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*Hong Kong Political Reform Series*

# What is Happening to Our Political System?

Saturday, 21 April 2012, 9:10 am - 1:30 pm

Theatre 2, G/F Meng Wah Complex

The University of Hong Kong

**Moderators:**

Simon N. M. Young, Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law

Eliza Lee, Director, Centre for Civil Society and Governance

**Speakers:**

Allen Lee, Former Member, National People's Congress

Joseph Lian, Columnist, Hong Kong Economic Journal, Former Member, CPU

Ray Yep, Research Director, SynergyNet

Professor Anthony Cheung, Non-Official Member, Executive Council

Horace Cheung, Vice Chairman, DAB

Professor Joseph Cheng, Former Secretary-General, Civic Party

Professor Michael DeGolyer, Director, Hong Kong Transition Project

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## Speaker Bios

**Allen Lee, JP** is a founding member of the Liberal Party of Hong Kong, and a veteran Hong Kong politician, political programme radio host and TV host. Lee was a senior member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong from 1978 to 1998 and was a member of the Executive Council from 1985 to 1992. He was elected a deputy to the National People's Congress in late 1997.

**Professor Joseph Lian** obtained his B.A. magna cum laude in Mathematics from Carleton College and his PhD in Economics from the University of Minnesota. He has taught at the University of California and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, served as senior policy advisor at the Central Policy Unit of the Hong Kong SAR Government, and was chief editor and lead writer of the *Hong Kong Economic Journal*, the city's premier business newspaper. He is currently professor of economics and demography at Akita International University, Japan.

**Ray Yep** is the Research Director of Synergynet and joined the Department of Public and Social Administration at City University in 1998. He took his bachelor (B.Soc.Sc) and postgraduate degrees (MPhil) at the University of Hong Kong, and his doctorate degree in politics at Oxford University. He has held visiting position at Brookings Institution, Bristol University, Peking University and Macao University.

**Professor Anthony Cheung** is the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Education and a member of the Executive Council. He was a member of Legislative Council from 1995 to 1997. He obtained his PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, UK (Government) (1995), his M Sc from the University of Aston, UK (Public Sector Management) (1983) and his B Soc Sc (Hons) from the University of Hong Kong (Sociology and Economics) (1974).

**Horace Cheung** is a Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong. He is a Member of the He Nan Provincial Committee of the CPPCC, a Committee Member of the China Youth Federation, a Disciplinary Panel Member under the Professional Accountants Ordinance and the Ex Officio Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong United Youth Association.

**Professor Joseph Cheng** joined CityU in July 1992 as Professor of Political Science. Before that, he taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (1977-1989) and the Open Learning Institute of Hong Kong (1989-1991). In 1991-92, he was a full-time member of the Central Policy Unit, Government of Hong Kong. He received his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at the University of Hong Kong, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and the Flinders University of South Australia. He was the former secretary general of Civic Party.

**Professor Michael DeGolyer** is a professor of Government & International Studies teaching in the fields of political economy, political culture and public opinion. He is the Director of the Hong Kong Transition Project, and the author of 184 research papers/commissioned reports; 77 research articles/book chapters; and 5 books and e-books. He has been a contributor to 375+ newspaper columns and a weekly columnist for *The Standard*. Professor DeGolyer has provided over 3,500 briefings on Hong Kong affairs to local and international media, business, consulate, government departments and legislative committees, and academics since 1989.

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8:50am - 9:10am	<b>Registration</b>
9:10am - 9:10am	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks and Introduction</b>            Simon Young, (<i>Associate Professor and Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law</i>)</p>
9:20am - 10:50am	<p><b>Panel 1 : Review of the Chief Executive Election</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p>Moderator : Simon Young, (<i>Associate Professor and Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law</i>)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Allen Lee, <i>Former member of the National People's Congress</i></li> <li>❖ Joseph Lian, <i>Columnist, Hong Kong Economic Journal, Former member, Central Policy Unit</i></li> <li>❖ Ray Yep, <i>Research Director, SynergyNet</i></li> </ul>
10:50am - 11:10am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:10am - 11:30am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30am - 1:00pm	<p><b>Panel 2 : Implications of the Upcoming Legislative Council Election</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p>Moderator : Eliza Lee (<i>Director, Centre for Civil Society and Governance</i>)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Professor Anthony Cheung, <i>Executive Councilor</i></li> <li>❖ Horace Cheung, <i>Vice Chairman of DAB</i></li> <li>❖ Professor Michael DeGolyer, <i>Director, Hong Kong Transition Project</i></li> <li>❖ Professor Joseph Cheng, <i>Former Secretary General, Civic Party</i></li> </ul>
1:00pm - 1:20pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
1:20pm - 1:30pm	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>            Eliza Lee (<i>Director, Centre for Civil Society and Governance</i>)</p>

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