rudd, Asia Society's 8th President and the 26th Prime Minister of Australia. It was eight years ago that Kevin joined Asia Society as the founding President of the Asia Society Policy Institute. Over the intervening years, Kevin has established ASPI as a top research institution with an impressive network of globally-recognized advisors, fellows, and experts. Since becoming President of Asia Society two years ago, Kevin has expanded Asia Society to 15 locations globally, and broadened our mission to combating anti-Asian hate in the United States and elsewhere. Although Kevin will be leaving Asia Society in March to become Australia's Ambassador to the United States, he is leaving Asia Society in good hands and we know that he will continue to be a good friend of the Society, especially of Asia Society Hong Kong Center.

When Kevin called in December to inform us of his departure, he agreed readily to the invitation to speak for our first in-person Gala in four years. This will be his first and last visit to Hong Kong as President of Asia Society, but I know we will have future opportunities to welcome him back. With Kevin's broad knowledge of Asia, including China, and having served as both Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Australia, he will bring invaluable insights to the current state of Sino-Asia-US relations.

Thank you for joining tonight's Gala and helping to make it the most successful in our 32-year history! During times of tension and misunderstanding, institutions like Asia Society matter more than ever. Asia Society Hong Kong Center, founded in 1990, was established during a time of tension between the East and West, and has strived ever since to build bridges of understanding through our programs and to promote Hong Kong as a city with a global vision. We greatly appreciate your continued support, especially over the past three years of the pandemic, during which our revenues have declined drastically. As Hong Kong opens up, we will continue to bring you high-quality programs, especially relating to Business & Policy, as we welcome back to our City world-renowned thought leaders and opinion makers.

Cordially,  
Ronnie C. Chan  
Chairman, Asia Society Hong Kong Center  
Chair Emeritus, Asia Society

S. Alice Mong  
Executive Director  
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## ABOUT ASIA SOCIETY

### Navigating Shared Futures

The Asia Society's purpose is to navigate shared futures for Asia and the world across policy, arts and culture, education, sustainability, business, and technology.

The Asia Society fosters insight, encourages engagement, elevates regional voices, informs and educates new audiences, addresses complex – and where necessary – contentious challenges, engages in creative problem-solving, and helps deliver real solutions for the benefit of all. As a global network of centers who share a common vision, we actively collaborate with our centers and partners across Asia and the world. The Asia Society also provides its members an opportunity to become part of our global network to help shape a prosperous, sustainable, and secure future for us all.

The Asia Society is dedicated to identifying future pathways for Asia and the world which enhance peace, prosperity, freedom, equality, and sustainability. We provide a platform for dialogue and encourage a diversity of views as we try to find the most effective ways forward.

Mindful of cultural differences, we hold that each perspective should be heard with temperance and respect in order to enhance cross-cultural understanding. We will never shy away from the hard questions facing our world. We value collaboration with government and non-government institutions in forging common approaches to otherwise intractable problems.

## EVENING PROGRAM

Registration 19:30

Dinner & Keynote 20:00

Close 22:00



The Hon. Dr. Kevin Rudd AC is President and CEO of the Asia Society, and inaugural President of the Asia Society Policy Institute. He served as 26th Prime Minister of Australia (2007 to 2010, 2013) and as Foreign Minister (2010 to 2012). He is Chair of the Board of the International Peace Institute in New York, and Chair of Sanitation and Water for All – a global partnership of government and non-governmental organizations dedicated to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6. He is a Distinguished Fellow at Chatham House and the Paulson Institute, and a Distinguished Statesman with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is also a member of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization’s Group of Eminent Persons.



Ronnie C. Chan (Moderator) is the Chair of Hang Lung Group Limited and its subsidiary Hang Lung Properties Limited, both publicly listed in Hong Kong. Hang Lung expanded into mainland China in 1992, developing, owning and managing world-class commercial complexes in key tier one and tier two cities. Mr. Chan co-founded Morningside, a diversified investment group engaged in private equity and venture capital investments in North America, Asia, and Europe. Mr. Chan is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Chair Emeritus of the Asia Society and Chairman of its Hong Kong Center, and Co-Founder and Chairman of the Centre for Asian Philanthropy and Society.

## PAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Business and Policy



Clockwise from top left: 1. May 7, 2022 - St. Paul's College 170th Anniversary Seminar Series Plenary Session: Build Our Future, 2. June 21, 2022 - Night of Ideas 2022 - [Re]Build Heritage: Beyond the Skyline, 3. Chairman's Dialogue Series - China's Approach Towards Green Financing and Sustainable Development 4. January 17, 2023 - United Nations Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration, 5. January 12, 2023 - Book Talk with Stephen Roach: Accidental Conflict: America, China, and the Clash of False Narratives.

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### Art and Culture



Clockwise from top left: 1. October 23, 2022 - Diwali Family Day, 2. October 29, 2022 - Oishi Japan! 東北地區日本食品研討會 Quality, Safety, and Charm of the Tohoku Region's Agriculture and Fishery Products  
3. 2021 - 賽馬會社區持續抗逆基金— 隨處「悅」讀計劃 Jockey Club Community Sustainability Fund Joyful Readers Community Project, 4. December 17-18, 2022 - 聖誕家庭樂 x 法國市集 2022 Community Christmas x French Market, 5. November 21-25, 2022 - Workshops at Bloomberg (Air Wreath & Windcharm & Neon Light & Pour Art)



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