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# Leaders Shine In Challenging Times

the winners have made a positive impact and inspired society to work together for the better development of Hong Kong.

He said all awardees have demonstrated unrivalled determination, dedication, versatility and creativity in achieving their goals and overcoming their difficulties, adding the path to success is never a straight line and each step forward requires perseverance and fortitude.

Five categories of distinguished Leader of the Year won the awards this year.

Adrian Cheng Chi-kong, executive vice-chairman and chief executive of New World Development Company Limited, was the winner in the Commerce & Industry/Finance category.

The panel judge and president of Youth Global Network, Choi Yuen-wan, applauded Cheng for integrating art and commerce by establishing the K11 brand.

The Children's Cancer Foundation triumphed in the Community/Public Affairs/Environment & Conservation category.

The panel judge and Legislative Council president, Andrew Leung

Kwan-yuen, appreciated the foundation for creating a loving environment for patients and their families.

Another judge and Emeritus Professor of Surgery of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Arthur Li Kwok-cheung, said the foundation has brought public attention to child cancer patients, in particular blood cancer patients.

Yung Kai-leung, associate head and chair professor of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Bo Wu, associate professor of the Department of Land Surveying and Geoinformatics at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, won in the Education/Professions/Technology & Innovation category.

The panel judge and permanent honorary president of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, Chan Wing-kee, highlighted Yung and Wu's outstanding achievement in assisting with Cheng's 4 exploring the terrain before landing at the far side of the moon.

Another panel judge and non-executive director of Hang Lung Properties, Philip Chen Nan-lok,

said awardees also excelled in other areas and complimented Yung on his research in the world's first international motorized robotic system for surgery and Wu's development of "multi-source integrated 3D mapping technology" for smart-city initiatives.

The awardee for the Sports/Culture/Performing Arts category was epee fencing champion Vivian Kong Man-wai.

The panel judge and founding president of Hong Kong Academy of Sciences, Tsui Lap-chee, said he was impressed by Kong's agility on the field and her outstanding academic performance beside sports.

Sheldon Li, co-founder and director of smart lockers platform Pakpobox and online transporting company Buyandship, received the Young Entrepreneur award.

The panel judge and president of the World Organization of Family Doctors, Donald Li Kwok-tung, praised Li for his daring courage and persistence to start a business with innovative insights to develop smart lockers to help his family's logistics business.

Over the years, the awards have acknowledged more than 100 leaders for their contributions to Hong Kong and for serving as an inspiration to the younger generation.

The Leader of the Year Award organized by Sing Tao News Corporation Limited celebrated its 26th anniversary this year amid a testing time challenged by social unrest and an unsettling economy.

Since 1994, the awards have paid homage to distinguished individuals who have contributed exceptionally to Hong Kong and served as role models for the next generation.

Sing Tao News Corporation chairman Charles Ho Tsu-kwok said 2019 has been a hard time for Hong Kong, during which excellent leadership is all the more crucial.

However, the success stories of



**The Panel of Judges, from left to right, Dr Donald Li, Mr Chan Wing-kee, Professor Tsui Lap-chee, Sir C K Kong (Chairman of the panel), Professor Arthur Li Kwok-cheung, Dr Choi Yuen-wan and Mr Philip Chen Nan-lok.**

## AWARD WINNERS

### Commerce & Industry/ Finance



**Mr Adrian Cheng**  
Executive Vice-Chairman and Chief  
Executive Officer, New World  
Development Company Limited

Adrian Cheng Chi-kong, the grandson of New World Development (NWD) founder Cheng Yu-tung, innovated the K11 brand as a pioneering business model that straddles both artisanship and retailing in 2008. Proven by K11's successful market share and reputation, the group took the idea further by introducing "The Artisanal Movement" in 2015 to promote the empowerment of culture and creativity. Last year, NWD opened a new art mall K11 MUSEA, a 10-year project which has gathered 100 creative collaborators, with Cheng's advanced vision in creating the landmark as "the Silicon Valley of Culture."

Led by Cheng, NWD continued to promote social responsibility by donating farmland and partnering with local enterprise Light Be to develop more housing. Cheng said the group would join more non-profit organizations to kindle positive energy for social progress.

### Community/ Public Affairs/ Environment & Conservation



**Children's Cancer  
Foundation**

Since 1989, the foundation has been dedicated to raising funds and resources for the betterment of local paediatric care services for childhood cancer, including sponsorship of public hospitals to renew medical appliances and subsidizing paediatric medical professionals for advanced overseas studies.

Apart from offering comprehensive paediatric services, the foundation also initiated the establishment of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital – opened in 2019 – intending to provide specialized treatment and rehabilitation services for child patients, thus bringing hope to them and their families.

With more than 30 years of service, the foundation has developed from a small organization to a family-oriented foundation. With over 63,000 beneficiaries annually, it will continue to make significant contributions to paediatric care services in Hong Kong.

### Education/ Professions/ Technology & Innovation



**Dr Bo Wu,  
Professor K L Yung**

Two scholars from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University – Associate Head and Chair Professor of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering Professor Yung Kai-leung, and Associate Professor of the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-informatics Dr Wu Bo – took part in the nation's Chang'e 4 lunar exploration program.

In the program, Yung and his team developed a camera-pointing system which enabled Chang'e 4 to capture the first close-up photo of the moon, while Wu employed a 3D mapping model allowing the analysis of the moon's terrain features.

Of the award, Yung, who will be taking part in the nation's next lunar project, said it had a positive impact on attracting talent to join aerospace research. Wu ascribed the program's success to thousands of scientists and engineers in the project.

### Sports/ Culture/ Performing Arts



**Miss Kong Man-wai,  
Vivian**  
Hong Kong Epee Fencer

Last year was rewarding for Hong Kong epee fencer Vivian Kong Man-wai, with her double victory in the World Cup series in Cuba and Spain. Making history, Kong was the first local fencer to clinch a World Cup title and top the world ranking. Despite a brief break with knee injuries in 2017, the optimistic epee star was able to regain her momentum and return to the arena two years later.

Kong expressed her gratitude for the unconditional support of her mother, who has always accompanied her in the face of hardship. She said she was pleased to receive the award as it served as a reminder to work harder in the future. Looking forward, Kong hopes she can attain better results and continue to win for Hong Kong.

### Young Entrepreneur



**Mr Sheldon Li**  
Co-founder and Director of  
Pakpobox Hong Kong Limited  
and Buyandship

Sheldon Li started his businesses – smart lockers service platform Pakpobox and e-commerce cross-border logistics company Buyandship – despite growing up in a family which has been running an international logistics company for more than three decades. Li said his key to success came from his co-workers and attributed his business achievements to the concerted efforts of his colleagues.

Pakpobox is the largest smart lockers service provider in Asia's postal network. Li aspired to expand its network to provide cheaper and simpler delivery services. Buyandship is aiming for more collaboration with multinational e-commerce corporations.

Li said his entrepreneurial journey was never easy but urged young people to pursue their dreams boldly.