

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Department of Government and International Studies

Comparative Governance and Policy Research Centre (CGPC)

(Annual Report : 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011)

Centre Objectives

Appropriate objectives

Goals and objectives:

To promote better governance by:

- 1) Providing an institutional, organizational and managerial platform for policy related international comparative research and for the dissemination of research results
- 2) Promoting comparative policy research of global significance, with a special focus on policy of EU-Asian significance
- 3) Promoting international comparative research methods
- 4) Educating internationally oriented best-practice (quality assurance) and benchmarking (metrics of evaluation) policy research
- 5) Seeking international, governmental, academic, community, and business partners to support, promote, and employ programmatic research into public perceptions of and participation in public policy formulation, evaluation and reform

Achievements of the objectives & their significance (local/regional/international excellence)

Publications related to these objectives by Centre members:

Hong Kong Transition Project: M. DeGolyer P.I.

Significant local and international publications on governance, and significant regional reports on climate change and nuclear power:

“A Primer on Governance Issues for China and Hong Kong,” *Canadian Parliamentary Review* (Vol. 33 # 3, October 2010) 22-30. on the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Peoples Republic of China.

“Statement for the Record,” in *Prospects for Democracy in Hong Kong: Assessing China’s International Commitments* (Round Table before the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, 111th Congress, 14 July 2010) US Government Printing Office. Available at:

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_house_hearings&docid=f:57903.pdf

2011a Zhang, Kenny and DeGolyer, Michael *Hong Kong: Canada’s Largest City in Asia* Vancouver: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (February 2011) 32 pages

2011b *Into a New Decade: Section 1, Health Check of Hong Kong’s Political System* Hong Kong: Hong Kong: Community Development Initiative

<http://www.cdiorg.hk/media/20110221-hktp.pdf> (February 2011, 127 pages)

- 2011c** *Into a New Decade: Section 2, The Developing Chinese Model of Governance* Hong Kong: Community Development Initiative <http://www.hktp.org> and <http://www.cdiorg.hk> (May 2011, 100 pages)
- 2011d** *Elections 2011/2012: Political Challenges, Political Opportunities* Hong Kong: Community Development Initiative (June 2011, 135 pages).
http://www.hktp.org/list/elections_20112012_june.pdf
- 2010a** *Calm after the Storm? Hong Kong People Respond to Reform* (October 2010 151 pages) Commissioned by National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, on NDI website <http://www.ndi.org/node/16710> and at <http://www.hktp.org>
- 2010b** *A Climate of Change* (October 2010 81 pages full report, 11 page Summary of Key Findings) Commissioned by Civic Exchange, hardcopies and <http://www.civic-exchange.org/wp/climate-of-change/>
- 2010c** *Expanding Hong Kong's Nuclear Power Base* (November 2010) Civic Exchange <http://www.civic-exchange.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/101217NuclearSurvey.pdf>
- 2010d** *Less Talk, More Action: Public Opinion Survey on Air Pollution in Hong Kong* (December 2010 137 pages) Commissioned by Civic Exchange and ADM Capital Foundation). Available <http://www.civic-exchange.org/wp/less-talk-more-action/>

Contribution to Teaching & Learning

Training of researchers (e.g. development of RPg students)

Completion of Ph.D. degree by Dr. Malte Kaeding, and his attainment of a teaching/research position in the UK, starting in September 2011.

Strengthened links between research / consultancy and teaching & learning

Hong Kong Transition Project employs many students as research assistants for surveys where they learn about survey research in detail. Also several students involved in research on the DC elections, and in internships with political parties and other NGO groups involved with public policy.

Contribution to Research

Existence / establishment of a critical mass of researchers

See list of Hong Kong Transition Project members at <http://www.hktp.org>
Cooperative research with UK based member Dr. Malte Kaeding now being pursued.

Quantity and quality of research outputs

See publications above and grants record below.

Success in attracting external funding (RGC or others) / consultancy

Research Grants during period Total: \$1,004,761.36

Civic Exchange Climate Change/Nuclear Followup survey (\$156,061 + \$25,966)

Civic Exchange Air Quality Survey and Focus group (\$147,061.86 + \$9,000)

APCO Asia Commissioned Research August 2010 (\$39,452)

NDI FC/GC Constitutional Reform Survey (\$76,636) and Focus Group Study (\$22,300)

July-Oct 2010.

Canadian government commissioned study on Canadian citizens in Hong Kong

Canadian Consulate of Hong Kong, study on services. Oct 2010-Jan 2011. \$166,287.50

Community Development Initiative

The Hong Kong Transition Project 30 June 2010 to 1 July 2011 (\$357,317)

July 2010 US Congressional-Executive Committee on China travel grant (HK\$ 4,680) (US\$ 600)

Future research grants:

1. Have obtained a large part of a total project grant of \$850,000 from The Women's Foundation to Hong Kong Transition Project and Civic Exchange for a joint project
2. Have a current grant from NDI of \$76,440 and \$30,186 for a survey and focus group based report
3. Will submit a 3 year grant request to CDI for funding for Hong Kong Transition Project to January 2015 in October, of just over \$1,200,000.

Fostered collaborative / interdisciplinary research / consultancy

Civic Exchange research projects involved community and other academic researchers in a number of disciplines.

Contribution to Knowledge Transfer

Facilitated knowledge transfer to relevant sectors of society

Knowledge transferred to government officials (local, national and international governments), via media to international community. To local party groups, business groups, and other relevant sectors.

Community: Media, Government, Business, NGOs and Public Intellectual service

By DeGolyer, P.I. Hong Kong Transition Project

Other Hong Kong Transition Project project members will have their own lists as well.

- 14 Sept 2010 Briefing to Economic and Political Officer, US Consulate General in Hong Kong, on Hong Kong political development
- 16 Sept 2010 Briefing to Executive Committee, Democratic Party of Hong Kong, on Hong Kong politics post reform vote
- 19 Sept 2010 *Newsline*, 30 minute sole guest interview on ATV, on politics in Hong Kong post reform vote
- 20 Sept 2010 Interview by *Bloomberg Television*, on Hong Kong politics and reform effects
- 20 Sept 2010 Interview by *NHK World Business*, background to Sino-Japan disputes
- 23 Sept 2010 Interview by *USA Today* on air pollution in Hong Kong
- 24 Sept 2010 RTHK Radio Three *Backchat* on Sino-US relations
- 11 Oct 2010 RTHK Radio Three *Backchat* on end of pan-democratic coalition
- 11 Oct 2010 Press briefing, on NDI survey of attitudes in Hong Kong after the reform vote
- 12 Oct 2010 Interview RTHK Radio 3 *Hong Kong Today* on NDI survey results
- 13 Oct 2010 Interview by Keith Richberg, *Washington Post*, on prospects for reform in China following the reform vote in Hong Kong
- 15 Oct 2010 Interview, *BBC World Service*, on Hong Kong politics
- 19 Oct 2010 Briefing to Civic Party Executive Committee, on survey results post reform
- 21 Oct 2010 Briefing to Democratic Party of Hong Kong on survey results
- 26 Oct 2010 Interview, *ATV news*, on rich/poor gap
- 27 Oct 2010 Press Briefing, Climate change survey results, for Civic Exchange, at Foreign Correspondents Club
- 28 Oct 2010 Briefing with Martin Lee, on Hong Kong politics post reform vote
- 1 Nov 2010 RTHK Radio Three *Backchat* on upcoming US elections and possible effects on political economic relations of US with Hong Kong and China
- 3 Nov 2010 RTHK Radio Three *Tonight at 6* interview on US election results
- 4 Nov 2010 RTHK Radio Three *Backchat* full hour on panel discussion of US election results and implications/effects
- 5 Nov 2010 RTHK Television, *The Pulse*, on US election results and effects
- 30 Nov 2010 RTHK Radio Three, *Backchat*, on Wikileaks documents release and effects on international relations
- 1 Dec 2010 Press Briefing, Civic Exchange, on traffic survey results and policy support
- 1 Dec 2010 Interview by Rahul Jacob, *Financial Times* on constitutional reforms in Hong Kong
- 23 Dec 2010 RTHK Radio Three, *Backchat*, on Hong Kong identity
- 24 Dec 2010 Interview, Bloomberg (press) on Hong Kong air quality
- 21 Feb 2011 Press Briefing, CDI, on *Hong Kong Health Check survey, Part I* (also recorded presentation and panel discussion for OurTV)
- 21 Feb 2011 Interview, RTHK Radio Three, *Tonight at 6*, on survey results
- 9 Mar 2011 RTHK Radio Three *Backchat*, on Home Ownership Scheme and rising public anger with Hong Kong government over housing

9 Mar 2011 Interview, *Toronto Star*, on Hong Kong in the Chinese national context

25 Mar 2011 Interview, *Weekendavisen*, Danish newspaper, on prospects for democracy in Hong Kong

30 Mar 2011 RTHK Radio Three *Backchat*, on US and EU in Libya

15 Apr 2011 RTHK Television, *The Pulse*, on radical action in Hong Kong

18 Apr 2011 RTHK Radio Three, *Backchat*, on radicalism rising in Hong Kong

20 Apr 2011 Briefing for background with researchers for the State Council of the PRC
(administrative research arm of the PRC Central Government)

4 May 2011 TVB Money Magazine, on Hong Kong economic relations with PRC post reform

6 May 2011 RTHK Radio Three, *Backchat*, on policy making, public opinion, the Central Policy Unit

12 May 2011 Briefing to Gerson-Lehrman Group Consultants, on Hong Kong politics and policy making

31 May 2011 Briefing to Canadian Consulate in Hong Kong, on Canadians in Hong Kong research and survey project

Centre Management

Is the centre properly managed?

Needs to have regular board meetings of member researchers, according to the qualification criteria stipulated.

Signature: _____

Name: Prof. Jean-Pierre Cabestan

Date: 6 October 2011