# 27 July 2023 Thursday

21:00-22:00 HKT

13:00-14:00 GMT

Guest Talk - Topic:

Community Service, Cultural Exchange in GCP Malaysia Service Trip 2023

Guest Talk - Speaker:

**Tiffany Fung** 

GCP Malaysia Service Trip Leader

# **EWB Night!**

**Calling all EWB Volunteers and Friends** 

LIVE online!

Welcome Newcomers . Monthly News . Guest Talk . Salon





# **EWB NIGHT. LIVE ONLINE**

Machine Learning, AI, and The recent emergence of Large Language Models

> 22 May 2023 (Mon) 8:00 pm HKT (12:00 noon GMT)

- Welcome Newcomers
- News & Activities updates
- Guest Talk
   Speaker: Dr. Zhongju Wang, Data Scientist in practice,
   Ph.D. in Electronic and Computer Engineering, HKUST
- Salon

The content of the talk is accessible to general audience. Some historical and recent milestones in the development of machine learning / Al will be discussed to shed some light beneath the surface of the latest successful examples of Large Language Models (including ChatGPT and Bard).



Register NOW or before 21 May 2023 (Sun) at



https://forms.gle/QPakXfpwVwdpEWnC7





#### A Few Thoughts

- "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." Arthur C. Clarke
- ► Human brains have 100 billion neurons and 100 trillion connections<sup>25</sup>
- Perspectives for the success of ChatGPT: investors, writers, journalists, researchers, entrepreneurs, governments, etc.
  - 80% of the U.S. workforce with 10% of their work tasks affected, and 19% of workers with 50% of their tasks impacted  $^{26}$
- Success of ChatGPT has some implications for AI: Humans use language not only as a medium of communication but also as as a medium of reasoning<sup>27</sup>
- Can machines think like human being? No. Can machines be more intelligent than human beings? Depend on how you define intelligence.
   Richard Feynman. 1985<sup>28</sup>

28 https://youtu.be/ipRvjS7q1DI

Zhongju Wang, EWB Night, May 22, 2023

Machine Learning, Al & Large Language Models



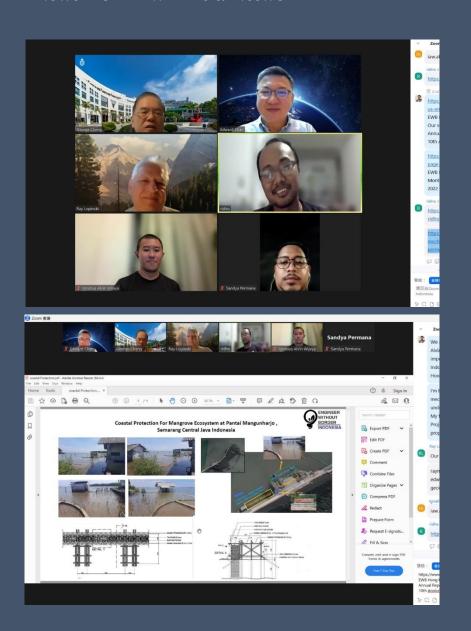
<sup>25</sup> https://www.mpg.de/brain

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> T. Eloundou, et al. "Gpts are gpts: An early look at the labor market impact potential of large language models." arXiv preprint rXiv:2303.10130 (2023).

<sup>27</sup> https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2023/04/19/large-language-models-ability-to-generate-text-also-lets-theni-pla and-reason



#### News from EWB Asia Network



# **EWB Hong Kong – Indonesia (HK-ID) Meeting**First Meeting for Understanding

Date: 10 July 2023

Time: 9:00-10:00pm HKT

(Jakarta 8:00-9:00pm / 9:00-10:00am Toronto)

Presence:

#### **EWB Hong Kong**

- 1. Edward CW Chan, Chairman, EWB Hong Kong
- 2. George CW Cheng, Director, EWB Hong Kong; Key driver of EWB Asia Network
- 3. Ray Lopinski, Director, EWB Hong Kong; Director, EWB International Ignatius
- 4. Alvin Wijaya, OC Member, EWB Global Citizenship Programme

Website: http://www.ewb.hk

#### **EWB Indonesia**

- 1. Ridho Anggoro (based in Samarang)
- 2. Sandya Permana (based in Jakarta)

Website: https://ewb-indonesia.org

### News from Journal of Humanitarian Engineering (JHE)

# JHE Advisory Board Meeting

24 MAY 2023/ONLINE

### **Agenda**

- 1. Update from co-editors-in-chief
  - o Recent publications
  - Progress on JHE special issues
  - o Changes to editorial team
- 2. Current challenges for the journal
- 3. Opportunity to merge with Development Engineering
- 4. Other

Edward Chan from EWB Hong Kong is one of the JHE Advisory Board Member

#### Current challenges for the journal

- Like most other journals around the world, our current biggest challenge is getting reviewers for submissions.
- JHE should better use the networks from the advisory board to call for volunteers for reviewing papers, particularly when we have a special issue where there will be multiple papers with similar topics.

Other opportunities for JHE to promote/build networks and momentum:

- Mid term point for SDGs
- UN science knowledge and innovation forum
- Suggestion for conference on HE and SDGs EWBs, practitioners and academics

# EWB Global Citizenship Programme 2023



# **GCP23 Program Summary**

Date	Event
Jan 7 (Sat)	Workshop 1: Introduction; Orientation; Systems Thinking
Jan 7 (Sat)	Networking A: Mentoring Introduction with Lunch & Workshop
Jan 14 (Sat)	Workshop 2: Local Issues: HK Poverty
Jan 14 (Sat)	HK Community Service 1 – IMPACTHK (HK Homeless) KINDNESS WALK
Jan 21 (Sat)	Workshop 3: Design Thinking and Storytelling
Jan 28 (Sat)	Workshop 4: UN SDG's
Feb 4 (Sat)	HK Community Service 2 - Bamboo Building (Bamboo Generations)
Feb 11 (Sat)	Workshop 5: STEAM Education: Myanmar and MyPlace Education Intro
Feb 18/25 (Sat)	Workshop Days – Develop Classes/Talks and Rehersals
Mar 4 (Sat)	Workshop6: Desktop Research TED Talk Day
Mar 11 (Sat)	HK Community Service 4 – Crossroads Foundation (Volunteer Activities)
Mar 18 (Sat)	Workshop 7: Malaysia Cultural Awareness
Mar (TBC)*	HK Community Service 3 – Swire Coca Cola
Apr 1 (Sat)	Workshop 8: Leadership
Apr 4 (Tue)	Mentorship Dialogic Workshop
Apr 8 (Sat)	Int'l Community Service 2 - Myanmar New Year Thingyan Cultural Exchange
Mar Apr May* (TBC)	Int'l Community Service A-F – My Place STEM Class Team
June 4 (Sat)	Workshop 9 – ReCap and Malaysia Service Trip Logistics
June 11 (Sat)	Industrial Training Workshop – Tools and Safety
Jun 16-25	International Malaysia Service Trip

# EWB Global Citizenship Programme 2023 Service Trip in Malaysia



# **EWB Hong Kong**

Get-together - Hong Kong & Canada

12 July 2023 Hamilton, Canada Ray, George





Iwe, Jesse, Alan, George, Ray...

### EWB Hong Kong supported event

# Technical Visit Tseung Kwan O – Lam Tin Tunnel

Date: July 29, 2023 (Sat) Time: 09:30am - 12:00nn

Venue: 30 Yau Tong Road, Yau Tong

Speaker: Mr. Horace CHEUK, Senior Resident Engineer

of AECOM

Language: Cantonese supplemented by English

Priority: 25 seats, First-come, first-served Deadline of Enrollment: July 21, 2023 (Fri)

Registration Fee: Free

Successful applicants will receive email confirmation.

\*\*\* PPE is required for visit

#### Registration link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSehQJPpcywM2DWv4v1S6X-X3cDDniYgC5NI2WIYHxPgaNscAw/viewform



### **News from Charitable Organizations**



## Philanthropy for Better Cities (PBC) Forum 2023

hosted by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust on 11-12 September 2023 at the Hong Kong West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)

As a valued recipient of this exclusive invitation, we sincerely hope that you will be able to join us at this global philanthropy forum, which seeks to explore and promote innovative approaches to tackle complex urban social issues. This year's PBC Forum is set to make history as it takes place in one of the world's largest cultural projects – WKCD. We will be hosting 1,200 delegates simultaneously across three major cultural facilities: the Hong Kong Palace Museum, M+ and Freespace. With an impressive line-up of keynote speakers and 50+ global professionals, including heads of foundations, academics, policy makers, and more, we are confident that this PBC Forum will provide a unique opportunity for learning, leveraging, and social change.

For the latest line-up and forum agenda times, please visit our website at www.citiesphilanthropy.com.

To **RSVP**, please register using your dedicated link. Further details including track sessions arrangement, will be available in due course.

https://pbc2023.citiesphilanthropy.com/forum/guest\_registe

# Join the pro bono teams:

- Project team leaders / core members (various supports)
- Volunteer engagement / cohesion / fun activities
- Proposal and fund seeking
- Branding, publicity and communication
- Administrative support



# **Donation for Organization Development and Project Administration**

# **Support Us**

EWB-HK aims at bridging pro bono engineers with beneficiaries on both organizational and individual bases. We value the professional uniqueness of our missions in Hong Kong as well as the collective and expanding intentions of our volunteers.

Apart from engineers, we also need volunteers from various professions or with diversified experiences to support the operation of and to develop EWB-HK. To be more specific, we need volunteers to take up project leader and coordinator roles as well as to provide technical backup, administrative support and relevant training to our volunteers. So if you are interested in joining us, please do so now.

Although EWB-HK is managed and operated by volunteers, funding is still one of the challenges we are facing. The income from membership fees is meant to pay off administrative costs only, which include employees, insurances, utilities, office and venue rentals, website construction and maintenance, etc.

The level of Membership fees collected fell far short of expenses even when we have no dedicated office and only one part-time employee. Since the current mode of operation burdens a few of the key roles in the organization, we need to break the bottlenecks by employing some staff members. In addition, to look for a set of premises to serve as an office and a place for volunteers to gather is also on the agenda. All these need money. Meanwhile, our projects in Hong Kong and overseas are currently operated on self-financed basis. However, we also welcome projects in some scale that will substantially improve the living of our target beneficiaries. Such projects, when they come by, may need capital costs.

#### How to support us?

**Donate to us:** for details, please check out the part on Donation.

Join us: as a Volunteer, and then a Member, and take up roles mentioned above.

# **Donation for Organization Development and Project Administration**



#### **How to Donate?**



https://www.ewb.hk/donation-en

#### **Training and Meeting:**

Venue rental:

HK\$100,000/year (approx. budget)

For GCP workshops, EWB activities and training, Volunteer gathering, meetings

If we can receive 35 donations per month, at HK\$250/m

- I. will be sufficient for our training, meeting and gathering venue
- 2. able to support the growth of EWB Hong Kong

Staffing:Approx. budgetA P.T. Admin Staff:HK\$120,000/yearA P.T. Project Coordinator:HK\$180,000/yearA F.T. Project Coordinator:HK\$350,000/year



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