Jack So Chak Kwong, GBS, OBE, JP: Chairman

Mr Jack So Chak Kwong assumed the Chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society on 3 November 2014. In this capacity, he leads the Society in its mission to inspire and expand musical appreciation in Hong Kong and beyond, to bring distinction to the musical world through its enriching performances, to enhance its international standing and to be financially secure. He has been a board member since 2007 and Vice Chairman since 2010.

Mr So’s career began with the Hong Kong Government and he joined the private sector in 1978, having held various senior positions in stockbroking, banking and property development. He was Executive Director of the HKTDC from 1985 to 1992, and became its Chairman in October 2007. He was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive of the MTR Corporation in 1995, and was Deputy Chairman and Group Managing Director of PCCW from 2003 to 2007.

In October 2013 Mr So was appointed Chairman of the newly established Consultative Committee on Economic and Trade Co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland. In January of the same year he was appointed a non-official member of the Economic Development Commission, and Convenor of its Working Group on Convention and Exhibition Industries and Tourism. He also served as Chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council from April 2007 to March 2013.

Mr So is a non-executive Director of AIA Group Ltd, Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd and China Resources Power Holdings Company Ltd, and is also a senior advisor to Credit Suisse, Greater China. He was an Independent Director of HSBC from 2000 to 2007.

A Justice of the Peace, Mr So was awarded the Golden Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong SAR Government in 2011. He has been a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference since 2008 and is an International Business Advisor to the Mayor of Beijing. He was appointed Honorary Consultant to the Mayor of San Francisco in May 2013. He received an Honorary Doctorate in Social Science from the University of Hong Kong in 2011.