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**CF Wong, Commissioner for Climate Change of the HKSAR Government, joins  
CanChamHK to discuss COP28 breakthroughs**

In a significant follow-up event to the COP28 global gathering in Dubai late last year (Nov 30-Dec 13 2023), which focused on addressing the critical issues of climate change, a seminar was held in Hong Kong by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (CanChamHK) in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Committee and Education Committee. The seminar, titled "COP28 and Climate Change - Breakthroughs and the Way Forward," took place on April 10 at the KPMG offices, attracting a gathering of 60 participants.

Opening the session was Ms. Rachel Bedlington, Consul General of Canada in Hong Kong and Macao, who highlighted the importance of the COP process and Canada's active role in supporting the implementation of measures agreed upon at COP28. Following her remarks, Mr. CF Wong, JP, Commissioner for Climate Change of the HKSAR Government, delivered a keynote address. He shared his takeaways from COP28 last year, as well as Hong Kong's ambition and efforts to achieve carbon neutrality before 2050.

A panel discussion led by Patricia Slawinska featured experts who attended COP28, including representatives from CLP Holdings Limited, Ascent Partners, Green Queen Media, and The Harbour School. Highlights of the discussion included insights on energy transition, the establishment of a compensation fund post-loss & damage talks, climate change's impact on the global food chain, and the need for increased climate finance in education to enhance global climate resilience.

Reflecting on the seminar, Mr. CF Wong remarked, "The window for limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is closing rapidly. While the government will continue to lead Hong Kong along the decarbonisation journey through the introduction of macro policies to decarbonise our energy supply, promote green transport and reduce waste, businesses in Hong Kong must accelerate their efforts to decarbonise their respective sectors and collaborate to achieve our city's targets. They possess the resources, influence, and innovation required to drive meaningful change, as well as the responsibility to contribute to the sustainable development of the society."

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