

Curriculum Vitae - CHRISTINE LOH

Christine Loh is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of the independent, non-profit public policy think tank, Civic Exchange. Prior to this, Loh had a highly successful career in politics. She was appointed to the Hong Kong Legislative Council in 1992 and then ran two successful elections in 1995 and 1998. As a politician, she championed many issues, which included the successful reform of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, access to information, rural land inheritance rights for the indigenous women of the New Territories, equal opportunity legislation and passed the historic Protection of the Harbour Ordinance. Loh chose to not stand for re-election in 2000.

Prior to her career in politics, Loh had a successful 14-year career in the private commercial sector. She was engaged in commodities trading and strategic planning for Philipp Brothers, and Phibro Energy, divisions of the US multinational Salomon Inc [subsequently Salomon Smith Barney and now Citigroup]. Her last position with the company was as regional Managing Director. She was among the first group of business people to be posted to work in Beijing in 1980 and helped set-up the first US representative office there for Philipp Brothers. In 1992, she helped the Hong Kong-based CIM Company Ltd put together an international consortium to bid for the development of Hong Kong Container Terminal No. 9, and also brought the famous LoFt retail licence from Japan to Hong Kong.

Loh writes extensively about politics, political economy, sustainable development, and corporate social responsibility, and has been widely published in Hong Kong and abroad in both mass circulation as well as academic publications. Loh's e-Newsletter provides up-to-date political analysis and has a large circulation. Her book, *Getting Heard: A Hong Kong Citizen's Handbook* (2002), provides a user friendly guide on civic participation. She has co-authored and edited *Building Democracy: Creating Good Government in Hong Kong* (2003), and *At the Epicentre: Hong Kong and the SARS Outbreak* (2004). She is a frequent speaker at business and public forums at home and abroad. She has also anchored radio and television public affairs programmes. Loh is well known also for her work in designing and facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue processes to help deepen and broaden understanding on public policy issues. She is currently writing two books, one on politics and the other on social change.

She is a Council Member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Securities and Futures Commission, Non-executive Director of the Association for Sustainable and Responsible Investment in Asia (ASRIA), Board Member of Community Business, Member of Asia Society's International Council (USA), and Human Rights in China (USA). She is one of the World Economic Forum's "Global Leaders for Tomorrow". Christine Loh has won various prizes, including being twice recognised by *Business Week* as one of 'The Stars of Asia' in 1998 and again in 2000. Most recently, she was named Entrepreneur of the Year in 2003 for the success of Civic Exchange, and won the Peter Bryce award for outstanding civic work in 2004.

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Loh holds an English law degree from the University of Hull, England, and a Masters of Law degree in Chinese and Comparative Law from the City University of Hong Kong. She has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa, by the University of Hull.

Her background in law, business, politics and media has helped her to be a leading voice on public policy. In her private life, she is an art collector, video filmmaker and writer.

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