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Mr Jacky Foo (傅光燊) is the Chairman (Alt) of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. He is also a Board Member and Chief Representative of TAL Group in Hong Kong. Prior to joining the private sector in 2017, Mr Foo was with the Singapore Diplomatic Service for 33 years after completing his undergraduate degree in Economics from Cambridge University.

Mr Foo served as the Singapore Ambassador to the Philippines from 1999 to 2003, Ambassador to Germany from 2009 to 2012 and Consul-General to Hong Kong from 2012 to 2016. His first posting was in Beijing from 1988 to 1991, where he was part of the team which negotiated the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and China. As Director-General of ASEAN in Singapore, Mr Foo spent some years working on ASEAN integration which led to the signing of the ASEAN Charter. During his diplomatic career, he has also headed the Directorates in charge of East Asia, International Economics & WTO and the Singapore Cooperation Programme, as well as Administration and Management during which he introduced management accounting systems and helped build the new headquarters of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has worked on APEC and many Free Trade Agreements and was also Chief Negotiator of the Singapore-Jordan FTA.

Mr Foo loves outdoor activities and enjoys playing tennis and table tennis. He golfs occasionally. In Hong Kong, he is happy to have completed the HK Marathon, the 100-km Macle hose Oxfam Trailwalker, and the Cross-Victoria Harbour swim. Mr Foo was in Cambridge on a Singapore Government Overseas Merit Scholarship. He subsequently obtained a Master of Arts from Harvard University from 1993 to 1995 on a Fulbright Scholarship. Singapore has awarded him the Public Administration Gold Medal.