

INVITATION

Seminar

Managing Public Records and Preserving Heritage for Good Governance

Saturday, 7 March 2009

9:15am – 4:15pm

Room 202, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Civic Exchange cordially invites you to a **one-day seminar** on the importance of public records management and heritage preservation to good governance on **Saturday, 7 March 2009**.

Proper public records management and heritage preservation are essential to building collective memory as they preserve our history. They also provide a window into the values of and culture of our society. How are public records managed in Hong Kong? How do other jurisdictions manage their archives? How does Hong Kong preserve its heritage? What are the links between public records management, heritage preservation and good governance?

The seminar will draw on the knowledge of local and international experts and practitioners on records management and heritage preservation to examine the status of records and heritage preservation and management in Hong Kong. Comparison with other jurisdictions will also be made.

Confirmed Speakers (in alphabetical order):

- Mr. Simon CHU, Former Director, Government Records Service (Hong Kong)
- Prof. Anne GILLILAND, Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (US)
- Mr. Edward KWONG, Project Manager, The Hong Kong Heritage Project (Hong Kong)
- Dr. Chi-pang LAU, Assistant Professor, Lingnan University (Hong Kong)
- Dr. Sang-min LEE, East Asian Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (Korea)
- Dr. Trudy PETERSON, Former Acting Archivist, United States (US)
- Mr. Kuan-wah PITT, Director, National Archives of Singapore (Singapore)
- Ms. Helen SWINNERTON, HSBC (Hong Kong)
- Dr. Ray YEP, Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
- Mr. YUAN Lin, VITOVA (Beijing)

Details:

Date: Saturday, 7 March 2009

Time: 9:30am – 4:15pm (Registration at 9:15am)

Location: Room 202, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Fee: Free but seats are limited, please register at Civic Exchange website
http://www.civic-exchange.org/eng/event_090307PublicRecords.aspx

Light lunch will be provided.

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PROGRAMME

9:15	Registration	
9:30	Introduction	• Ms. Christine Loh, CEO, Civic Exchange
9:35	Welcoming remarks	• Mr. Peter Greenwood, Project Director, The Hong Kong Heritage Project • Mr. Danny Chin, Chair, Hong Kong Archives Society
9:45	SESSION 1	Public records management: When Hong Kong meets the globe
	Q & A	
11:00	Break	
11:30	SESSION 2	Archives and heritage preservation: The non-governmental forces
	Q & A	
12:30	Lunch (Light lunch will be served.)	
14:00	SESSION 3	Linking public records management and heritage preservation to good governance
	Q & A	
15:00	SESSION 4	The way forward [Moderator: Ms. Christine Loh] <i>This session will be a moderated discussion session to explore the way forward for public records management and heritage preservation in Hong Kong.</i>
15:45	SESSION 5	Summary and concluding remarks

Disclaimer: This is an interim programme and the organiser reserves the right to change the programme at any time without notice.

SPEAKERS' BIOS (last updated on 17 February 2009)
Mr. Simon CHU (Hong Kong)

Mr. Simon Chu is the former Government Records Service Director of the Hong Kong SAR Government. Academically trained in history, archival science, and law, he currently teaches part-time on archives at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Mr. Chu has served as vice-chair of UNESCO's International Advisory Committee for the Memory of the World Program, and is currently serving as Secretary General for UNESCO's Asia Pacific Committee for the Memory of the World Program, and the East Asian Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives. As a strong advocate for an archives law in Hong Kong, Mr. Chu actively promotes his cause through publicity avenues such as events and his blog (<http://hkxfiles.mysinablog.com/>).

Prof. Anne GILLILAND (US)

Prof. Anne Gilliland is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Director of the Centre for Information as Evidence. She is also a faculty member and Chair of the Inter-Departmental M.A. Program in Moving Image Archive Studies. A Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, her research and teaching interests address the various intersections of information technology and recordkeeping and cultural heritage, including digital records management and digital curatorship. She is also engaged with social justice and accountability issues as they relate to record-keeping. She has published and presented widely around the world. In 1997, she won the Margaret Cross Norton Award for best article published on archival issues, and in 1998, she won the C.F.W. Coker Award for innovative development in archival description.

Mr. Edward KWONG (Hong Kong)

Mr. Edward Kwong is the Project Manager of The Hong Kong Heritage Project, an initiative aimed at establishing and sharing with the community an audio, visual and documentary archive of the activities of the Kadoorie Family and the businesses in which they have been involved since the nineteenth century, including China Light and Power (CLP), and Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Group. The archive will place those activities within the context of the social, economic and political history of Hong Kong, and will be available to academics and those interested in Hong Kong's heritage. Prior to joining the Project, Mr. Kwong had worked with CLP Group for 20 years.

Dr. Sang-min LEE (Korea)

Dr. Lee Sang-min, with more than a decade of experience in archiving, holds leadership and advisory roles in numerous archiving-related organizations and committees. He is a Management Council member at the Research Institute for Korean Archives and Records, Treasurer at the East Asian Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (EASTICA), and Chairman of the Korean TC 46/SC 11 archives/records management technical committee of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), just to list a few. Dr. Lee worked for the National Archives of Korea from 1997 to 2005, and earned a certification from the Academy of Certified Archivist (ACA) in 2003. He was also Team Leader in the 'Government Records Management Innovation Committee' in the Presidential Committee for Government Innovation from 2004 to 2005.

Ms. Christine LOH (Hong Kong)

Ms Christine LOH, OBE, is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Civic Exchange. Prior to this, she was a member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council from 1992 to 1997 and 1998 to 2000. Today, she is an International Advisor to the G8 + 5 Climate Change Dialogue, Senior Policy Advisor to the C40 Cities Climate Change Leadership Group (London) and an elected Director of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd. In October 2007, she was recognized as one of the "Heroes of the Environment" by TIME magazine.

Dr. Trudy PETERSON (US)

Dr. Trudy Peterson is a U.S.-based archival consultant and certified archivist. She spent 24 years with the U.S. National Archives, including more than two years as Acting Archivist of the United States. After retiring from the U.S. government, she worked as Executive Director at the Open Society Archives in Budapest, Hungary, then as Director of Archives and Records Management for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Dr. Peterson is also the past President of the International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (1993-1995) and the Society of American Archivists (1990-1991). She has lectured on archives throughout the world, and has written extensively on the subject. She recently published a study of the records of five temporary international criminal courts, and her publication on archives and human rights is forthcoming. Her publications are available at www.trudypeterson.com.

Mr. Kuan-wah PITT (Singapore)

Mr. Pitt Kuah-wah is the Director of the National Archives of Singapore (NAS). He joined the statutory board as Oral History Interviewer in 1983, and obtained his post-graduate degree in Archives and Records Management in 1989 from the United Kingdom. He became Director in 2001. Beyond NAS, Mr. Pitt served in the International Council on Archives' (ICA) Electronic Records Committee from 1994 to 1996, and is currently the Chairman of the Southeast Asia Regional Branch of ICA (SARBICA).

REFERENCES**Civic Exchange Publication:**

“Managing Public Records for Good Governance and Preservation of Collective Memory: The Case for Archival Legislation” (March 2007)

http://www.civic-exchange.org/eng/upload/files/200703_ManagingPubRecord.pdf

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