

## MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF AUSTCHAM HONG KONG, JASON CHANG

Dear Members and Friends,

We are deeply saddened by the devastating event that took place in Tai Po last week. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to every family and individual who have been directly impacted by this unimaginable tragedy. Our thoughts are also with all volunteers, first responders and businesses who are supporting the community at this extraordinarily difficult time.

Members of the Australian community who wish to support AustCham's response efforts with a cash donation can do so through the following ways:

- 1. AustCham's Tai Po Relief Charity Partners: Crossroads Foundation and The Hub.
- To support Crossroads, please click here: https://www.crossroads.org.hk/tai-po-fire/
- To support The Hub, please click here: https://www.thehubhk.org/donate?lang=en
- 2. Australian International School of Hong Kong Tai Po Relief Campaign: Red Cross Hong Kong
  - To support Red Cross, please click here: https://hk.givergy.com/AISHKTaiPoRedCross/? controller=home

As Hong Kong observes the official mourning period from 29 November to 1 December, the Australian Chamber of Commerce will proceed with the Christmas Mix event on Tuesday, 2 December, re-oriented with the theme "United for Hong Kong" to honour the community.

As part of this initiative, we will also be collecting gift donations for children on behalf of The Hub (aged 6-12) in the form of toys, board games, stationary, clothes and storable food to aid affected children and families. I hope to see many of you there. As we head into the year end, AustCham will continue to support community and business initiatives for helping those in need.

Warm regards,
Jason Chang
Chair
AustCham Hong Kong



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS & TRADE INSIGHTS**

- Our Chair, Jason Chang, noted in a recent interview that Australian companies are increasingly returning to Hong Kong's IPO market, drawn by stronger deal flow, deeper liquidity and renewed demand from Asia-focused investors, as the city seeks to reclaim its position as a leading global fundraising hub in 2025. (Source)
- Australia has withdrawn its bid to co-host the COP31 UN climate conference with Pacific nations, following a compromise that will see Turkey host the 2026 summit instead. (Source)
- Hong Kong's decade-long regulatory push is paying off, with the city now ranked the world's
  top fintech centre and leveraging initiatives such as virtual bank licences, Faster Payment
  System and the new "Fintech 2030" roadmap to compete with Singapore while serving as a
  funding hub and gateway to the Greater Bay Area. (Source)











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