SHARED VALUE: CREATING COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

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Shared Value and Competitive Advantage

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Reconceiving products and markets is one important way in which businesses can create Shared Value. The three panellists will discuss how their companies are innovating products and services that open up new markets and enhance profitability, whilst also improving the health and nutrition of their consumers. They will demonstrate how creating products and services that address social needs can benefit the bottom line.
1B) Finance & Investment
In this session, representatives from the financial services sector will demonstrate how they create Shared Value. Their approach involves enhancing competitive advantage by strengthening the communities they serve. From providing affordable financing solutions to improving safety and resilience, the panellists will explain the notion of “when communities win, the company wins too.”

Speakers:

Mr Anthony Davies
Chief Executive, Barclays Bank, Hong Kong Branch
Country Manager, Hong Kong
Co-Head of Senior Relationship Management, Asia Pacific

Ms Isabella Lau
Chief Customer Officer, Manulife (International) Limited

Ms Dorothy Chan
Senior Manager - Corporate Responsibility, MTR Corporation

Ms Emma Harvey
Group Sustainability and CSR Manager, Gammon Construction Limited

Facilitator:

Ms Diana David
Regional Director, Executive Education, Asia-Pacific, Financial Times Group Limited

Mr James Waddell
Director, Capital Financing Group, National Australia Bank

1C) Building & Transport
Shared Value thinking can help companies meet the demands of rapid urban development, creating long term value to local communities. Two companies in this session will demonstrate that investing in skills development and capacity building of local youth can enhance skills, increase employability, address labour shortages and ensure the long-term viability of their business. The third company shows how adoption of Shared Value principles in innovative building design can improve the quality of products and services to benefit both customers and the wider community.

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Founder and Chief Executive Officer, SVhk

Ms Ellie Tang
Head of Sustainability, New World Development Company Limited

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1D) The Swedish Model

The Swedish Model emphasises the importance of Creating Shared Value through cross-sector partnerships and dialogue. This approach strives to find solutions to the root causes, enabling business to stay successful and societies to flourish. Swedish companies drive sustainability and Shared Value on a societal level also in their Asian operations, which in turn mitigate disruptions, drive better business performance and support future growth. This session will explore pitfalls, learnings as well as hands-on success stories.

Facilitator:
Ms Malin Liljert
Director, Center for Child Rights & Corporate Social Responsibility

Speakers:
Ms Lotta Liljelund
Counsellor and Head of the Centre for CSR at the Embassy of Sweden in Beijing
Ms Hanna Hallin
Sustainability Manager, H&M Greater China
Ms Alok Jain
Managing Director, Trans-consult Asia
Mr Carl-Fredrik Zachrisson
Managing Director, Scania Hong Kong

2A) Service Industries

The speakers in this session will share their exciting experiences of Creating Shared Value in the rapidly changing services industries using initiatives focused on improving the local business environment. Embracing their roles as change agents the companies are actively supporting social innovation initiatives that have a positive impact on the society, meeting the demands of their stakeholders, and creating tangible value for business.

Facilitator:
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Breakout Sessions II
2B) Technology
Successful innovation that creates Shared Value in the technology industry connects people, places and knowledge. In this session, three companies will discuss how their initiatives have empowered individuals and helped local businesses, while benefiting the technology companies themselves by providing more capable and committed employees, cementing strong business partnerships and in turn enhancing competitiveness.

Speakers:
Ms Bonnie Chan
Senior Manager, Administration & Corporate Social Investment and Co-Owner, Hong Kong Broadband Network

Mr Ben Johnson
Senior Director, 1 Billion Lives, Head of SAP Social-Impact Venture Lab, SAP

Ms Mary Law
Head of Corporate Citizenship & Corporate Affairs, IBM China/Hong Kong Limited

Facilitator:
Mr Geoff Bilbrough
Senior Vice President, Partner & General Manager, FleishmanHillard Hong Kong

2C) Social Impact Assessment
Businesses in Hong Kong invest significant resources in driving positive impacts for society. But how is that success measured? Our Hong Kong Foundation will share the results of their study of the most commonly used Social Impact Assessment frameworks in Hong Kong, and will share their insights in this session. They will be joined by two speakers who will share how their companies are measuring the impact of their community investment initiatives.

Speakers:
Mr Pat-Nie Woo
Partner of Business Reporting and Sustainability, KPMG

Mr George Hongchoy
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Link REIT

Facilitator:
Mr Stephen Wong
Deputy Executive Director and Head of Public Policy Institute, Our Hong Kong Foundation

Mr Alvin Cheung
Senior Researcher, Our Hong Kong Foundation
Case Study - Bamboos

**We Grow by Sharing Quality of Life**

Hong Kong is aging – and fast, resulting in a sharp increase in the city’s elderly population. While some of the elderly population reside in nursing homes, most of them prefer to stay in their own homes. This means that an increasing number of people are requiring round-the-clock professional care.

Jacky Kwan, Chairman of Bamboos Health Care Holdings Limited (Bamboos), recognised that this demand was only going to grow. In 2009, he launched Bamboos to provide patients with the best services and strategic healthcare staffing solutions, meeting the different needs of the communities. As Bamboos grew, the company was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 2014.

**Shared Value for Business and Community**

With the aim of building a healthier community and maintaining the highest standards of care for clients, Bamboos devotes substantial effort and resources to advance the quality of healthcare personnel. This is done through training, as well as increasing awareness about health issues through healthcare seminars and press conferences.

There are currently over 17,000 registered personnel working under Bamboos, and around 80% of them are actually new to the healthcare sector and a large proportion come from low-income backgrounds. Bamboos’ tailored training enables the registered personnel to find better-paid jobs and achieve their career goals, whilst improving the quality of patients’ lives. Currently, they serve about 3,000 families and organisations everyday. Of the 3,000 assignments, more than half involve providing private elderly care to people who would otherwise be in nursing homes. The remaining assignments help alleviate staff shortages in the public healthcare system.

To supplement training courses, Bamboos offers regular free healthcare seminars to registered personnel and the public. These are given by industry experts, ensuring that the registered personnel are armed with the latest knowledge in medical treatments and products to share with patients, as well as serving as public education to the rest of the community, and enhancing the reputation of the company.

Bamboos also produces a monthly magazine, “BamBoOs! Life”, focusing on medical and healthcare information, targeting healthcare professionals and members of the general public looking for a healthier lifestyle. The columnists consist of well-established professionals from a variety of industries and backgrounds, who provide insightful updates on healthcare development, social hot topics and healthy living.

Bamboos is able to generate multiple revenue streams, such as advertisement placements in the magazine, and renting out some of their office space and facilities for miscellaneous purposes. Every initiative and project creates value for both the business and the community, feeding back to the company and extending the impact further.

Bamboos is proud of how they are serving the interests of both their shareholders and the community. “The best way to balance our responsibility to the general public and investors is to convey that making profits and contributing to the community is not mutually exclusive, but rather, a win-win situation,” said Jacky Kwan.
Case Study - IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd

We Grow by Sharing Our Expertise

IBM China/Hong Kong Ltd (IBM) is committed to using its technology and expertise to help enterprises innovate. Celebrating its 60th anniversary in Hong Kong in 2017, the company believes Shared Value is real value and aims to grow alongside Hong Kong. The concept of Shared Value is embedded in IBM’s business strategy, creating real value for the company and its shareholders, giving the company a distinct competitive edge in the marketplace and contributing to social good in a sustainable way.

IBM has launched a number of key Shared Value initiatives - one example is Corporate Service Corps (CSC) where staff partner with government and civic leaders in emerging markets to address high-priority social issues. CSC was designed to develop 21st Century leaders with a global outlook and talent to provide IBM with competitive advantage, help the company establish itself in new markets, as well as assist communities in addressing their problems. Since its launch CSC has contributed over 3,000 participants in over 275 teams on over 1,000 projects, delivering over US$70 million in market value in nearly 40 countries around the world.

One project saw an IBM business consultant from Hong Kong join a CSC team fighting poverty in Limpopo, South Africa. Being part of a team of 15 IBM employees from around the world, the consultant worked with the Small Enterprise Foundation (SEF), a non-governmental organisation that provides micro-financing services to help local communities develop and fight poverty in a sustainable way. The CSC team assessed SEF’s systems, policies and procedures and proposed an expansion strategy. From the project SEF learnt how to better its service to clients, improve its business skills and enhance its operational effectiveness. Meanwhile IBM established itself as a partner to South Africa, nurturing this emerging market for business expansion, and the team developed their global leadership skills.

Another example is the IBM-Salvation Army “Life M.A.S.T.E.R.” Programme in Hong Kong. This collaboration earned IBM the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Outstanding Social Capital Partnership Award in 2014. The programme aims to inspire and assist young people in planning their future careers, through a series of activities, including talks and corporate visits during which IBM volunteers, including its General Manager, share their experiences. Through this programme the young people became better prepared to enter the workforce, whilst IBM has seen multiple spin-off benefits for the business. These benefits range from employees having renewed team spirit, enhanced leadership skills, to meeting and establishing relationships with groups of people that they do not encounter in work, including the teenagers, the NGO partner and clients involved in the sessions. As one participating IBM employee concluded, “I learnt a lot about how the younger generation today thinks and acts. It really widened my perspective. This could help me design and deliver solutions to clients that better address young consumers’ needs and expectations.”
We Grow by Sharing Knowledge and Experiences

With over 18,000 employees in Hong Kong, the MTR Corporation (MTR) faces a talent shortage when 20% of Hong Kong’s population, and therefore some of their employees, is going to reach retirement age within the next decade. Coupled with this is a shrinking youth population in Hong Kong, where young people are under pressure from a young age to pursue professions, such as lawyers and doctors, which are perceived to reflect success.

MTR decided to tackle this dilemma by doubling down on vocational training and development efforts amongst the younger generation with the goal of nurturing a new generation of workforce that will keep the trains running and the business expanding into the future.

MTR’s Apprentice Training Scheme, established in 1978, has seen more than 1,500 young people complete training over the years, with graduates now holding senior positions in various departments and some becoming members of the company’s management team.

In addition to systematic, on-the-job training and career development coaching, the company fully sponsors apprentices to attend designated vocational training programmes with recognised academic qualifications. Different programmes are supported to cater to individuals with varying levels of educational attainment, and equip employees to pursue promising careers within the company.

Reaching out to younger students, MTR rolled out a programme targeted at secondary school-aged students. With the goal of encouraging students to explore the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), MTR, together with Junior Achievement Hong Kong and Hong Kong Education City, launched the STEM Challenge to engage secondary school students in real-world engineering challenges and enhance their understanding of how STEM skills are applied in practice. The project-based learning component of the programme offers participants the opportunity to develop their own vision for inclusive and sustainable communities, while testing out their technical skills.

All these programmes provide a unique opportunity, particularly for secondary school students to get a taste of the wide range of roles available to them, build confidence and excitement in the career prospects of both professional and vocational roles.

For MTR this investment means a greater number of youngsters entering the workforce with the skills they need and insight into the specific career opportunities within the company at a time when a number of their experienced workers approach retirement and the company continues to expand its reach in Hong Kong and overseas.
We Grow by Sharing a Healthier Future

Childhood obesity is one of the most serious threats to children in the 21st century and is known to have a significant impact on both physical and psychological health. Nestlé therefore launched the “Healthy Kids” global campaign in 2009, a long-term partnership with public authorities, institutions and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), to raise awareness of the importance of good nutrition and healthy lifestyles. The programme, which never involves product promotion, has so far reached over 8 million children around the world.

Creating Shared Value is a fundamental principle guiding how Nestlé does business. We live in an interconnected and perpetual world where our futures are inextricably linked, so every move of ours affects every other individual in the society.

By helping children and families adopt healthy lifestyles, Nestlé is able to build stronger trust with the community, as well as gaining recognition as a brand that has expertise in nutrition. Ultimately, better nutrition education can help consumers make healthier choices and seek responsible brands like Nestlé.

This year, Nestlé Hong Kong partnered with Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion of the Chinese University of Hong Kong to launch the Healthy Kids Programme in Hong Kong. The programme is a three-year primary school-based intervention aiming to promote good eating habits and encourage physical activities, engaging students, teachers, parents and other health professionals. Implemented in five primary schools and across different socio-economic strata, the programme works to enhance health literacy amongst the children, as well as empower parents, caregivers and teachers to foster healthy behaviors in the children they care for.

Every day, 3,000 tons of food waste is disposed of in Hong Kong, yet much of it is edible and could benefit people in need. Nestlé Hong Kong has been working closely with different NGOs and social enterprises, to pursue initiatives aimed at reducing food waste.

In 2017, Nestlé Hong Kong became one of the first participants in the pioneering all-round food support collaborative platform in Hong Kong – “FOOD-CO”. The platform, established by St. James’ Settlement and funded by the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund, is open to food support service operators and food-donating companies for sharing information on the demand and supply of food items and related services, thus facilitating a more effective and efficient matching of food donations and food sharing and enabling beneficiaries to access edible food that would otherwise be disposed of.

Nestlé Hong Kong is planning to make use of “FOOD-CO” to donate some short shelf-life chilled products, making a positive social impact for families who struggle to afford nutritional food, whilst reducing the potential waste Nestlé would otherwise need to dispose of.
SAP is the world leader in backroom to boardroom enterprise applications and helps its customers solve business problems across all industries and regions.

SAP has introduced an initiative to touch one billion lives in the Asia Pacific Japan region by 2020 and make real SAP’s vision to help the world run better and improve people’s lives. The SAP leadership seeks to bolster the company’s 2020 vision and growth aspirations with a unifying purpose to engage employees and showcase the power of SAP. In 2018, the One Billion Lives initiative will expand beyond the initial Asia Pacific Japan region to become a global, Board-sponsored initiative available to all 85,000+ SAP employees.

Launched at the beginning of 2016, the One Billion Lives initiative is an incubator aiming to build innovative ventures with SAP employees and SAP technology to deliver sustainable and commercially-viable social impact, improving the lives of 1 billion people across the world. One Billion Lives enables end-to-end development of ventures, offering ideation workshops, acceleration bootcamps, mentoring and coaching of high-potential teams, and the eventual incubation of projects in the SAP.iO Venture Studio. The initiative owns the end-to-end development of ventures, creating business value for SAP.

To date, over 5,300 SAP employees have been actively engaged in the One Billion Lives Initiative. With 180 venture submissions made since the launch, each selected venture has access to €200,000 in seed funding to support the development of venture partners, proof-of-concepts and engagement with non-governmental organisations (NGOs), government agencies and other corporates needed to scale their social impact.

One of the projects is the 1BLives Nivaran venture which aspires to revolutionise cancer treatment through SAP technology in partnership with the Ramesh Nimmagadda Cancer Foundation (RNCF), an NGO focused on cancer data research. RNCF helped develop an open data platform to collect information, leverage machine-learning and provide predictive analytics to improve cancer diagnosis and treatment.

“I am sure this will change the way cancer treatment is done in India, which has a population of about 1.2 billion people. If the same thing is applied across this region, it will be billions. I am sure this venture will be used across the world,” said Dr Ramesh Nimmagadda, Founder, RNCF.

“Our vision is to help the world run better and improve people’s lives. Our solutions help people, businesses and institutions achieve economic development, social progress and environmental impact,” said Bill McDermott, CEO SAP SE.

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Since The Wave’s launch in February 2016, it has helped over 80 start-ups establish their businesses. It provides a great opportunity for users to expand their network and learn from industry experts, creating synergy and new business opportunities for all parties. The space also provides customised solutions and lines up technical services for the start-ups, turning it into a win-win-win situation: the service suppliers make a profit, the start-ups overcome challenges, generating socio-economic impact for our community. At the heart of STAN GROUP is a belief that by empowering these passionate entrepreneurs to realise their business potential, they will be able to help more people in the community while generating profit. As a result of the Shared Value the company has created, The Wave became one of three certified B Corp businesses in Hong Kong. This was awarded on the basis of positive impact on the environment, workers, customers, community and governance – all commitments crucial to a sustainable future.

With the success of The Wave, STAN GROUP is planning to establish a second building in the neighbourhood with the same mission, but catering for a different genre of startups to extend the influence and impact. Traditional commercial businesses adjacent to and within The Wave will only benefit from the opportunities created within the growing ecosystem. The gentrification of Kwun Tong means more than just renovating timeworn buildings; it is about revitalising an old area, and transforming it into Hong Kong’s next creative hub for businesses to come together for greater social good.

Case Study - STAN GROUP

We Grow by Sharing Space and Creating Business Synergies

Successful entrepreneur Stan Tang founded STAN GROUP in 2015 to bring together businesses he managed under one umbrella. Looking for another challenge, Stan turned his attention to others’ start-ups. When Stan first started his own business he lacked expertise in areas like accounting and legal issues – challenges that most start-ups run up against. He decided the best way to give back to the community was to make use of the Group’s experience and resources to provide resources, space and professional support for start-ups and small businesses to thrive in.

STAN GROUP bought a run-down industrial building in Kwun Tong and revitalised it, turning it into The Wave. The Wave is an integrated business platform and co-working space spread over three floors, housing computer programmers, marketing specialists, production houses and advertising agencies.
Next Steps

The Forum is part of the comprehensive Shared Value Initiative taken forward by the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (SIE Fund) in 2017-18. Following the Forum, organisations interested in exploring Creating Shared Value (CSV) further can receive additional support to delve deeper into CSV, and develop and launch their own CSV business plans.

Immersion Visits

The SIE Fund has arranged six half-day immersion visits to provide interested companies with opportunities to examine first hand some of the challenges faced by people in Hong Kong and some of the social innovations that can provide potential solutions. There will be opportunities for companies to discuss with leading experts a range of challenges facing Hong Kong including poverty, and the needs of vulnerable groups. The immersion visits will provide the avenue for companies to explore new partnerships for implementing their Shared Value business plans.

Workshops

For companies that want a more in-depth understanding of Shared Value principles, and how they can be integrated into business, the SIE Fund has arranged for CSR Asia to deliver six one-day practical workshops after the Forum. The workshops aim to continue to strengthen understanding of Shared Value and dispel misconceptions and misinterpretations. The workshops will be designed to outline the principles of Shared Value, demonstrate best practice and allow participants to start thinking about their own project design. An emphasis will be put on ways in which businesses can contribute to social innovations needed to tackle many of the challenges that remain in Hong Kong.

Coaching Sessions

Companies that demonstrate a strong commitment to implementing Shared Value business plans, may be selected to leverage consultancy help offered by CSR Asia to develop and implement their ideas over a six-month period. They will be coached to further develop their plans through market research, stakeholder engagement and partnership building. Help will be provided with conceptualisation of new ideas as well as identification of suitable partners.

Programme Organisers

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Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (SIE Fund)

The SIE Fund was set up by the HKSAR Government with a HK$500 million allocation from the Lotteries Fund. Its operation is overseen by a Task Force under the Commission on Poverty. The SIE Fund seeks to be a catalyst for social innovation in Hong Kong. By supporting cross-sector collaboration and capacity building, the SIE Fund seeks to build an ecosystem in which social entrepreneurs can thrive, allowing their innovative ideas, products and services to reach unmet demand and helping to alleviate problems of poverty and social exclusion.
Fullness Social Enterprises Society

Fullness Social Enterprises Society Ltd is a registered charity organisation set up in 2011 aiming at promoting social entrepreneurship in Hong Kong through creating, capturing, and communicating proven practical knowledge on social entrepreneurship. Our main programs include the annual Tithe Ethical Consumption Movement, the Business-As-Mission Forum, the Social Entrepreneurship School Education program, Hong Kong Social Innovation Institute, and the monthly Fullness Forum. FSES has about 200 members and associate members, most from commercial and professional fields. We are committed to contributing to the development of social entrepreneurship in Hong Kong.

Social Ventures Hong Kong

Social Ventures Hong Kong (SVhk) is Hong Kong’s first venture philanthropic organisation dedicated to the support and nurture of social innovation. It provides financial and extra-financial support to innovative and sustainable social purpose organisations that tackle social and environmental issues in Hong Kong. Since its establishment in 2007, SVhk has incubated over 20 portfolio ventures, such as Diamond Cab (Hong Kong’s first barrier-free taxi services), Light Be (Hong Kong’s first affordable housing for underprivileged families), Green Monday (an environmental and health initiative), RunOurCity (community engagement through running) and Playtao Education (afterschool education for grassroots students).

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