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BIOGRAPHY

Having served as the Treasurer in the World YMCA since 2018, it gives me great confidence and vision to dedicate myself further to serve as the President in the coming term in the World YMCA.

In these two years, the pandemic had brought a detrimental effect to the operation of YMCAs globally. Praise to GOD for giving me and our Board members at the local YMCA the wisdom to rightly manage and adjust our investment portfolio to not just survive but to continue to grow sustainably and even substantially stronger in our financial strength and vitality, aiming to bring even more positive impacts to communities. On the world level, as the Treasurer, I have witnessed with active participation how World YMCA can assist the other YMCA movements globally to face the challenge and overcome difficulties.

I trust all agree that, apart from the mission and vision, a sound and sustainable financial standing together with good corporate governance are important issues in YMCA as we are the world's oldest and largest youth-serving movement that works to bring tremendous positive social impact to the world. It has always been one of the crucial tasks for the World YMCA to continue strengthening our resources mobilization capacity and consolidate on the financials, so as to facilitate the YMCA movements as a whole in achieving the strategic plans.

I am a professionally trained accountant, with over 40 years of solid track record in the field of financial consulting and risk management. Being entrusted by various professional bodies and even government at both the local, regional and national levels, I have assumed different key positions either in managing or consulting roles as revealed in my biography. I am confident that my knowledge and experience are valuable assets for the YMCA movements in upholding a sustainable financial position as well as governance in the future development of World YMCA.

The biblical teaching: "To serve and not to be served" is the major driving force for my service at the YMCA over the past fifteen years. My stories have begun with the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong where I have been serving as a Director and the Honorary Treasurer ever since 2007.

The experience has been transformational to somewhat a 'Re-baptism' for me. Along the path, I have been transforming from yet another policy volunteer with financial expertise into a passionate servant leader committing himself to the vision of enterprising our Movement's corporate governance with sustainable financial management to finance all of our endeavours to serve our communities with Christian love, vitality and sophistication.

It is this mindset I have brought with me to serve passionately in the Hong Kong YMCA Council, Asia & Pacific Alliance of YMCAs and World YMCA with impact in all these years. During my tenure in each of these offices, I have been instrumental in strengthening corporate governance and policy formulation in both financial and other areas.

I aspire to further fulfill these in the capacity of President of the World YMCA together with fellow officers of the Executive Committee, the professional staff team, fellow prominent YMCA leaders and our promising young leaders to make our Movement more sustainable and impactful to bring about positive change in the World.

