

BACKGROUND

- The Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide is a unique network of 43* Hong Kong Business Associations in 32* countries with over 13,000* individual associates. (**as of December 2018*)
- These Hong Kong Business Associations comprise overseas traders, buyers and professionals, who have strong business links with Hong Kong in their respective countries and share the purpose of networking and exchanging of business information and ideas.
- Individual members of these associations are senior business people and SMEs in their home country. They are Hong Kong's close allies and partners in the world.
- With the help of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), these associations were gathered under an umbrella network - the Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide in November 2000.
- The Federation is a non-profit-making entity, incorporated as a limited company in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance. Details can be referred to Articles of the Association (AoA).

MISSION

- To promote global co-operation, communication exchange and synergies among the Hong Kong business associations worldwide;
- To provide a unified global voice that enhances business and investment opportunities in and through Hong Kong.

MEMBERSHIP *(as of December 2018)*

43 Member Associations

Asia + Australasia: 13

Europe: 16

The Americas: 14

ROLES OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE FEDERATION

- To serve as the contact point between the Federation and its individual members, helping to circulate and communicate the latest Federation updates with its individual members;
- To nominate one representative to sit on the Executive Committee of the Federation, be responsible for casting vote on Federation matters such as election of Office Holders, change of secretary, etc.;
- To organise events for its members in keeping up with Hong Kong's latest development;
- To brief association members on benefits available for all Federation members (<https://www.hkfederation.org.hk/benefits>);
- To keep the Federation updated on its membership;
- To build connections with local governments, professional bodies and businesses interested in doing business with Hong Kong;
- To recommend relevant promotional events organised by HKTDC or other Hong Kong Inc. to all association members; and
- To recruit member associates to join the Hong Kong Forum.

LEADERSHIP (OFFICE HOLDERS)

- Every three years, members of the Executive Committee elect from amongst the members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary among the four regions, the position of which is on a rotation basis.

SECRETARIAT

HKTDC serves as the Secretariat and provides financial, secretariat, administrative and operational support to the Federation.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Hong Kong Forum

- An annual flagship event of the Federation held in Hong Kong
- Serves as a platform to gather Federation associates in Hong Kong to allow participating members to:
 - keep abreast of the latest economic development of Hong Kong and on Mainland China;
 - network with experienced market players from around the world;
 - make and maintain the right business contacts; and
 - exchange ideas and information with entrepreneurs at the heart of the Hong Kong / China success story

Regional Forums

- Every year, each of the four regions – Asia, Australasia, Europe and North America will organise a Regional Forum in their respective regions.
- The aims of having a Regional Forum are for the member associations in each respective region to discuss issues and challenges in running these associations and promoting Hong Kong in their regions, sharing of best practices, as well as to brainstorm on corresponding strategies.

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