

**Serving Youth in Difficult Times: Update from Project Change**

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Project Change is a multi-disciplinary team of HK academics and professionals financially independent from the government providing timely comprehensive psychological counseling and legal support to arrested youths in Hong Kong's 2019 anti-extradition movement.

Their mission is to provide comprehensive and de-politicized support for the arrested youths and their families so as to aid them in weathering and overcoming the predicaments wrought upon them by the social movement.

In LIF2022, our speakers presented what they had learned from serving the youths and their families in over 200 cases since June 15, 2020 when the Project was launched.

This year, they will update us with their progress with more stories.

**Prof. Pauline Sung-Chan** received her Ph.D. from University of Nottingham, England. Currently, she is the founding director of the Citizen Action Design Limited (a policy think tank). Since February 2020, she has served as an honorary associate professor of the Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy. She is a research investigator at the Prevention Research Center of Washington University in St Louis, USA.

Prof. Sung-Chan was Associate Professor at Department of Applied Social Sciences of Hong Kong Polytechnic University from 1994 to 2015, visiting Professor at the School of Medicine of Tongji University, Shanghai, from 2015 to 2018, and adjunct associate professor at the Institute for Public Policy of Hong Kong University of Science & Technology from 2017 to 2019. Her other high-level appointments include: Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University-Peking University Social Work Research Center, Fulbright Senior Research Scholar of Washington University in St Louis (2011-2012), USA, and visiting scholar at Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Prof. Sung-Chan has been active in promoting social work development and social work education in Mainland China since the early 1990. She played a pivotal role in developing the first MSW program in Mainland China in collaboration with the Dept. of Sociology at Peking University to offer a train the trainer's program. She was the founding director of the program for the 2002-03 cohort.

Since 2012, Prof. Sung Chan has conducted several innovative public health research studies with cross discipline research team to promote and implement scientific research in Mainland China and Hong Kong. She has collaborated with various organizations including the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, and Jockey Club School of Public Health of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her most recent groundbreaking research has been a cross-university and cross-discipline research on promoting social mobility through an evidence-based e-parenting program. This Early Childhood Investment Initiative (2017-2020) is the first of its kind in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Her research interest includes organizational learning and transformation, action research, social mobility, adolescent obesity, adolescent mental health, families in Transition in Mainland China, professional education effectiveness, and cross-country evidence-based research.

**Dr. Yun-wing Sung** (Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota, 1979) was Chairman of the Economics Department of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) for 17 years (1995 – 2012). He is currently adjunct Professor of the Department, Associate Director of the Joint Shanghai-Hong Kong Development Institute (CUHK and Fudan University), and Associate Director of the Economic

Research Centre, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, CUHK. He received two prestigious awards in the field of economics in China, namely, Sun YeFang Award of Economic Science (2009-10), and Award of the Pekang Chang Research Foundation of Development Economics (2009).

He is Corresponding Editor of *Asian Pacific Economic Literature*, members of Editorial Boards of *China Review: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Greater China*, *Asian-Pacific Journal of Business*, and *The Global Studies Journal*, and also member of the Advisory Committee of *China Economic Journal*. In public service, he is member of Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Macau Studies (2013–present), of Expert Advisory Committee of the Institute of Free Trade Areas of Sun Yat-Sen University (2015–present), Honorary Senior Research Fellow of Hong Kong Policy Research Institute and of Bauhinia Institute, Academic Advisor of Hong Kong Cultural Development Institute, and member of Advisory Committee of Citizen Action Design Limited.