

Social Enterprise Startup Scheme Mentor Bios

Mr. Gordon Lam

Mr. Gordon Lam is most recently a director of Gravity Capital Partners Company Limited, a private equity firm. He was one of the pioneer Citibankers who helped build and witnessed the development of the institution's business franchise in mainland China since early 80s. He had been with Citigroup for 30 years in various senior capacities on corporate banking, merchant banking, treasury, derivative products and private equity investments/funds. As a Managing Director of Citigroup Venture Capital International Asia Limited, he managed Citigroup's Asian private equity investment portfolio. He also spearheaded project initiatives for its consumer banking business in Hong Kong.

Mr. Lam was the Managing Director of Citicorp China Investment Management Limited responsible for managing Citi's first Private Equity Fund investing in China. Previously, he was Investment Advisor with the Merchant Banking and Head of Treasury for corporate business for Citibank, Hong Kong. He arranged various financing packages, most of them were the first of its kind in China, for power plants, petrochemical complex, and steel mills and provided the associated corporate exposure management services. Prior to his career with Citigroup, he completed the engineering professional internship with the Government of Hong Kong and had been a research analyst specialized in China trade.

Mr. Gordon Lam holds a Master degree in Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and a Bachelor degree of Science (Engineering) from University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Eric Yip

Mr. Yip has over 30 years of experience in corporate banking, investment banking and private equity investment in the Greater China region. He is currently the Chairman of AM Partners (Capital) Co., Ltd.

He was the director and Chief Executive Officer of Asset Managers (Asia) Co., Ltd. ("ASA") which was founded by him in 2004. ASA was mainly engaged in the private equity investment in the Greater China region. The amount of asset under management of ASA exceeded HK\$2 billions with more than 20 projects invested. He also facilitated the strategic investment made by ASA's parent company, Asset Managers Co., Ltd. (now known as Ichigo Group Holdings Co., Ltd), in CITIC International Asset Management Limited ("CIAM") of CITIC Group. He was also a director, Executive Board member and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of CIAM Group.

Mr. Yip held a number of senior positions in various financial institutions, including the Managing Director of VC CEF Capital Limited and the Deputy General Manager of Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan, Limited (now known as Shinsei Bank, Limited) - Hong Kong Branch.

Mr. Yip is the Founder and an Engagement Committee Member of CUSE Fund under the I-CARE Programme of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Founding Member of CUHK Alumni Charity Foundation Limited. He is also the Executive Director of Hong Kong Hope Through Music Children's Charity Limited.

Mr. Yip graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

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Mr. Simon Ngai

Mr. Ngai is the Council Member of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Social Enterprises Limited (HKGCSSE). He is also Managing Director of Wing Kai Steel Furniture & Engineering Co., Ltd, Chairman of Fullness Christian Vocational Training Centre, and the President of the Federation of Alumni Associations of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Ngai founded Wing Kai Steel Furniture & Engineering Co., Ltd. in 1988, and has been the Managing Director since then. Before that, he had been the Deputy General Manager of an investment company responsible for setting up joint-ventures in China, and acquisitions in Germany and the United States of America. He also had a wide range of working experience including sales, marketing, accounting, administration and human resources. Mr. Ngai joined Fullness Christian Vocational Training Centre in 2000 and has been the Chairman of the organization since 2006.

Mr. Ngai graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and obtained a Master degree in Business Administration from City University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Angus Chau

Mr. Chau currently serves as the Executive Director of Smart Express International holding limited, a clean energy solution provider in Hong Kong. He is also the independent non-executive director of the One Media Group Limited.

Mr. Chau has over 35 years of commercial and investment banking experience specialized in corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, company reorganisation, and IPO listing. He was a registered licensed person of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (License Type 6, Advising on Corporate Finance). He has been responsible for assisting clients in various mergers and acquisitions, financial advisory, and independent financial advisory projects. He previously served as an Executive Director and Executive Officer of Universal Technologies Holdings Limited (stock code: 1026), a Hong Kong listed company, as well as a director of VXL Financial Group, Hooray Financial, Worldsec Securities Limited, Seapower Financials, Sun Hung Kai Company and Pacific Challenge Financial Group, specializing in corporate finance business.

He graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Edmond Wong

For the past 30 years, Mr. Wong has worked in various international banks and financial institutions, including Bank of China Hong Kong, Japan Leasing Hong Kong, United Overseas Bank Singapore, Deutsche Bank Singapore, Belgian Bank Hong Kong, LTCB Asia Limited and Hypo Vereinsbank Hong Kong. He was instrumental in setting up the Raiffeisen Bank International AG Hong Kong branch, and was the Chief Executive of the branch. He also worked as a part-time lecturer for accounting in Singapore Polytechnic.

Throughout Mr. Wong's banking career, he has been involved in various functional banking departments like documentary credit, leasing, treasury, debt capital market, corporate lending, syndication, financial institution, project financing, and general management. Through interaction with his customers who are from a wide variety of industries and background, he has got insights into various companies' management and business cycles that may be formulated into a knowledge to be shared.

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Mr. Wong graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor degree major in Finance, and minor in General Business Management.

Mr. Ivan Chak

Mr. Ivan Chak is currently a Director of Charterwood Assets Limited, and a responsible officer of Avanta Investment Management Limited. He also serves as an Independent Non-executive Director, Chairperson of the remuneration committee, and a Member of the audit and nomination committee of DCB Holding Limited, which is a Hong Kong listed fitting-out and renovation service provider.

Mr. Chak has over 30 years of experience in the banking and finance sectors in both Hong Kong and mainland China. He previously held various senior managerial positions in IAM Legacy Limited (formerly known as MCL Assets Limited), CITIC International Assets Management Limited, Trilease International Limited, and Bank of China (Hong Kong). He is also a licensed person of type 4 and 9 regulated activities registered under the Securities and Future Commission of Hong Kong.

Mr. Chak graduated from The University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor degree in Social Sciences, and obtained a Master degree in Finance from the City University of Hong Kong.

Mr. George So

Mr. George So is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Shinelong Automotive Lightweight Application Limited, a Director of Justex Investments Limited and a Part-Time Lecturer at the Open University of Hong Kong Limited. Prior to these, Mr. So was the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Asset Managers (Asia) Company Limited, a private equity firm in Hong Kong. Mr. So had held senior management positions and directorships both in executive and non-executive roles for companies listed in Hong Kong and Singapore. Mr. So had extensive audit experience obtained from Ernst and Young Goba Limited in Hong Kong, and a number of public accounting firms in Canada.

Mr. So obtained a Bachelor degree of Arts from The University of Toronto in Canada, and a Master degree in Finance from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant and Certified Management Accountant (CPA, CA, CMA) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, Canada and a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FCPA).

Mr. Benson Lee

Mr. Benson Lee was the former Chief Financial Officer and Director of SRE Group, a property developer in China and a listed company in Hong Kong. Mr. Lee has over 20 years of senior management experience the banking industry. He previously served as heads of corporate banking and China banking in various multinational banks including the China CITIC Bank International, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and the Mitsubishi Bank (currently known as MUFG Bank).

Mr. Lee graduated from the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor degree in Economics. He has also obtained a Master degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University in the United States of America.