

# IFSC 2024 SPEAKER PROFILE



Keynote Speaker

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**P**rofessor HO is a highly sought after speaker and a special consultant on issues relating to China, Chinese Culture and Religions, Sustainable Development, Energy, Geopolitics and Geoeconomics, and China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Professor Ho was born, raised in Hong Kong, and educated in USA for 16 years. He possesses a Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree from USA. Trained in eye surgery with special expertise in vitreo-retinal surgery and disease, he was a fellow at Harvard Medical School in Boston. He returned to Hong Kong in 1984 to teach eye surgery at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Medical Faculty, as the Professor of Surgery (Ophthalmology).

Since 1993, Professor HO has been for 20 years a member of the (National) Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee, and in 1995, he was appointed a member of the Preparatory Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, to plan for the first Government of the Hong Kong for 1997. He was the founding vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute in 1995, and in 1997, a member of the HK Provisional Urban Council. In 2002, he joined the second term HK Government as a Cabinet Member and the Secretary for Home Affairs with a policy portfolio ranging from district administration, community development, human rights, arts and culture, sports and recreation, youth and religious matters, gaming betting industries and public charities, to overall liaison with the civil society.

From its inception in 2010 till 2018, Professor Ho was Deputy Chairman, and Secretary General of China Energy Fund Committee (CEFC), a Hong Kong think-tank devoted to public diplomacy, with special emphasis on energy, culture, and sustainable development and with special consultative status from the United Nations Social and Economic Council. He has been appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations to the High-Level Advisory Committee on Sustainable Transport, and also a member of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) for Internet Global Governance (IGF).

Professor Ho was Senior Visiting Scholar of Beijing University School of Law and Hong Kong-Macau Research Institute in June 2023.