



BACKGROUND

Christine Loh is Chief Development Strategist at the Institute for the Environment, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). She also teaches at the Business School at HKUST on sustainability. Her current teaching commitments include a course on Non-Market Risks at the Anderson School of Management, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA, 2018–2022).

Loh is a Director and Trustee of CDP Worldwide, a London-based organization that runs a global disclosure system for companies, cities, states and regions to manage environmental impacts; a Director of the Global Maritime Forum, an industry platform for senior management to discuss maritime issues that is managed in Denmark; and New Forests Pty Ltd.

Loh is Advisor to the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park, Senior Advisor at Teneo, and a member of BASF's Stakeholder Advisory Council. She is a sought-after speaker on sustainability issues, including climate change, as well as green finance/ ESG and related policies. She also briefs finance houses and business groups regularly on geopolitical issues (US-China relations).

WORK EXPERIENCE

POLICY SECTOR

As a politician, she championed many reforms, including corruption prevention, information access, land inheritance right for the indigenous women of the New Territories, equal opportunities, arts and cultural policies, and introduced and passed the historic Protection of the Harbour Ordinance. Loh chose to not stand for re-election in 2000 to focus on policy research.

- **Special Consultant to the Office of the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government** 2019-2020

She worked on the ecological civilization aspects of the Greater Bay Area Outline Development Plan.

- **Secretary for the Environment in the HKSAR Government** 2012-2017

Her direct policy responsibilities included air quality, energy, climate change and biodiversity. She worked with Mainland Chinese counterparts to define new policies to control shipping emissions, an area of work she pioneered prior to joining the HKSAR Government, changed China's national policy in this area.



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- **Chief Executive Officer of the HKSAR Government** 2000-2012

- **Co-founder of Civic Exchange** 2000–present

Civic Exchange is an independent, non-profit public policy think tank. Civic Exchange became a nationally and internationally recognized think tank, especially in the environmental area. She has also established several NGOs in the environment and urban planning.

- **Hong Kong Legislative Council** 1992–1995 | 1995–1997 | 1998–2000

She was appointed to the Hong Kong Legislative Council in 1992 and then ran two successful elections in 1995 and 1998.

PRIVATE SECTOR

Prior to her career in politics, Loh had a 14-year career in the private commercial sector in physical commodities trading (Phibro), including responsibility in non-ferrous metals, then sugar, and oil products (Phibro Energy). She had worked in Beijing and she had responsibility for China.

- **Member of the Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Limited** 2006-2009

She was elected on a good governance platform, and she was instrumental in encouraging the board to adopt a new CSR approach, culminating in the exchange producing its first CSR report in 2009.

- **Member of Shell's External Review Committee** to assess its sustainability report 2010-2012

- **Director of Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company** 2011-2012

- **Director of the listed First Pacific Company Limited** 2011-2012

She resigned from these commitments when she took up the role of Under Secretary for the Environment in 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

Loh is a published author of many books as well as academic and popular works, including on public policy, US-China relations, climate change and the environment, history and Hong Kong's constitutional development. She is a regular columnist for the South China Morning Post and also China Daily. A list of her publications can be found at www.envr.ust.hk/our-division/people/faculty-staff/cloh.html.

EDUCATION

Loh holds an English law degree from the University of Hull, England, and a Masters of Law degree in Chinese and Comparative Law from the City University of Hong Kong. She has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa, by the University of Hull and Doctor of Science, honoris causa by the University of Exeter.



Professor

Moderator

Speaker

Author

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I have spent much of my life learning about THREE key topics – China, Environment, and Politics. They have now become “fused”.

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LANGUAGES

- Chinese
- English