



The Honourable Laura Cha

Current Positions

Laura Cha is currently a member of the Executive Council of the Government of Hong Kong, Independent Chairman, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, and Chairman of the Financial Services Development Council of Hong Kong (FSDC). She is a Non-Executive Director of HSBC Holdings plc and Non-Executive Deputy Chairman of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (the Asia Pacific subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc).

Ms Cha is an Independent Non-Executive Director of Unilever plc and the London Metal Exchange Limited. She is a Senior International Advisor of Foundation Assets Management Sweden AB and a member of Sotheby's International Advisory Board.

Background Information

Laura Cha started her career practising law in the USA and in Hong Kong, having earned her BA degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and a JD degree from the Santa Clara University in California.

She worked for the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong from 1991 to 2000, becoming its Deputy Chairman in 1998. In January 2001 Ms Cha was appointed Vice-Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission and became the first and, to date, the only person outside Mainland China to join the Central Government of the People's Republic of China at the Vice-Ministerial rank. She served in that position until 2004.

Laura has previously served as Independent Non-Executive Director of China Telecom Corporation Limited, Johnson Electric Holdings Limited, Baoshan Iron & Steel Co Limited, Tata Consultancy Services Limited and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited.

In addition to her Chairman role at FSDC, Ms Cha serves in a number of other capacities, including as Hong Kong Delegate to the 12th National People's Congress of China, Vice Chairman of the International Advisory Council of the China Securities Regulatory Commission and member of the International Advisory Council of the Banking Regulatory Commission.

Other Notable Interests

Ms Laura Cha is Chairman of the University Grants Committee in Hong Kong and a member of the Global Agenda Council on the Global Financial System at the World Economic Forum.

Having already received the Silver and Gold Bauhinia Stars Ms Cha was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2017 by the Hong Kong Government for her public service. She was also awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Law in 2002 by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Laura Cha is based in Hong Kong.